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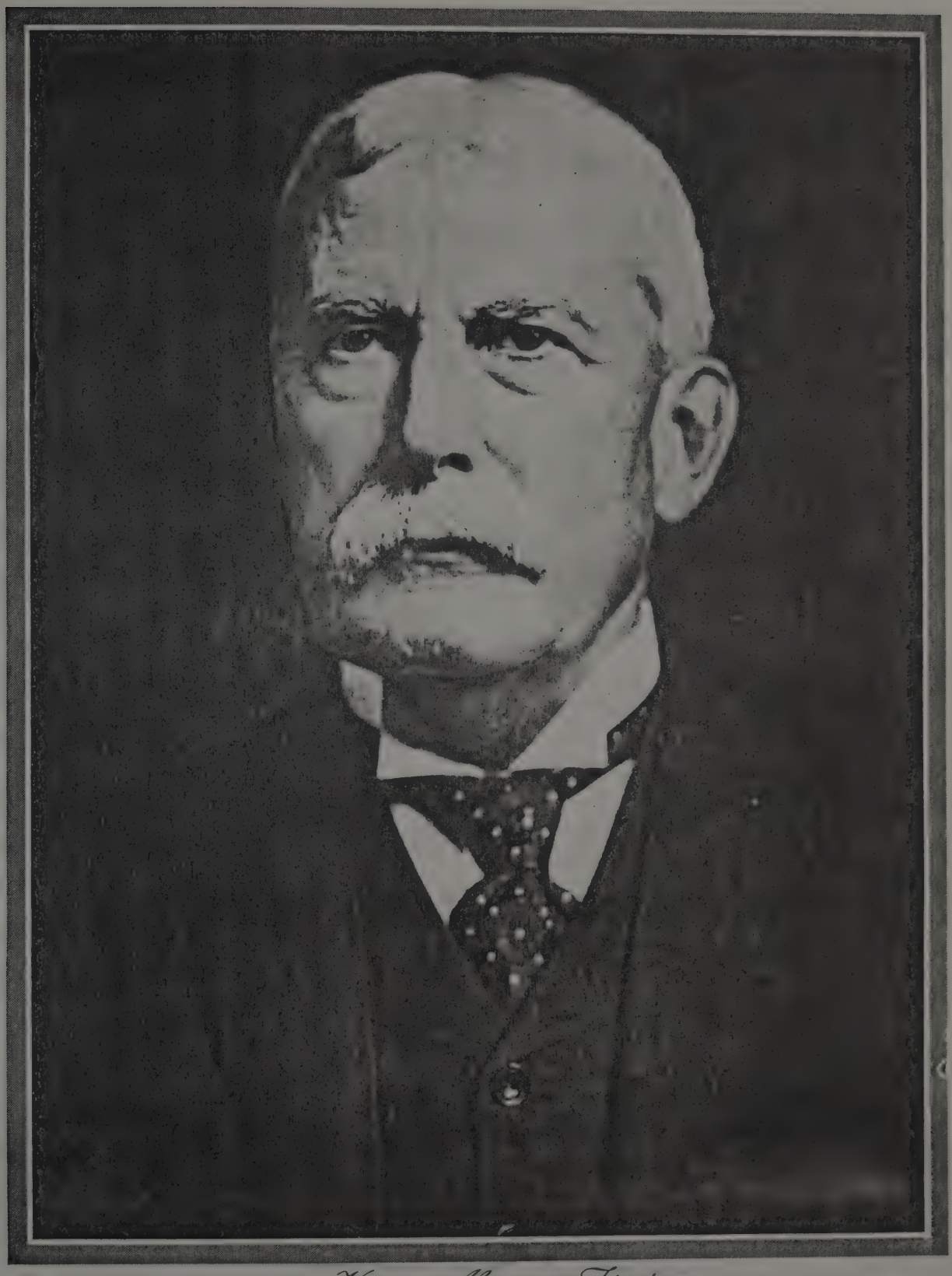

Henry Morrison Flagler

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The history of any territory necessarily includes glimpses into the lives of many individuals, the men and women who by their actions created that history. The purpose of this third volume of THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA *is to give you the stories of some of those lives in greater detail, and also the stories of some modern pioneers who are busy building the future of Florida.*

BIOGRAPHICAL SECTION

HENRY MORRISON FLAGLER

There is no greater name in Florida's history than that of Henry Morrison Flagler, the poor minister's son who became one of the world's wealthiest men and staked his entire fortune on developing the East Coast of Florida and transforming it, Palm Beach particularly, into a vacation paradise. As a means to this end he built a great railroad and palatial hotels, founded cities and gave a boost to those already established, and opened up new opportunities for growth and prosperity to the citrus, agricultural and other industries in Florida. He also contributed richly to Florida's social and cultural advance. That he was a true humanitarian and a humble man is best attested to by his action following the great freeze of 1894-95 which wiped out millions of dollars worth of property in a night and left many citrus growers ruined. Sending out a man to find all cases of real need where the chance to start again would be appreciated, he gave instructions to see that they got that chance, the only condition being that the recipients were not to know that the gift came from Henry Flagler.

His story begins in Hopewell, Ontario County, New, York, where he was born on January 2nd, 1830, son of Elizabeth (Caldwell) and Isaac Flagler, a Presbyterian minister who later carried on his ministry at Pleasant Valley in Duchess County, New York.

Henry was educated through the eighth grade in the village school and at the age of fourteen left home with a carpet bag, a lunch and a few dollars to go west and get a start in life. He walked to the Erie Canal at Medina, New York, and worked his way west on a canal boat. At Buffalo he took another boat to Sandusky, Ohio, and in the nearby town of Republic found employment in a country store for board and lodging and five dollars a month. Out of this small income he saved enough to go into the the grain commission business in Bellevue, Ohio. He then ventured into salt manufacturing at Saginaw, Michigan, but this enterprise failed and left him in debt.

Still under twenty-one, he moved to Cleveland and entered the grain and produce business, shipping grain to John D. Rockefeller, then a commission merchant in Cleveland. Some time later William and John Rockefeller and Samuel Andrews started a small oil refinery in Cleveland. When they built a second refinery in 1867, Henry's well-to-do father-in-law, Stephen Harkness, backed him in a partnership with the Rockefellers. Three years later they began the organization of the Standard Oil Company.

When Flagler came to Florida, at the age of fifty-three, he was a rich man. He spent the winter of 1883-84 at St. Augustine and was charmed with the beauty and climate of the oldest city in America, in which he saw possibilities of creating the "American Riviera". Florida had a much better climate, he thought, than the European Riviera to which wealthy Americans flocked each winter.

In 1885 Flagler commissioned two young architects, John M. Carrere and Thomas Hastings, to create the Ponce de Leon, a magnificent hotel architecturally suited to St. Augustine's Spanish origin. It was one of the first large buildings in the country to be made of poured concrete. Before it was completed, on January 10, 1888, the Alcazar Hotel, across the street, was started; then the Casa Monica, later renamed the Cordova.

Needing facilities to transport his building materials, and later the people he expected to attract, Flagler became a railroad buyer and builder. On December 31, 1885, he purchased the bonds of the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax River Railway, widened the narrow tracks to standard gauge, and added better equipment. In 1888-89 he purchased the St. Augustine and Palatka Railway and U. J. White's logging road to Daytona Beach and converted them to standard gauge. These were the first links in the Florida East Coast Railroad. More local railroads were subsequently purchased and bridges built. By January 9, 1888, the day before the Ponce de Leon Hotel opened in St. Augustine, all southern railroads had completed the change to standard gauge. The first through all-Pullman vestibule train, electrically lighted, left Jersey City for Jacksonville and made the run in twenty-nine hours and fifty minutes. Later named the Florida Special, it was the pioneer luxury train to Florida.

Flagler needed freight for his railroad other than what his hotels provided. In the rich agricultural country to the south landowners were ready to offer right-of-way or any inducement to increase the value of their property, so Flagler now became a railroad builder. Starting in the spring of 1892, eighty miles of new railroad south of Daytona was constructed in less than a year. reaching Cocoa by January 1893 and Eau Gallie by the following June.

Mr. Flagler first visited the Palm Beaches in March 1893. He was amazed at the area's natural beauty and decided on the spot to make Palm Beach the

queen of vacation resorts. His purchase of the R. R. McCormick homestead for $75,000 started the first real estate boom in Florida. Prices of land jumped from $150 to $1,000 an acre, and pioneers of Lake Worth (as the area was originally called) found themselves suddenly rich.

Ground was broken for the Royal Poinciana Hotel on May 1, 1893. When completed, on February 11, 1894, it was the world's largest hotel; containing seven stories and a basement, 540 bedrooms, a dining hall that seated over 1,000 persons, a number of parlors, a casino, rotunda, porches, and every possible convenience of the times. Its building and furnishings was a herculean task to be accomplished in nine months. From the railroad terminus at Eau Gallie all materials were transported by boat down the Indian River to Jupiter, from there to Juno by the "Celestial Railroad", a narrow-gauge road eight miles long, and then down the lake. Every available craft, large and small, was brought into service. Meanwhile, the Florida East Coast Railroad was advancing, and on March 22, 1894, the first train rolled into West Palm Beach.

In August 1893 Flagler had purchased land on the west side of Lake Worth with the idea of establishing a commercial city there for the convenience of his paradise-playground across the lake, which he wished to keep that way. His assistant, J. E. Ingraham, handled the details of the transactions. Captain O. S. Porter was paid $30.000 for fifty acres. Ellen Potter sold half of her sixty-acre homestead. Each train brought in prospective residents, businessmen and investors. Flagler requested that all his railroad and hotel construction workers move to the new township from "The Styx", a Palm Beach section where they had been quartered. In November, 1894, West Palm Beach was incorporated with over 1,000 residents, a post office, town hall, school, newspaper, stores, and ice factory. Clematis Street was paved with shells from end to end, and later other streets in the downtown section.

Flagler's second Palm Beach hotel, originally called the Palm Beach Inn, was built in 1895 on the ocean front due east of the Royal Poinciana, which was on the lake front. The previous year a 1,000-foot ocean pier had been built and steamship service to Nassau started. A ferry carried passengers and freight across Lake Worth. In 1896 a railroad and footbridge with a 150-foot steel draw was built across the lake, touching Palm Beach south of the Royal Poinciana, and tracks were laid across the island to the Palm Beach Inn. Passengers could now ride the train from New York to the doors of both these hotels. The train between the two hotels was later replaced by a streetcar drawn by a mule. When the line was abandoned the mule was pensioned with plenty to eat and drink and a comfortable bed for the rest of his days.

In 1903 the name of Palm Beach Inn was changed to The Breakers. It was being enlarged when a fire broke out and reduced it to ashes. Flagler's orders were. "Tell McGuire and McDonald (his architects) to put up a new one as fast as they can." When the new building was nearly completed, it also caught fire and was a total loss. Undaunted, Flagler ordered another built, and this one lasted until 1925, when for the third time The Breakers was destroyed by fire. It was replaced in 1926.

No banker would finance Mr. Flagler's operations at the start, but after he had $40,000,000 invested they offered him all the money he needed. Still he kept pouring his own money into the "hole", as many termed his operations, and before he was through had $50.000,000 tied up in his railroad, which he knew would not pay for itself for a long time. In the end, however, he had the laugh on the bankers who had doubted his wisdom, when he gave them a ride on his railroad to the southern tip of Florida.

In 1895 Mr. Flagler began negotiations with Mrs. Julia D. Tuttle of Cleveland, who owned a large tract of land on the north shore of the Miami River, and with the Brickells, who owned the property south of the river, and received generous concessions. Surveys for the extension of the Florida East Coast Railroad to Miami began in June 1895 and the road was completed April 15, 1896. The first train arrived in Miami on April 22, 1896. The City of Miami was incorporated in July, 1896, with 502 voters, largely new citizens brought in by Mr. Flagler's railroad. Here, as in West Palm Beach, he financed waterworks, an electric light plant and other utilities.

Miami did not have satisfactory channel and port facilities, whereas Key West, then the largest city in Florida with a population of 19 000, had a fine deep-water harbor and was strategically located in relation to the West Indies, Central and South America. Many believed the feat of building a railroad over the 100 miles of small islands impossible, but Henry Flagler loved to overcome obstacles. Construction south of Homestead began in 1904. Men, materials, equipment, food and water were brought in by ships all along the route. New engineering problems were solved almost daily. The work was set back by damaging storms and sickness created labor problems, but all difficulties were overcome, and on January 22, 1912, Henry Flagler triumphantly rode the first train into Key West, where he was welcomed as a victorious monarch. His 82nd birthday came a few days later.

Mr. Flagler was first married in Bellview, Ohio. November 9, 1853, to Mary Harkness, daughter of Stephen V. Harkness, and they had three children: Jenny Louise, Carrie, and Harry. Mary Harkness died May 18, 1881, and on June 6, 1883, Mr. Flagler married Ida A. Shrouds. On August 24, 1901, he married Mary Lily Keenan, whose father was president of the East Coast Hotel Company in 1925 when The Breakers burned for the third time. In the true spirit of Henry Flagler, Mr. Keenan ordered it rebuilt, despite the financial depression of 1926, thereby providing work for thousands of men and putting millions of dollars into circulation.

Henry Flagler's only son, Harry Harkness Flagler, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, December 2, 1870, and died June 30, 1952. He was a graduate of Columbia University, 1897, and in 1921 received the Degree of Excellence and an honorary degree of Doctor of Music. On April 25, 1894, he married Annie Louise Lamont. They were the parents of three daughters: Mary Harkness, Elizabeth Lamont, and Jean Louise. Jean Louise Flagler is now Mrs. Richardo C. Gonzales.

Early in 1901 Henry Flagler, soon to marry his third wife, told his architects, Carrere and Hastings, "Build me the finest home you can think of." Whitehall, the two-and-a-half million dollar "Taj Mahal

of North America", was the result. Standing on a six-acre site bordering Lake Worth in Palm Beach, it was surrounded by gardens of Palms, citrus trees and exotic plants; the grounds enclosed by a wrought iron fence made by English master craftsmen. In architectural style it reflects the Spanish influence, with seven huge rooms on the ground floor surrounding an inner courtyard. Building materials and works of art were gathered from all over the world and master masons and sculptors from Italy were imported for the work. Enormous columns, broad steps and large blocks, all of marble, were used to create the dazzling white of the exterior. The entrance hall is 110 feet long, 40 feet wide, and the domed ceiling 20 feet high, with canvas paintings, cameo medallions, life-size statues in niches, and marble columns. The ball room is 91 x 37 feet; the music room 66 x 24 feet, with the largest pipe organ ever placed in a private home. The dining room, finished in satinwood, is 44 x 23 feet. There is a Louis XIV, Louis XV, and Louis XVI room, an Art Nouveau room, and upstairs guest rooms in various styles, ranging from Oriental to Americal Colonial. Eighteen rooms and halls make up the second floor.

In the old days Whitehall's majestic rooms often pulsed with music and gay conversation, for the Flagler's entertained lavishly. Among other notables, John D. Rockefeller, Mr. Flagler's long-time business associate and friend, was a prominent guest of honor.

Henry M. Flagler died at Whitehall May 20, 1913. The building was purchased by a group of investors who turned it into a luxury hotel and built an adjoining ten-story structure in the rear, using Whitehall for the reception area and offices. In 1959 a non-profit corporation, created for the purpose of restoring the mansion as a museum honoring the memory of Henry Flagler, acquired Whitehall. Mrs. Richardo C. Gonzales, Flagler's granddaughter, is president of the board of trustees of the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum. In February 1960 a formal Restoration Ball and dedication ceremonies were held to open the museum to the public.

The task of restoring Whitehall to its original state has begun. Mr. G. R. Bedford, executive director in charge of the restoration, born in England, grew up schooled in the appreciation of art and fine furnishings, and so is well equipped for his position which calls for appraisal of all articles being returned as the original furnishings of Whitehall. Some are donated, some purchased. All items are compared with photographs of the originals to assure their authenticity. Mrs. Gonzales has been doing extensive research to recover these furnishings and objects of art that once adorned the mansion. "Every day now", Mr. Bedford said, "we hear from residents all along the east coast and in other parts of the country who either have in their possession or know the whereabouts of items that originally were in Whitehall."

Among the most important acquisitions of the museum are the Key West Extension records of the Florida East Coast Railroad—important because construction of the Key West Extension in 1912 is still regarded as a classic in railroad engineering.

Mr. Flagler's private railroad car, The Rambler, will have a permanent site on the museum grounds. According to Mr. Bedford, there has been very little deterioration of its satinwood interior since it was discarded by the railroad shortly after the death of its owner.

Flagler had a deep regard for fine workmanship. Among more elegant and costly miniatures on display in the museum is a miniature iron steam engine, which was made by Irvin R. Childs of Lake Worth. The railroad king had similar ones made as souvenirs for his friends.

Like its builder, the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum serves many worthy causes. Its accomodations are available to philanthropic, cultural and civic organizations for meetings and programs. Mr. Bedford conducts tours of the museum for groups by arrangement. Visitors may see the beauty of this treasure house any day except Monday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

DANIEL THOMAS McCARTY, JR.

Few figures on the horizon of Florida politics and government have had brighter prospects than did Daniel Thomas McCarty, Jr., thirty-first governor of the state of Florida and its youngest governor in fifty years, who held office just short of nine months. Personally admired and respected by thousands of his fellow citizens, his accession to the state's highest office was hailed as the beginning of a new era in the government of Florida. Behind him was a clean and commendable record of private and public citizenship; before him, an opportunity to serve the people who had honored him with their confidence, to put into effect the policies he had consistently espoused, and to accomplish much of constructive and permanent benefit to the state.

Dan McCarty sprang from the soil of the state he loved and served. He was born in Fort Pierce January 18, 1912, educated in the public schools of Fort Pierce and graduated from the University of Florida in 1934 with a degree in Agriculture. His father was Daniel Thomas McCarty, Sr., a pioneer citrus grower; his mother, Frances Lardner Moore McCarty. Biographical information on his parents and other members of his family may be found under separate headings in these pages. His father died in 1922, leaving his widow and five children, who were reared under the guidance of their mother. Dan, being the eldest son, felt the weight of responsibility at an early age.

His father and grandfather had been among the first growers of pineapples and citrus fruit on the East Coast. The McCarty grapefruit, named for his grandfather, Charles T. McCarty, was developed on the old home place below Fort Pierce in the early 1900's. Valuable experience had been gained by Dan as a boy on his father's groves and in his packing house. Upon receiving his degree in Agriculture from the university, he returned to Fort Pierce to take over the management of his father's groves, at that time about 150 acres. In 1936 he organized the Indian River Citrus Associates, a packing and marketing cooperative, and served as general manager, secretary and treasurer of this organization until 1949. At that time he sold this interest but continued as a citrus grower. He also had an interest in the cattle business on the family ranch and in the development of improved pastures.

In civic affairs he served as president of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club, the Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce, and the Presidents' Round Table. He was active in the Red Cross for many years, serving as an examiner in life saving and water safety. In the field of

Dan McCarty

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education he was chairman in 1946-47 of the St. Lucie County Advisory Committee on Education and continued active in this work in 1950-51. He fought for the establishment of a County Health Unit; was active in the establishment of the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital; was state campaign chairman for the American Cancer Society in 1949-50; and was chairman of the drive for funds for the Community Library. He was a member of the Fort Pierce Volunteer Firemen's Association; a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; an Elk and trustee of Fort Pierce Lodge #1520; an Oddfellow; a Mason of Lodge #87, Lake Worth Consistory, and Mahi Temple Shrine; a charter member of the Sportsman's Club; and a senior warden of the vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Fort Pierce. At the University of Florida he had become a member of the Florida Blue Key and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, which he served as president.

While a student at the University of Florida he studied military science under the Reserve Officers Training Corps and in his senior year was Cadet Colonel of the ROTC Brigade. On graduation he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Field Artillery Reserve, and in 1937 was promoted to First Lieutenant. Called to active duty in 1941 with the 74th Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Blanding, Florida, he commanded Battery B, 172nd Field Artillery until transferred to Headquarters IV Corps. He served overseas in Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. With General Patch's Seventh Army he landed in southern France on D-Day. In the course of his 54 months of service he won the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, and the French Croix de Guerre, and came home with the rank of Colonel.

His political career began in 1936, when he was elected to the State Legislature as Representative from St. Lucie County, and he served in the sessions of 1937, 1939 and 1941. In 1941, when he was 29 years old, he was elected Speaker of the House, the youngest in Florida's history. His work in the Legislature was consistently conservative, yet constructive. He achieved practical results in the improvement of the public school system and in the development of all fields of agriculture, including the establishment of farmers' markets in various production areas. He championed the elimination of the poll tax and the abolishment of slot machines; assisted in the promotion and expansion of unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation; and was one of the leaders in the fight opposing the sales tax.

He made his first bid for the office of Governor in 1948, but was defeated by Fuller Warren. Again a candidate in 1952, he emerged the victor in a hard-fought campaign, aided by his reputation for fairness, sincerity, and consistent effort to promote the welfare of Florida. He took office on January 6, 1953, and had barely completed the organization of his administration when, on February 25, he suffered a heart attack. This illness took his family and friends by surprise, for he had always been robust, athletically inclined, a lover of outdoor sports. He had played football in high school and softball with his Fort Pierce civic club. He loved to hunt, fish, ride horseback through his ranchlands and groves, and camp out overnight. In an interview with reporters from his hospital bed, he said that he felt it was the social events and public appearances more than the press of official business that brought on his attack. Such functions came hard for him, for he was naturally reserved in personality and preferred small gatherings.

Although his illness kept him away from his office, his aides, Warren Blackmon and Charles R. P. Brown, conferred with him daily, filling him in on all the day's developments and getting his reactions and decisions. He showed his determination to get Florida government on a business basis, and demanded a 5% lid on state salary and expense increases. He was tough in his demands for law enforcement and adamant in his refusal to compromise his principles, and called for a rebirth of moral honesty and Christian living in Florida government. He eliminated extravagant or unnecessary expenses, notably in the Road Department, the Purchasing Department, the State Improvement Commission, and the Industrial Commission. The Legislature passed his dog-track tax increase bill, bringing in an additional two-million-dollar revenue. He endorsed an East Coast tollpike proposed by Governor Warren; endorsed mosquito control works and research laboratory; increased advertising to attract tourists; secured a rebate of gasoline tax to farmers and commercial fishermen; and increased benefits to the aged.

He seemed to be improving steadily and was hoping to return to a daily schedule at the office and resume presiding at Cabinet meetings on October 1st, but during the week end of September 12, when he came out for his first general public appearance and rode in an open car for several blocks in the Shriners parade, he caught a cold. Ten days later he was taken to the hospital with a diagnosis of pneumonia, which, with his weakened heart condition, resulted in his death on September 28th.

One of the greatest tributes ever paid to Dan McCarty was the statement that he was not a politician but a true statesman. He was the first governor in forty years who was not a lawyer. A farmer and businessman, he had the businessman's conservative approach to the administration of the state. He was not a showman, but once his mind was made up he didn't back down, and showed strong leadership in his sessions with the Cabinet. A comment made shortly after he took office reflects the intensity of his purpose. He said, with a smile, that his administration would do the difficult immediately; the impossible would take a little longer.

The new College of Agriculture at the University of Florida has been named the Dan McCarty Building; the new St. Lucie County High School in Fort Pierce, the Dan McCarty High School; and a memorial highway north of Fort Pierce has been named in his honor, beautified by his friend, Fred Mahan, and dedicated by another close friend, his successor, Governor LeRoy Collins.

On September 21, 1940, Daniel Thomas McCarty, Jr. married Olie Brown, daughter of Arthur B. and Lela Cato Brown of Fort Pierce, where she was born May 9, 1914. Her father, a native of South Carolina, was a newspaper publisher in Fort Pierce for many years. He died in 1921. Her mother was born in Alachua, Florida. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCarty: Daniel T. III, on December 17, 1941; Michael Samuel, on April 27, 1947; Frances Lela, on May 4, 1948.

BOWMAN FOSTER ASHE

President, University of Miami, 1926-1952

The first member of the Ashe family came to the United States about 1750 and settled west of the Alleghenies in Pennsylvania. There Andrew Jackson Ashe was born in 1854. After a brief period as a teacher, he became an itinerant minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for forty-three years served a dozen western Pennsylvania communities. He married Martha Ann Plotner of a good Dutch family, who was a pupil of his when he was teaching school. They had a family of one girl and six boys.

Bowman Foster Ashe, the third son of this family, was born April 3, 1885, in the parsonage at Scottdale, Pennsylvania. He was named for two Methodist bishops. His elementary education was received in a number of towns; the family being obliged to follow their preacher-father as he moved, in obedience to Conference rules, from one town to another. Bowman spent his last summer vacation at Kittanning, a big farming town north of Pittsburgh, an ideal place for a boy entering his teens. Thereafter, school alternated with summer jobs, the first being at Westinghouse, where at thirteen he earned eight cents an hour as helper to the operator of a sheet-steel punch press. At New Kensington he was one of 315 employees of the new Aluminum Company of America. There were other hot and heavy jobs in which he became a semi-skilled worker. All that bothered him about this kind of work was the noise.

In his only year of public high school, at New Kensington, he was taught by his sister, Mary, who was a teacher there. His father had been given an honorary degree by Mount Union College at Alliance, Ohio, a Methodist institution, and chose that college for his son's education. The boy finished his secondary schooling at Mount Union Preparatory School and went on for two years at the College, where he played end on the football team.

One hard-pressed winter he quit college to work for his spring term tuition and board, and became one of the first door-to-door peddlers of aluminum utensils. He also sold a child's folding industrial art desk, complete with blackboard, and showed himself to be a born salesman by ferreting out the most prominent woman in town for his first sale. He came away with a handful of cards to her friends. During college terms and all summers, he always had a job—in mills, on the road, in a bank or an office.

In 1905, fed up with jobs and studies, he went west for a five-year interlude. The Union Construction Company took him on as paymaster and quartermaster in its construction camps in the Sierra Nevada mountains. It took him four days on horseback to make the rounds of the nine camps. When the panic of 1907 shut down operations at the camp, Ashe headed for San Francisco on his horse. That city was just beginning to recover from the devastating earthquake and fire of 1906.

Looking for work, Ashe was offered a job as bookkeeper for the Alaska Packers (of salmon), if he could close the books and run a trial balance. That was on a Friday. He accepted, and went out to learn how to run a trial balance before Monday morning. A chance meeting with a teacher of the San Francisco Business College was the hand of Providence. From him Ashe learned enough bookkeeping in one day to take the job, and held it several months. Having an interest in light opera, he was meanwhile accepted as a baritone in one of the several opera companies then ushering in Frisco's gayest period, but was not assigned a role.

Heading south to see more of California, he did some threshing, chopped some wood, and milked cows, and meanwhile came to the conclusion that he wanted to teach school. At San Luis Obispo he found a vacancy in a one-room school of seven pupils, back in the mountains, and got the job although he had no teaching certificate. School hours were from seven a.m. to twelve-thirty. Ashe used his free time to prepare for a teacher's examination, and worked with the threashers in the summer months. In the fall he was assigned to a larger school.

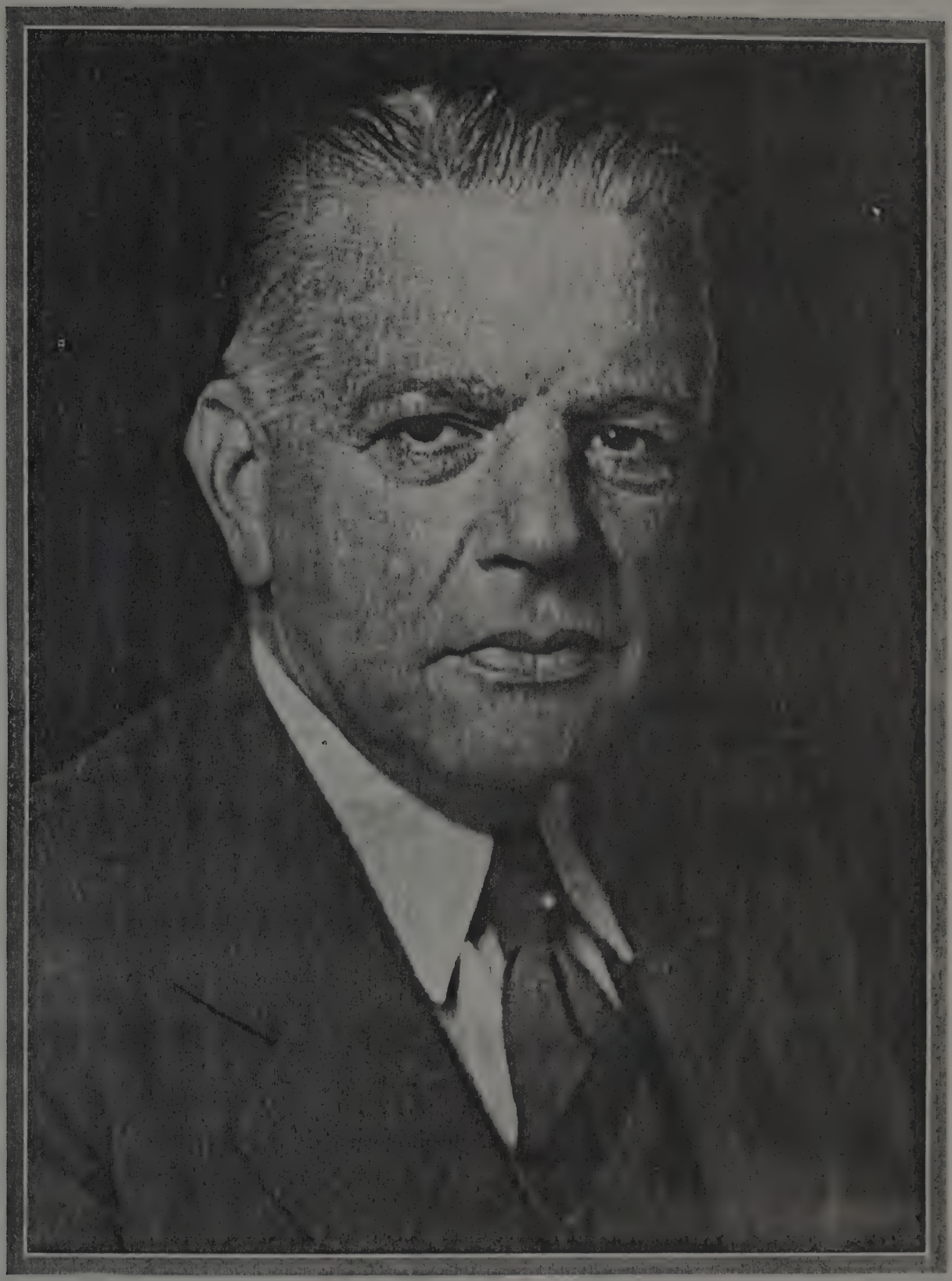
Getting an idea from the method of an old County Superintendent who had taught elementary school all his life, he began to formulate theories and develop a system in his teaching. Among other things, he determined the time limit for efficient absorption of the lesson by noting how long it took for attention to begin to wander, and at that time sent the class out to play as a stimulant. He also separated a class according to the pupils' learning rate, being careful not to let them know which group was higher. He won a place on the County Curriculum and Textbook Committee. While teaching he also took the time and trouble to journey twelve miles daily to coach the football and baseball teams at the Pasa Robles High School.

Unable to accept an offered superintendency because he lacked a college degree, he decided to earn the degree at the University of California, but his father persuaded him to come home and enter the University of Pittsburgh. This was in 1910. At the University he joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon and was a member of the Athletic Council, the Board of Control of the Student Senate and the Glee Club. Believing in striking a balance between the emotions and the intellect, developing both at the same time, he enthusiastically entered into the teaching of social dancing, boxing, wrestling, tumbling and all the other strenuous sports and activities. He thought the play program should be integrated into the schools. Play, he held, takes the place with a boy that work does with a man, giving fibre to the emotional centers and stimulus to the mind.

Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics, Ashe resumed his school teaching and took on graduate study. He was Superintendent of Schools in Pennsylvania, where he met Marie Ida Rose, a teacher, and in 1917 married her. For the next year he taught English and History in the Pittsburgh school system.

Then came Henry Bruere, at that time representing the American Metal Company, who were planning a model industrial town called Langeloth, southwest of Pittsburgh, and were looking for a competent educator with experience in social work, shops and industry as their Educational and Social Director. Bowman Ashe was picked for the job.

The eight years he spent at Langeloth combined education and administration. Many of the things he and Mr. Bruere did were rank innovations at that time, although accepted practice today in industrial relations. They installed medical, nursing and dental services, conducted safety campaigns in the plant, social shindigs in the recreation hall, and ran league competition in the major sports. Under the heading of administration Ashe wangled a paved road out of the politicians, reduced the plant insurance by eliminating hazards, made loans to workers, and invented techniques in the new plant personnel relations. But the heart of the program



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for him was the school, where he crystallized the methods he had initiated at San Luis Obispo.

During the aftermath of World War I, Langeloth began to close down, and Ashe made the transition back into academic life by working three days a week at the plant and three days teaching at the University of Pittsburgh. The new president, John G. Bowman, chose Ashe for the job of supervising all freshmen and sophomores, including their admissions, transfers and academic progress. His watchful eye, plus serious little talks with the students and teachers, reduced the failures over the previous year by 240. He also became University Examiner and Associate Professor of Economics, with a side line of trouble-shooting for the Chancellor .

Eventually his activities expanded beyond the University. He helped the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges to standardize the integration of the work of teachers' colleges. He pioneered in the evaluation of foreign credentials for fifty colleges. Locally he organized the placement of more guidance people into the public schools. Then came the invitation from Miami to help a group of citizens in founding an institution of higher learning.

Bowman Ashe became executive secretary of the newly chartered University of Miami on March 18, 1926. The Board of Regents had already laid the cornerstone of the first building on the Coral Gables site. Several million dollars had been pledged to build the University. Ashe's responsibility was to gather the faculty, arrange the courses, and supervise financing and administration. Here was an opportunity to mold educational methods in new forms. In many ways it was similar to the opportunity that Langeloth had offered.

Eight months after he took the temporary organizing job, Dr. Ashe became President of the University of Miami. The institution opened in October, 1926, in spite of the financial situation of South Florida at that time and the destructive hurricane of the previous month. George E. Merrick, who had lost a great fortune in the collapse of real estate values, and was the principal founder of the University, remarked: "There are still palms and sunshine. The people will come." A like faith in the future of South Florida was kindled in Bowman Ashe, but it was the unique opportunity for education that stirred his enthusiasm.

His first announcements on University policy laid down lines which he was to follow for the next twenty-five years. In time, he said, these would be the uses to which the new institution would put its favoring geographical location:

1. An interchange with Latin-America of professors and students, and the development of cultural, language and business courses to make the University a useful agent for amity between the two Americas.

2. The pursuit of scientific research in marine biology and tropical medicine.

3. The creation of a world graduate school of tropical agriculture and tropical biology.

There was a close family life among the faculty and staff, who left teaching posts at colleges and universities all over the country to have a part in the very beginnings of an institution. Their first academic building was a great triangular structure intended for a hotel but never completed. Wallboard partitions were set up to form classrooms, which expedient gave rise to the tag, "Cardboard College." But William Lyons Phelps of Yale said the University was "unique in that it has invested its money in a faculty and equipment rather than in expensive buildings."

During his last years at the University of Pittsburgh Dr. Ashe had spent some of his excess energy in activities beyond the campus. He never did that at Miami, being jealous of every working moment in the University's behalf, except when his country called him to to two tours of extended duty. The following account of that period is from the notes of the late Hervey Allen, a former trustee of the University and close personal friend of Dr. Ashe.

"Twice during the disturbed and doubtful years of the depression and the war, Bowman Foster Ashe has been called by his country to perform important patriotic and highly intricate administrative duties vitally affecting the Nation as a whole. and in particular the . . . Southeastern States. In 1936 Dr. Ashe was chosen to organize the Social Security Board for the administration of the six Southeastern States. When the United States found itself at war, he was again the ideal man to set up the then unknown and unpredictable operations of the War Manpower Commission. The entire labor and selective service operation, the controls applied through the United States Employment Service for the six Southeastern States, was conducted from Dr. Ashe's office at Atlanta. . . .

"Under his direction, and by his personal influence with those in charge, huge industries of all kinds were literally sprouted into being. The entire manpower operation at Knoxville, Tennessee, The Manhattan Project, where the atomic bomb was first brought into being, is merely one example. As one who saw at first-hand the operations of the War Manpower Commission in Region 12, under the direction of Bowman Foster Ashe, I can only testify, with my hat off, and say that I, among many others, had the sensation and knowledge that we were happy to be acting under a great Captain."

Mr. Allen goes on to say:

"After the war, Dr. Ashe, who had been on leave from the University of Miami, but who had also been in constant active touch with the University during this time of great pressure, returned to his active duties as its President. And it is an additional proof of his indomitable energy and never-dying vision that it has been in the anxious years since the war that the University has finally flowered into full bloom and grown into the great institution, some of whose aspects some of us know, but whose whole promise for the future of this community can scarcely be adequately imagined.

"Bowman Ashe's genius lies in a prophetic vision of what are the genuine necessities of expanding educational activities in a democracy. He has been granted the power to convey the importance of his dreams in such a manner as to engage and retain the constant help and devotion of the staff of the University and the people of this community. . . .

"Out of less than nothing he has built an enormous and a beautiful fabric. Neither the hurricanes of tropical nature nor the tempests of Northern and Southern finance have prevailed against him. Rather, out of all this, he has achieved that kind of success which only a rightly prevailing character can explain."

Dr. and Mrs. Ashe have two daughters, Dorothy and Barbara. Dorothy is now Mrs. Edward F. Dunn.

DR. JAY FREDERICK WESLEY PEARSON

When, on January 12, 1953, Dr. Jay F. W. Pearson became president of the University of Miami, the event was a fortunate one for the University. In addition to being familiar with the pattern of thinking, financing, policy-making and visions-come-true of the late Dr. Bowman F. Ashe, whom he helped to bring the struggling new school through the vicissitudes of hurricane, depression, landboom collapse and World War to its present greatness, he brought special personal and educational aptitudes to his task. A scientific associate thought the title "Diagram of a Dynamo" would be a suitable one for a description of President Pearson. Said he:

> "He is like one of those tremendous machines that puts out a million volts with an almost imperceptible hum. His mind is brilliant, original, versatile, and thorough. But as you get to know him you are even more impressed with his fire and fight. There are unusual qualities of warmth and devotion in him."

Jay Frederick Wesley Pearson was born in Woodsfield, Ohio, May 7, 1901. He was the son of Charles Albert Lane Pearson (a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent Office) and Sara Evaline Hays, and the grandson of an Ohio Congressman who served during the Cleveland administration.

Dr. Pearson's early childhood was spent in Washington, D.C., before the family moved to Grove City, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from high school in 1918. He planned a career in banking and held jobs with banks in Grove City and Pittsburgh before enrolling at the University of Pittsburgh in 1921 to study foreign banking.

By his sophomore year, he had developed an interest in zoology and in 1924 was selected to spend the summer as a staff member of William Beebe's New York Zoological Society laboratory at Kartabo in the jungles of British Guiana. A year later he was awarded his B.S. degree in absentia while serving as a research assistant on micro plankton with Beebe's Arcturus Expedition to the Sargasso Sea and Galapagos Islands.

Returning to Pittsburgh, he completed a thesis on "The Cephalopods of the Arcturus Expedition" and in 1926 was awarded his Master of Science degree. Immediately after receiving the degree, he conducted a class group to Kartabo, where he received and accepted an invitation to serve as instructor of zoology at the new University of Miami. The invitation was extended by a former University of Pittsburgh administrator, Dr. Bowman F. Ashe, who was soon to become president at Miami, where he served until his death on December 16, 1952.

Arriving in Miami immediately after the great 1926 hurricane, Dr. Pearson soon set up underwater studies at the University, initiating courses in marine zoology and botany which were later to establish the University as a leader in marine studies. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1928. A year later he was granted a leave of absence to work on his doctorate in ecology and entomology at the University of Chicago, where he served as a graduate assistant until completion of his residence requirements in 1931.

Upon recommendation of the National Research Council, he was appointed director of biological exhibits for the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition in 1931. Receiving his Ph.D in 1932 after completing a thesis on the ecology of bees in the Chicago area, he remained with the Exposition until 1933, when he returned to the University of Miami as professor of zoology and secretary of the University. A year later he was elected a University Trustee, a title he retained until he resigned from the Board in 1941.

In 1938, he again took leave of absence, this time to become director of exhibits in biology and medicine for the Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco. He returned to the University a year later as Dean of Administration, and in 1941 was named Dean of the Faculty.

At the request of the United States Army, he was released from his University duties in April, 1942, to assist in setting up the Army Air Corps Officers Candidate School at Miami Beach. In June, 1942, he was commissioned a captain and subsequently directed academic training of cadets at Boca Raton, Florida, and at Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, North Carolina. He attained the rank of major and was commanding officer of the Training Aviation Cadet Pre-Tech School at San Antonio, Texas, before reverting to inactive duty in 1944.

He returned to the University of Miami as professor of zoology and Dean of the Faculty and in 1947 was named vice-president. Following the death of Dr. Ashe, he was appointed president on January 12, 1953.

Here are a few illuminating details or sidelights of Dr. Pearson's career. A fellow student who was with him when he was studying for his doctorate at the University of Chicago recalled:

> "He was brilliant; he could soak up and integrate twice as much knowledge in half the time it took the average man. But what especially distinguished him was his brilliant hunches, his originality in devising experiments, the framing of the question to ask nature—all that goes into making the first-rate scientist."

It was this quality that led to his recommendation by University of Chicago professors to Century of Progress administrators as the man to put in charge of biological exhibits at the World's Fair. With Dr. Ashe's kindly permission to extend his leave of absence from the University of Miami, he developed dynamic exhibits for the Fair that are still remembered. One of these was a greatly enlarged cross section of a twig of a three-year-old basswood which the spectator, by pressing a button, could make "grow" another year while he watched. In another exhibit the spectator could see protozoa grow, fight and eat on the screen.

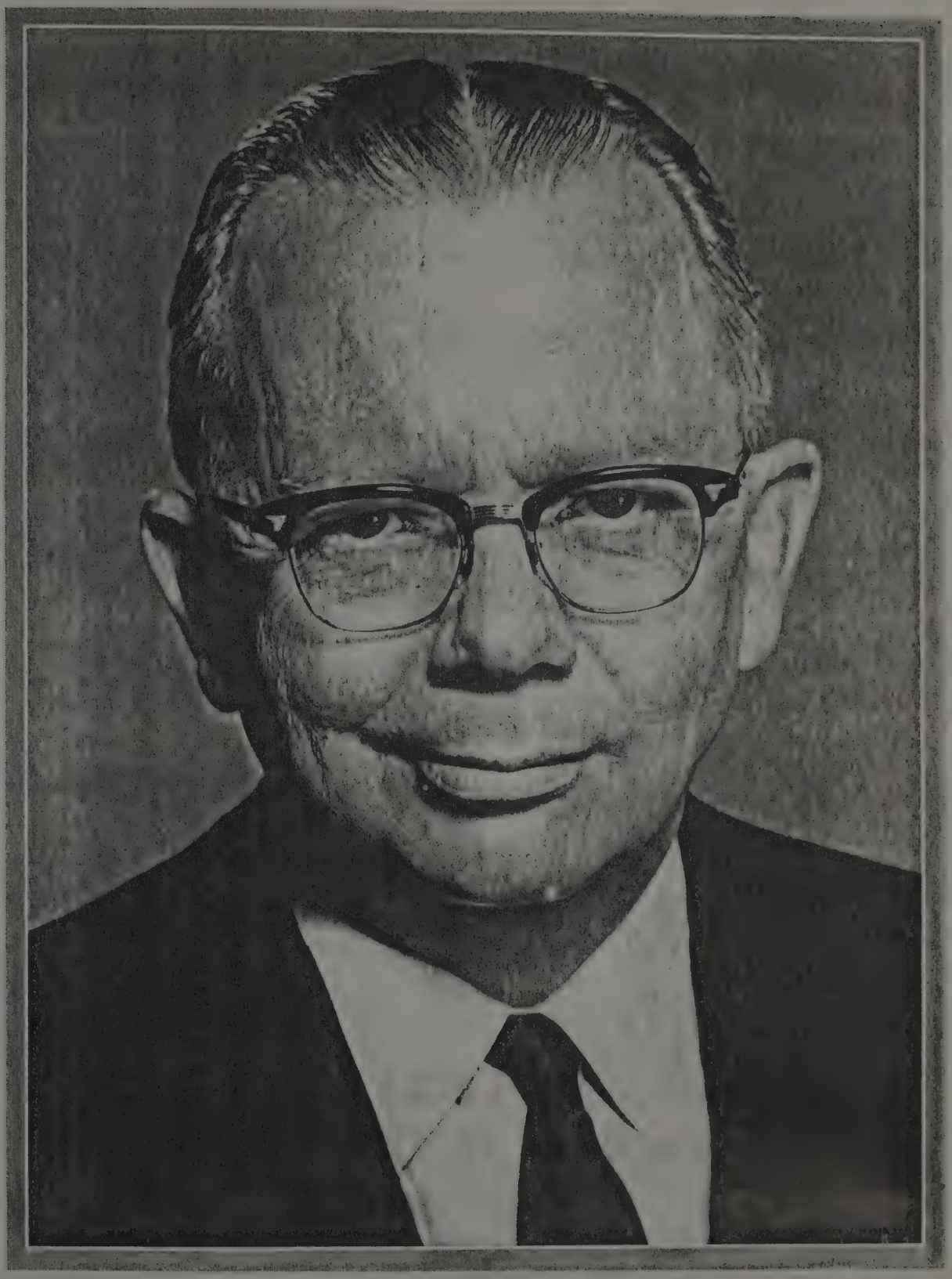
In the middle thirties, riding back to Miami on the train one fall, Dr. Pearson drafted the University's first promotional booklet, "Where Are You Going to College?" It was a booklet primarily of pictures. Every college in the country uses one like it now. Every year thereafter enrollment leaped. In the late thirties, Dr. Pearson introduced concentrated courses, the term plan.

His toughest assignment by the University administration after the war was the planning and handling of the fight for a medical school. A doctor who made a trip around the country with him to study medical school organization remarked, "Dr. Pearson was amazing in his quick and complete grasp of the complex intricacies of medical school organization."

The list of academic achievements of the University of Miami under Dr. Pearson's leadership is a staggering one. It includes:

Recognition by the American Association of University Women (August, 1953).

Raising of School of Law requirements to graduate



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level (December, 1953) and gradual termination of evening law courses (March, 1958).

Inauguration of summer teaching centers at Oaxaca, Mexico (1953) and Burnsville, North Carolina (1954).

Designation by Civil Aeronautics Administration as approved ground school (July, 1953).

Establishment of U.S. Naval Reserve Officers School at North Campus (August, 1954).

Citation by U.S. State Department of International Educational Exchange program of professors and students (September, 1956).

Membership in Institute of Nuclear Studies (December, 1956).

Accreditation of School of Medicine (April, 1956).

Establishment of Council on Gerontology (November, 1956).

Accreditation of School of Business Administration by The American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business (June, 1957.

Inauguration of honors program for freshmen (September, 1957).

Raising of requirements for School of Engineering (March, 1958), effective fall of 1958.

First Air Force and Army ROTC flying programs at U.M. (April, 1958).

Inauguration of plans for doctoral program in ten fields, beginning in 1959 (January, 1958).

Initiation of doctoral programs in the Graduate School for the Ph.D. and Ed.D. degrees (1959).

Steady elevation of admission requirements throughout the University, including College Board Examinations for applicants in lower half of their class (effective fall, 1958).

Expansion of cooperative teaching program with Pan American World Airways (September, 1955), Patrick Air Force Base (February, 1957), Orlando Junior College (September, 1957), Savannah River Project (September, 1958).

Development of Inter-American law program with Mexico and other countries to the south.

Increase in number of faculty members with doctoral training—percentage far above the national average—and an increase in the annual amount spent for faculty instruction of $1,767,895. (Up to 1958).

Acquisition by the Library of valuable collections, including materials from the Atomic Energy Commission which named the Library a repository of its unclassified documents (February, 1957), and an increase in total volumes in the general, science, law and medical libraries from 316,000 to 450,000.

An increase in value of the permanent collection of the Joe and Emily Lowe Art Gallery from $18,000 to over $300,000.

Increase in attendance at the Symphony, Young People's and "Pops" Concerts from 68,535 to 84,936.

An increase in enrollment of 3,046 (1,775 day and 1,271 evening) over 1953 figures. (1958: 13,364 total; day, 9,111; evening, 4,253).

Recognition through Research Grants, Gifts and Scholarships . . . Total endowment figures increased from $1,048,955 in May, 1953, to $5,279,000 by December 31, 1957.

Addition of new buildings, increasing value of educational plant from $16,780,424 in May, 1953, to $28,434,000 by December 31, 1957.

With this record of progress, most of it within five years of his taking office as president of the University of Miami, it is not surprising that Dr. Pearson's leadership is in demand on the national educational level.

His professional affiliations include: Florida Association of Colleges and Universities (president '48-'49); American Association for Advancement of Science (fellow); Association of Urban Universities (vice-president 1957, president '59); American Society of Zoologists (associate); New York Zoological Society (fellow); Florida Academy of Sciences (founder, treasurer, president 1941-42); member National Commission on Accrediting.

He served on the executive council of the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; the White House People-to-People Committee on Education, and the National Commission on Accrediting; also the Commission on International Understanding of the Association of American Colleges.

He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa national men's scholastic and leadership honorary; Sigma Xi, national science honorary; Beta Beta Beta, national biological sciences honorary; Alpha Phi Omega, national service honorary; Scabbard and Blade; Iron Arrow, highest honorary for men at the University of Miami, and the Military Order of World Wars.

His club memberships include the Committee of 100, Flamingo Dinner Club, Houghton Fortnightly, Army and Navy Club of Coral Gables, Country Club of Coral Gables, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami Club, Riviera Country Club, the Surf Club, Kings Bay Yacht and Country Club, Cosmos Club (Washington, D.C.). His church affiliation is Congregational.

On February 14, 1931, in Miami, Dr. Pearson married Hazel Manning Heinrich, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, where her father, Frederick C. G. Heinrich, also was born. Her mother, the former Jennie Manning, was born in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. and Mrs. Pearson have two children: Jay Frederick Wesley Pearson, Jr., born in Coral Gables October 5, 1941; and Michael Manning Lane Pearson, born at Miami Beach February 25, 1946. The Pearson residence is at 2475 South Bayshore Drive, Miami.

As would be expected, Dr. Pearson is listed in "Who's Who in America."

CHARLES PEACOCK
ISABELLA SANDERS PEACOCK

The Peacock family, who came from England in 1875, pioneered the settlement of Coconut Grove, Dade County. Charles Peacock was born in Spaulding, England, July 3, 1842. Isabella Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Sanders, was born in Huntingtonshire, England, April 24, 1842. Charles and Isabella were married in England about 1861. Fourteen years later, having heard about Dade County, Florida, they set sail from England and landed at Jack's Bight, now known as Coconut Grove. They were accompanied by their three sons, Henry J., R. A. S. (Alfred), and Charles John. Charles, Sr.'s brother, Jack, was already in Florida. The family settled in the Fort Dallas (Miami) area.

Jack Peacock began the commercial planting of fruits and vegetables in the Biscayne Bay area. Charles and his son Alfred established the first hotel on the mainland south of the Indian River settlement, which was the only tourist accommodation in that vicinity for many years. This was the Bay View House, built in the 1880s on the site of the present Coconut Grove Park. In 1895 the Peacocks moved the Bay View

House back and built the Peacock Inn on the same location. Thus it was that Peacock Inn came to be known as Dade County's first hotel.

Dade County needed that hotel, for many tourists and prospective settlers were coming to the bay country, inspired by some prominent writers of that time who publicized this paradise frontier in their writings. Among the celebrities who came to Peacock Inn were President Grover Cleveland; Guy Carleton, the playwright; Joe Jefferson, the actor; and many writers.

It was due largely to the influence of the Peacock family and other English folk that a higher type of social life than would be expected in such an isolated pioneer community was to be found along the Lower East Coast of Florida, especially on the Bay, at this time. So effectively did Charles' wife, Isabella, concern herself with the welfare of others in the new frontier that Henry Flagler called her "the mother of Coconut Grove." He declared that he sought her out to meet her because he had heard so many fine things about her.

In the nineties Charles Peacock and his son Alfred opened a general merchandise store, naming the business Chas. Peacock and Son. Active and helpful in all the family projects was Alfred's wife, Lillian Frow Peacock, and later their daughter, Eunice, who was to carry on the pioneering tradition of the family as the helpmate of her husband, George E. Merrick, founder of the City of Coral Gables.

Charles Peacock was Chairman of the Dade County Board of County Commissioners, 1879 to 1881; Justice of the Peace and acting coroner in 1879; Collector of Revenue in 1885; Tax Assessor in 1885, 1887 and 1888; Road Commissioner for District No. 2, Dade County, in 1887; and Postmaster for Coconut Grove when the post office was located in a small room built into the northeast porch of the Bay View House. The Dade County Court House records show that in 1888 Charles Peacock rented to the Dade County Commissioners for twenty-five dollars a month a room for use as a court house. The commissioners accepted Peacock's offer to move the records and furniture of the county commission to the new room for the sum of five dollars. The county records show also that Charles' brother, Jack, was Sheriff of Dade County in 1878 and Tax Assessor as well as Collector of Revenue in 1879.

Mrs. Peacock was one of the founding members of the Housekeepers' Club of Coconut Grove. In 1893 she helped to organize a community church, the Union Chapel. Before that church services had been held in the Peacock's Bay View House, where one of the early preachers was Henry Ward Beecher's nephew, son of Harriet Beecher Stowe. One of the early pastors of the Union Chapel was the Reverend S. G. Merrick, whose son, George, married Mrs. Peacock's granddaughter, Eunice.

Charles Peacock died in Coconut Grove, Dade County, Florida, on September 23, 1905. His wife, Isabella, died in Coconut Grove on December 12, 1917.

GEORGE EDGAR MERRICK

The founder of the beautiful city of Coral Gables, south of Miami, was more than just another developer or builder. In "The Miracle of Coral Gables", by the writer, Rex Beach, he said:

"This is a story about a dreamer and his accomplishment . . . a man who beheld a stately vision and caused it to become a reality. At heart he was a writer, a poet, an artist; but fate decreed that he should write in wood and steel and stone and paint his pictures upon a canvas of spacious fields, cool groves and smiling waters. His dream was to build a city beautiful without blot or blemish, without ugliness or dirt; a city of majestic size but of perfect harmony; a city planned with reverence and care and built after the old Grecian ideal that nothing is so sacred as the beautiful. That was his vision."

It should be stated, however, that George Edgar Merrick was a writer and poet in fact as well as at heart. He began writing poetry in his boyhood and never really stopped, for at the time of his death he was compiling a volume of nature poems; also one of short stories based on pioneer days in Florida. He had several short stories published early in life and in 1910 won a short story contest conducted by the New York Evening Telegram. In 1920 the Four Seas Company of Boston published his "Songs of the Wind on a Southern Shore," and a second edition came out in 1926. Many of his writings appeared in the New York Times, the Christian Science Monitor, and in Latin-American magazines.

George Merrick was descended in the eighth generation of his paternal line from a Welsh ancester, John Merrick, who emigrated from Wales to Talbot County on the eastern shore of Maryland in 1669. John Merrick was of pure Celtic stock, and the family are still in possession of the same ancestral estate, "Bordorgan", Anglesey, Wales, where Merricks have lived for over a thousand years. The motto on the family crest is, "God, Enough; without God, Nothing."

Seven generations of Merricks lived on the original grant of land in Maryland, where George's father, Solomon Greasely Merrick, was born in 1860. Solomon Merrick married Althea Fink of Springdale, Pennsylvania, whom he met while they were both attending Lebanon Valley College at Annsville, Pennsylvania. Famous artists and writers were numbered among the kinfolk of Althea Fink, who after her graduation taught art and penmanship at Lebanon Valley College. She continued to paint after her marriage, portraying on canvas the beautiful tropical flowers surrounding her home in southern Florida. She was also a musician and found time in her busy pioneer life to instruct her daughters on the piano and organ.

The first of seven children of Solomon and Althea Merrick, George Edgar Merrick was born at the home of his maternal grandparents in Springdale, Pennsylvania, on June 3, 1886. After graduating from Yale University, his father assumed the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Gaines, New York. When George was eight years old his father left Gaines and became pastor of the old Plymouth Church at Duxbury, Massachusetts. George completed grade school there and attended Partridge Academy for one year.

Seeking a milder climate for his health, the Reverend Solomon Merrick corresponded with Reverend James Bolton, who was preaching at the non-sectarian Union Chapel in Coconut Grove, and through him learned of the 160-acre Gregory homestead in Dade County which was for sale. With his life savings of $1100 he purchased the land unseen and, accompanied by his eldest son, George, then twelve years old, came to Miami in 1898. On finding the city quarantined for yellow fever, they spent several months at the home of a friend on the Loxahatchee River, waiting for the quarantine to be lifted.

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On reaching their homestead they found plenty of hard work awaiting them, for only one acre of the land was under cultivation. They cleared land, planted vegetables and set out many varieties of fruit trees, living in the cabin that was already on the land. When the first crop of vegetables was ready for market, Mrs. Merrick and four children arrived. (One daughter died in the North and a son was born in Florida). Marketing in those days was not easy. George hauled the produce by mule and wagon over narrow rough roads to Miami, where he sold as much as possible to the Royal Palm Hotel, which opened in the winter of 1898-99, and peddled the rest of his load to stores and housewives. Miami, which had been incorporated in 1896, had a population at this time of about 600 souls.

Meanwhile, George's education was not neglected. It was his father's dream to establish a small, congenial colony of retired professional men. A few did come and purchased or were given plots of land. One of these, a retired Yale professor, tutored George, preparing him for admission to Rollins College in the fall of 1907. He spent one year there and during that time was editor of the school paper and won the Ronan medal for oratory. In the fall of 1908 he enrolled in the New York Law School, then part of Columbia University, and divided his time between the study of law and writing.

Solomon Merrick had accepted the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Coconut Grove and had also been managing his fruit and vegetable business. When his father's health failed George left school to assume the management of the plantation and entered the partnership of S. G. Merrick and Son. The father died in 1911. Between that time and 1920 George Merrick built up the largest and most prosperous plantation in the area, having over 1,000 acres under cultivation, chiefly in citrus and tropical fruits. The first full carload of grapefruit shipped from Dade County came from his groves.

The original cabin had been followed by a new house in 1900, and in 1906 an artistic coral house was erected in front, including the original four-room house. This spacious house with wide verandas and a colorful tiled roof was called Coral Gables, and the entire homestead was called Coral Gables Plantation. When George Merrick's dream city came into being, it was fitting that it should be named after the home of its creator.

Starting with his father's idea of a retirement community for educators and ministers, George Merrick developed and expanded it into his vision of a beautiful city. To gain experience and increase his capital, he entered the real estate field, retaining management of the Merrick groves. He became vice president in charge of the development department of Realty Securities Corporation and, with C. D. Benson and T. O. Wilson, developed and sold a number of subdivisions. This was his planned apprenticeship for building the city of Coral Gables, which was begun in 1921 when the first streets were laid. Outstanding artists, architects, engineers and city planners were brought in by Mr. Merrick to aid him in building his City Beautiful. Between the spring of 1920 and the fall of 1923 over $50.000.000 was spent, and in the same period nearly $150,000,000 was received for the sale of Coral Gables property throughout the entire nation. Over $3,000,000 was spent in advertising, in which writers, artists and orators took part, and over 3,000 salesmen were employed at one time. People were brought down from all the eastern states by a fleet of eighty-six special busses, and many of these people purchased homesites in Coral Gables.

George Merrick is also the principal founder of the University of Miami, which he planned before any building had been started in Coral Gables. He gave 160 acres of land and pledged $4,000,000 for the University, $1,000,000 of which was immediately available. The cornerstone was laid and the University was dedicated to the memory of his father on February 4, 1926. Pledges to the endowment fund amounting to nearly $8,000,000 were received, but due to the devasting hurricane of September 1926 and the financial depression which followed, few of these pledges, except Merrick's, materialized. Nevertheless, the University of Miami opened its doors to nearly 800 students on October 15, 1926; housed in the newly built Anastasia Hotel on University Drive. George Merrick served as Regent and Trustee of the University from its beginning until his death.

Outstanding among the other institutions and buildings in Coral Gables founded by George Merrick are the Miami Biltmore Hotel, the Miami Biltmore Country Club, the million-dollar Douglas Entrance and the Venetian Pool (which has been called the most beautiful outdoor swimming pool in the world), and the City Hall. Millions were spent in tropical planting. The plans for each building had to be submitted for approval to a planning board so that each structure would conform to the type of building allowed in the particular neighborhood. Broad thoroughfares meet in beautiful plazas with Spanish wells, pools and fountains. For his wonderful expression of Spanish architecture in Coral Gables George Merrick was decorated, in 1927, by King Alfonso of Spain, and made a "Don of the Order of Isabella de Catolica."

The financial collapse of 1926 brought disaster to the Merricks, who voluntarily sacrificed all their assets in the endeavor to complete Coral Gables. In this they were eminently successful, but thereafter the control of their large realty holdings passed into other hands. For a few years they operated the Caribbee Fishing Camp on Matecumbe Key, on land bequeathed to Mrs. Merrick by her father, R. A. S. Peacock. A hurricane destroyed this camp in the fall of 1935. In 1932 Mr. Merrick organized the real estate firm of George E. Merrick, Inc., which Mrs. Merrick carried on after the death of her husband until 1945.

From 1914 to 1916 George Merrick was a County Commissioner of Dade County. He was much interested in the development of transportation and good roads and was an early advocate of the Tamiami Trail and a causeway across the bay, both of which projects were begun during his term as commissioner. He was one of the group of citizens who were instrumental in bringing the Seaboard Railway to Miami. From 1935 to 1939 he was Chairman of the Dade County Planning Board and from 1937 to 1939 was also Chairman of the Dade County Zoning Commission. On June 1, 1940, he was sworn in as Postmaster of Miami, having received the highest grade among the sixty-six applicants who took the Civil Service examination, and held that office until his

death in 1942. He was a Director of the Fairchild Tropical Garden and was one of the organizers and the first president of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, founded in 1940.

In February of 1916 George Edgar Merrick married Miss Eunice Peacock, only child of Robert Alfred S. and Lillian (Frow) Peacock, pioneers of Coconut Grove. Eunice attended private and public schools. After attending the Coconut Grove public school, she attended the Model School in Trenton, New Jersey.

Mrs. Merrick was one of the founders and second president of the Coral Gables Garden Club, a founding member of the Coral Gables Parent-Teachers Association, and one of the first directors of the Coral Gables Woman's Club. She is a patroness for the Coral Gables branch of the National League of American Pen Women and patroness also for the University of Miami's honor musical sorority, Sigma Alpha Iota. The Coral Gables Civic Club awarded Mrs. Merrick their Book of Golden Deeds plaque, and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce made her an honorary member. Mrs. Merrick still lives in Coral Gables.

George Edgar Merrick died on March 26, 1942, and was buried in Woodlawn Park Cemetery. His memory lives on in the hearts of his friends and in the beautiful city he planned and founded.

JAMES NEVILLE McARTHUR

James Neville McArthur of Miami, president and owner of McArthur Jersey Farm Dairy, Inc., came to Miami in 1922 from Mississippi. He acquired his wealth through the vaulting increase in land values on the Gold Coast as well as through his dairy business which is a highly successful business with the distinction of being the largest individually owned dairy in the world.

One of a family of ten children, five boys and five girls, James Neville McArthur was born in the cotton belt of Mississippi, at Preston, on October 13, 1892. His father, John Wesley McArthur, was a farmer who managed to send all of his ten children to college. Born in 1853, he died January 28, 1941. The mother of this family, Hattie Henderson McArthur, was born in 1850 and died in June 1938.

James Neville McArthur graduated from the Mississippi State College in 1916 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. His ambition was to become a county agricultural agent, but after World War I, in which he was an athletic instructor at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, he was unable to find a county agent job open, so became a teacher of agriculture.

Coming to Florida in 1919, he was Director of Vocational Education at Madison High School in Madison, and while there attended the University of Florida during summer sessions, earning a B.S. degree in Education by 1922. He then came to Miami as Principal of the Dade County Agricultural High School, which later became Miami Edison High School. At that time the school had a farm at Northwest 17th Avenue and 96th Street with a poultry department and a model dairy. Here McArthur taught agriculture until 1929, when he decided to enter the dairy business for himself.

A few months after he resigned his teaching position and started his dairy with twenty cows, the stock market crashed. Milk that had been selling for twenty-one cents a quart went down to six cents. Thanks to the fact that he had borrowed from his father to start the business, rather than from a banker, McArthur was able to keep going. His dairy was in Hollywood; most of his customers in Miami. For years he worked seven days a week, getting up at three A.M. and retiring about eleven-thirty P.M. Gradually he increased his herd, a cow or two at a time, and bought more pasture land. By 1939 he had 1,000 cows. By the end of World War II he had 5,000 cows on 1,000 acres west of Hollywood, and was a millionaire.

When rapid post-war expansion of home building in Broward County increased the value of McArthur's land so much that he could not hold it for pasture, he bought tracts farther up the coast, thinking to move his dairy there; but before he could move that land spiraled in value. Like the good business man he is, he sold it, making a nice profit. Eventually he sold the Hollywood tract and moved his dairy to 7,000 acres in Okeechobee County, where he now has some 7,500 cows. He also operates dairies in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Since coming to Miami Mr. McArthur has been a leader in civic, charitable, religious and educational activities; his special interest being education. He gave the University of Miami the largest single gift in its history for the erection of an engineering building. The result is the J. Neville McArthur School of Engineering. He gave forty acres of land for the McArthur High School in West Hollywood and also built an athletic stadium for the school. By a generous land grant he eliminated what would have been a costly bottleneck on the Sunshine State Parkway, the McArthur interchange at Fort Lauderdale, named for him by Governor Collins in appreciation of his gift.

Modest and unassuming, Mr. McArthur has always been characterized by a willingness to let others take the credit. In making his gift to the University he said that the growth and development of the Miami area made all its residents partners with him in earning what he was returning to the community. He believes that nothing else serves the public as wisely and well as the University. He is a trustee of the University and a founding member and past president of the Citizens Board of the University of Miami. He is also chairman of the Citizens Advisory Board of the Dade County Junior College.

Mr. McArthur is a past president of Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of the Americas; a life member of Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Policy Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce and was formerly on its Education Committee; and is chairman of the Inter-American Division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Inter-American Center Authority and president of Alianza Inter-Americana. He was chairman of three trade delegations visiting Latin American countries to promote business and goodwill and made seven trips to the South, visiting leaders of every country as a gesture of friendliness. He also visited eight European countries under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture; was Florida chairman of the 1956 World's Fair held in the Dominican Republic; and represented the United States at Florence, Italy, for the fifth centennial celebration of the birth of Amerigo Vespucci, for whom America was named. The presi-

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dent of the Republic of Italy presented him with the "Star of Solidarity of the Italian Republic."

Among his numerous other civic activities, Mr. McArthur is a member of the Dade County Development Committee, a director of the United Fund, a past president of the Miami Civitan Club, past chairman of the Dade County Heart and Tuberculosis Associations' fund drives and of the national "Employ the Physically Handicapped" campaign. He is a member of Miami Shores Rotary Club and chairman of the Rotary Foundation; a member of the Committee of One Hundred and its Board of Governors; a director and life member of the Opera Guild of Miami; a member of the Century Club, the Surf Club and La Gorce Country Club; and Elder of Miami Shores Presbyterian Church, past president of the Miami Council of Churches, and was president for four years of the William Jennings Bryan Bible Class. He received the "Outstanding Protestant" award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Chosen for the "Outstanding Citizen of Dade County" award for the year 1960, he was presented with this by Governor Bryant in February 1961. His life has been written up in the Encyclopedia of American Biography, published by the American Historical Company of New York, and in Marqui's "Who's Who in America."

James Neville McArthur was married in Meridian, Mississippi, on August 18, 1918, to Ida Nell Moseley, who was a gifted musician. They had two children: James Neville, Jr., who lost his life in an automobile accident, and Jean McArthur Davis, wife of James L. Davis of Miami Shores. The Davis's four children are: James McArthur, age thirteen; John Rhodes, eleven; Nancy Jean, nine; and Linda, age six years.

JUDGE JAMES ROBERT KNÔTT

Circuit Judge James Robert Knott of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Palm Beach County, is a worthy member of a distinguished family and a native Floridian. His paternal grandfather, James R. Knott, served in the United States Army as a volunteer in Florida's Seminole Indian War, in 1836, afterward moving with his family to Lake County, Florida.

Judge Knott's father, William Valentine Knott, was born in Terrell County, Georgia, November 24, 1863. Now in his 97th year, he first entered service in the state government of Florida in 1895, when he was appointed State Auditor by Governor Mitchell. Prior to that time he had lived in central Florida, where he had phosphate mining and citrus interests, and in Tampa, where he owned and operated what was then the largest abstract business in the state. He served as State Auditor until 1903, when he was appointed State Treasurer by Governor Jennings, to succeed the late Judge James B. Whitfield, who was then appointed to the Supreme Court. In 1911 he was appointed State Comptroller by Governor Gilchrist, serving in that capacity until 1917. He was Democratic nominee for governor of the state in 1916. Later, after serving again as State Auditor, he was again State Treasurer, from 1928 until 1941, retiring at the age of 77. He served in the administrations of eleven governors of Florida.

The Judge's mother, Luella Pugh Knott, was born in Franklin County, North Carolina, May 31, 1872. She is the author of several books of poetry and the composer of more than fifty published songs. She is also the author of a printed, illustrated volume dealing with the family history and lineage, entitled "Reading Backward."

James Robert Knott was born in Tallahassee, Florida, January 8, 1910. He attended Oak Ridge Military Institute Oak Ridge, North Carolina, in 1926-27; graduated from Leon County High School, Tallahassee, in 1928; attended the University of North Carolina in 1928-29, and graduated from the University of Florida in 1934 with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Laws degree. In his senior year he was editor-in-chief of the University of Florida's yearbook, The Seminole. During the course of his college career he was initiated into the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and Florida Blue Key.

He practiced law in Jacksonville, Florida, from 1934 to 1946 (excepting three and a half years in active service as a Naval Reserve officer during World War II), being associated for three years with the late P. L. Gaskins and former Circuit Judge George Couper Gibbs, later Attorney General of Florida. He later practiced independently and served as attorney for the Florida East Coast Railway. In 1938 he was appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Florida Industrial Commission by Governor Cone, and later reappointed under Governor Holland.

Judge Knott entered the United States Naval Reserve on March 17, 1942, with a commission as Lieutenant (j.g.) and served as a deck officer on sea duty in the Atlantic for the major part of World War II, released from active duty as Lieutenant Commander.

In 1948, having commenced the practice of law in West Palm Beach, he was appointed by Governor Caldwell to serve as Deputy Commissioner for that district, embracing ten counties, and continued to serve in that capacity by appointment under Governors Warren and McCarty, Acting Governor Johns, and Governor Collins. He was appointed Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit by Governor Collins in June 1956, to fill the vacancy created by the disappearance of Judge C. E. Chillingworth. He was one of three attorneys who were recommended by the Palm Beach County Bar Association to the Governor for appointment as Circuit Judge, and was unopposed as a candidate in the two elections which have taken place since his elevation to the bench.

Judge Knott is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, of which he was a director in 1950-51. He is a director of the Florida Historical Society and president of the Palm Beach County Historical Society; a director of the West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club, and of the Palm Beach County Tuberculosis and Health Association; trustee and secretary of the Junior Museum of Palm Beach County; a member of the Library Board of the City of West Palm Beach; a member of the American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Florida Civil War Centennial Commission; a director of the Tuscawilla Club of West Palm Beach, and member of the Friars Club of Jacksonville; and a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of West Palm Beach.

He was married at the Episcopal National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on June 26, 1942, to Evelyn Douglas Causey, who was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, July 25, 1910. She is a daughter of Beverley Douglas Causey, born October 19, 1882, in Suffolk, Virginia, and Katherine Paul Causey, born May 9, 1880, in La-

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Crosse, Wisconsin. Her mother's father was John Paul of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Watertown, Florida, one of Florida's lumber and land barons around the turn of the century. Mrs. Knott is descended from William Dandridge of "Elsing Green," King William County, Virginia, the uncle of Martha Washington.

Judge and Mrs. Knott are the parents of a son and a daughter: James Douglas Knott, born December 18, 1943, in Richmond, Virginia, and Elizabeth Dandridge Knott, born September 25, 1945, in St. Augustine, Florida.

Judge Knott has a brother, Charles Knott, who is an attorney and lives in Tallahassee. He also has a sister, Mary Knott Bazemore, M.D., (Mrs. E. L. Bazemore) a practicing physician in Merion, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES H. WARWICK, JR.

The senior member of Warwick, Paul and Warwick, one of the outstanding law firms of the East Coast of Florida, Charles Henry Warwick, Jr., has been practicing his profession in West Palm Beach since 1926. In addition to his prominence as a lawyer, Mr. Warwick is and has been an active participant in the civic and social life of his community.

He was born in Nashville, Tennessee, March 27, 1894, son of Charles Henry and Alice Shannon Warwick. His father, born in Charlottesville, Virginia, was head of the Nashville Credit Men's Association until 1933, when he retired and came to West Palm Beach. He was manager of the Citizens Building, in which his son's offices are now located, until his death in November, 1949, at the age of 81. His wife and Charles Jr.'s mother, Alice Shannon, was born in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, daughter of Dr. Harvey Shannon, a physician, who was Captain of Sweatt's Battery under General Forrest in the Civil War and took part in the battles of Franklin and Shiloh. Dr. Shannon's wife, Lucy Irving, was a granddaughter of Major Vick, founder of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Charles Warwick, Jr. attended public school in Nashville and Winthrop Preparatory School, from which he was graduated in 1912; then studied law at Cumberland University, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1917, and did post-graduate work at Vanderbilt University. In January, 1918, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in World War I and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and assigned to Artillery as an Air Observer just before the Armistice. Honorably discharged on December 17, 1918, he served ten years in the Reserve Corps.

For three years before his enlistment Mr. Warwick had served as manager of the Credit Bureau of Nashville Credit Men's Association and after the war he returned to that Association and became attorney for the Adjustment Bureau. Having been admitted to the bar in the State of Tennessee in 1917, he began a general practice of law in Nashville in December 1918 and continued there until January of 1926.

At that time he came to West Palm Beach, Florida, on a visit, but liked the place so well that he decided to remain. With B. F. Paty and F. T. Fancher he became a member of the law firm of Paty, Fancher and Warwick, which continued under that name until Mr. Fancher retired in 1936. John A. Paul was admitted to the firm in 1946. Following the withdrawal of Mr. Paty in 1951 and the admission of Mr. Warwick's son to the firm, the name became Warwick, Paul and Warwick.

Mr. Warwick is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is a director and vice-president of the Bank of Palm Beach and Trust Company, and in addition to his other business activities is a citrus grower. He was president of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce in 1929, president of the West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club in 1934, chairman of the Civil Service Commission for six years and chairman of the West Palm Beach Golf Commission for eighteen years. He is a charter member of the West Palm Beach Golf Club, a member of the Everglades Club of Palm Beach and the Coral Beach Club; of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Phi Beta Phi legal fraternity, and an honorary member of this fraternity's chapter at Stetson University. A high-ranking Mason, he is a member of Harmonia Lodge of West Palm Beach and all bodies up to and including the 32nd degree of the Scottish Rite, and a member of Al Menah Temple Shrine at Nashville, Tennessee. He is also a member of the local American Legion Post, the Elks Lodge, and the First Methodist Church. Hunting is his favorite sport.

On November 15, 1921, Charles H. Warwick, Jr. married Elizabeth Clark Culbert, daughter of James and Mary Clark Culbert of Nashville, Tennessee. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Warwick:

1. Jane Elizabeth, now Mrs. John P. Wakeman of West Palm Beach. She graduated from Sweet Briar College in Virginia and also attended Stephen's College in Missouri. Mr. Wakeman is a local general contractor and served in the Navy in World War II. They have four children: 1) Jane Elizabeth 2) Jay 3) Mary Elizabeth 4) John P. Jr.

2. Charles Henry Warwick, III, born in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1924, is a graduate of McCauley Preparatory School, Chattanooga, Tennessee, the University of North Carolina with an A.B. degree, and Stetson Law College, DeLand, Florida, where he received an LL.B. degree in 1946. He served in World War II as pilot of a B-29 with the rank of Lieutenant. Now a member of his father's law firm, he is past president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, a director of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, first vice-president of West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club, and chairman of the West Palm Beach Golf Club. He married Elsie Cushman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cushman, and they have a son, Charles Henry Warwick, IV, and a daughter, Elsie Cushman Warwick.

3. Mary Clark Warwick, now Mrs. Stuart Bronaugh of Nashville, Tennessee, where her husband is an executive of General Shoe Corporation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bronaugh are graduates of Vanderbilt University. They have three children: 1) Ellen 2) J. Stuart, Jr. 3) James Warwick Bronaugh.

4. James S. Warwick, born in West Palm Beach in 1933, graduated from McCauley Preparatory School at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and from Vanderbilt University with an A.B. degree, and later attended the School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. He married Pattie Nall of Atlanta, and they became the parents of two daughters: Mary Ann and Shannon Warwick. James S. Warwick died March 22, 1956.

Newton B. T. Roney
Deceased 1952

NEWTON B. T. RONEY

A great developer and financier of Miami and Miami Beach was Newton B. T. Roney, builder of the great Roney Plaza Hotel and of many other hotels and commercial buildings in the Miami area. He was considered one of the greatest judges of land values which this country has ever produced.

Son of Newton M. and Sarah R. Roney, he was born at Camden, New Jersey, January 20, 1881. He attended the public schools of Camden and started out in life as a newsboy on the streets of that city. At the age of seventeen he worked as a clerk in a law office and, after completing a course in law, was admitted to the New Jersey bar at the age of twenty-one. He took a deep interest in Camden's city government and headed and financed a change in its form.

In the course of a trip to Cuba in 1909, he first visited Florida and saw the future possibilities of the Greater Miami area. Having already made a fortune in real estate, he returned to Miami in 1917. One of his first real estate deals there was the purchase and sale of the Old Elser Pier property at the foot of Flagler Street—at a "handsome" profit, according to the press. For the next seven years he bought street corners in Miami and Miami Beach and sold them at an immense profit. Special mention was made of five ocean-front lots which he reputedly bought for $16,000 and sold for $150,000. He did not begin building operations until 1920, but by 1925 had built and owned 200 shop units on Collins Avenue between Third and Twenty-third Street. He built the eighteen buildings on Espanola Way, and about fifteen hotels. The climax of this phase of his career was the Roney Plaza Hotel, built at a cost of two million dollars. Now the property of J. Meyer Schine and his son, David, it is still a showplace.

In 1924 Mr. Roney gave financial backing for a daily newspaper for Miami Beach, edited by Clayton Sedgwick Cooper. Publication stopped in 1927. In 1930 the financial wizard became one of the largest life insurance policy holders in the United States when he insured his life for one and a half million dollars. Although he went into semi-retirement in the early 1940's, he maintained an office on Lincoln Road.

For three years Mr. Roney was a trustee of the University of Miami, resigning in 1950. He was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Bath Surf and Indian Creek Clubs. A very active golfer, he played a good game.

Newton Roney was married January 25, 1907, at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City, to Gertrude Chisholm.

She is a daughter of David and Rachel Cooper, both natives of England. A daughter, Betty Chisholm Roney, now Mrs. Edwin J. Fitzpatrick of Plainfield, New Jersey, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roney on September 13, 1913. She has two children, Edwin J. Fitzpatrick, Jr., and Anne Roney Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Roney died in Philadelphia September 9, 1952. His widow still makes her home at 1401 North View Drive, Sunset Island No. 1, Miami Beach.

HUGH PAGE EMERSON

An outstanding success in the business world and a proven civic leader, Hugh Page Emerson of Miami is a man of many interests backed by an energetic and forceful personality.

He was born at Gray, Jones County, Georgia, August 2, 1900, son of Henry P. and Sallie S. (Roberts) Emerson. His father was a planter and fruit grower and a member of the Jones County Board of Education.

Hugh Emerson graduated from Gray High School and took several courses under the American Institute of Banking while working as a junior officer at the Bank of Gray, Georgia, for two years. He came to Miami on a vacation in 1920 and remained, entering the First National Bank, where he advanced to the position of vice-president.

Leaving banking in 1931 to enter the gasoline and oil business, he organized the Aeroland Oil Company of Miami, which serviced Pan American, World Airways and other air lines and has been the independent marketer of Standard Oil Company of Kentucky in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe counties. This firm also was sole distributor for United States Rubber Company from Sebastian to Key West and Fort Myers, until World War II curtailed tire sales.

In 1942 Mr. Emerson was appointed Postmaster for the City of Miami and held that office until he resigned in 1948 to devote all his time to his private business. Finding the post office manned with good men but lacking incentive, he instilled in the staff the need to develop new ideas, that the public might be better served. During his time as postmaster five branch offices and seven new contract stations were added, and the foundation for Biscayne Annex was laid before he resigned.

In addition to Aeroland Oil Company, Mr. Emerson has been president since 1947 of Royal Arrow Company, Inc., of Jacksonville, wholesale and retail distributors of gasoline, oil and tires. However, since 1955 he confines his activities to the wholesale oil products business.

He is a member of the National Association of Independent Tire Dealers and the National Oil Marketers Association, which he has served as vice-president, treasurer and director. He is a director and past vice-president of the Florida Trucking Association; a director (since 1936) of the Little River Bank and Trust Company of Miami; past president of the Sunset Island Home Owners Association; and a past director and vice president of the Executives Association of Greater Miami.

Highly active in Chamber of Commerce work, he served two terms as vice-president and two terms as secretary. He is also a member of the Miami Beach and Coral Gables Chambers of Commerce. He is a past president and director of the Dade County Research Foundation; a member of the Planning and Advisory Board of Metro-Dade County; chairman of the Miami Housing Authority; a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami, and has done much fund raising for that institution.

He has been a member of Miami Kiwanis Club since 1928 and is a past director and treasurer of this organization. He has been active as a director of Community Chest, United Fund and Red Cross drives; is a former member and director of the Miami YMCA; a member of Miami Beach Community Church and its Board of Trustees; a member and past Exalted Ruler of BPOE Lodge #948. He is an honorary member of Florida Na-

Hugh D. Emerson

tional Guard and the Police Benevolent Association; a member of Florida Traffice Golfers Association, the Humane Society, the Historical Association of Southern Florida, the American Rose Society, the Opera Guild of Greater Miami, the Committee of One Hundred. He is a founder member of the Bath Club and La Gorce Country Club, past president of the latter and served on its Board of Governors; also served on the Board of Governors of the Miami Country Club, and is a member of the Kings Bay Yacht Club.

Widely known for his hobby of growing roses at his beautiful Sunset Island home, he was invited to inspect rose gardens and green houses at Cannes on the French Riviera when touring there some years ago. His other hobby is golf.

Hugh Page Emerson was twice married, both times in Miami. On December 4, 1926, he married Exie Waters, daughter of William and Mattie Waters, and a native of Horse Cave, Kentucky, where she was born August 25, 1899. A daughter of this marriage, Ann Twyman Emerson Seits, was born in Miami March 4, 1930. Mrs. Seits has one child, Page Ann Seits.

On October 23, 1946, Mr. Emerson married Rosa Zimmerman, daughter of B. F. and Nancy (Marchant) Zimmerman, who was born in Greer, South Carolina, July 3, 1903. Their daughter, Nancy, was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In 1948 she married Dr. Harlan McKinney Starr, Jr., and they have two daughters, Marchant and Virginia Starr. Their youngest child, born in April, 1961, is named after his father.

Mr. Emerson's biography appears in "The Southerner," published by Southern Editors Association, New Orleans, in 1944; and in "Who's Who in America for 1959."

THE WIDENER FAMILY

One of the wealthy families of Philadelphia, the Wideners have been called "The Royal Family of Racing." But before they could indulge in the Sport of Kings a fortune had to be made, and it was made in America.

Christopher, or Johann Christoph Widener, the immigrant ancestor of the family, arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 2, 1752, aboard the "Phoenix," from Rotterdam by way of Portsmouth, England. Christopher Widener was twice married in the Colonies. Of his second marriage, to Margaretha Engelhardt, six children were born. Michael Widener, the second of these children, was the progenitor of the branch of the family which we are considering. He was born February 20, 1765, and died in 1798. In 1789 he married Susannah Huhn, and they were the parents of John and Susan. John Widener was born in Philadelphia June 14, 1790. He became a brick manufacturer in that city and laid the foundation for the industrial enterprise associated with the family name. On March 31, 1811, in Philadelphia, he married Sarah Fulmer. Of their three children, Margaret, George and Peter Arrell Brown, Peter was destined to further the family fame and fortune.

Peter Arrell Brown Widener was born in Philadelphia November 13, 1834, and was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, including Central High School. For a while he was engaged in the meat business. He became interested in street railways at an opportune time, when this form of urban transporation was undergoing its greatest period of development. He also became active in other large corporations, among them the Cresson and Clearfield Coal Company, and served as a director of the following companies: Metropolitan Street Railway Company of New York; Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company; Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company; The Reading Company; the and Title and Trust Company; the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortages; the United States Steel Corporation; and International Mercantile Marine.

Peter Widener, the first, became widely known as a philanthropist. He built and endowed the Widener Memorial Schools for Crippled Children at Philadelphia and Longport, New Jersey, and gave the building to house the Free Public Library in Philadelphia. He was a lover of fine art and collected many valuable paintings. Active in Republican politics, in 1873 he was appointed to serve out the term of Joseph F. Mercer as City Treasurer of Philadelphia, and was elected to that office the following year.

On August 18, 1858, Peter A. B. Widener married Hannah Josephine Dunton, daughter of Captain John Lewis and Susan B. (Pierson or Pearson) Dunton, of the eighth generation of her family in America. She was born in Philadelphia about 1836 and died July 31, 1896, aboard her yacht, the "Josephine," at Bar Harbor, Maine. Her husband died November 6, 1915.

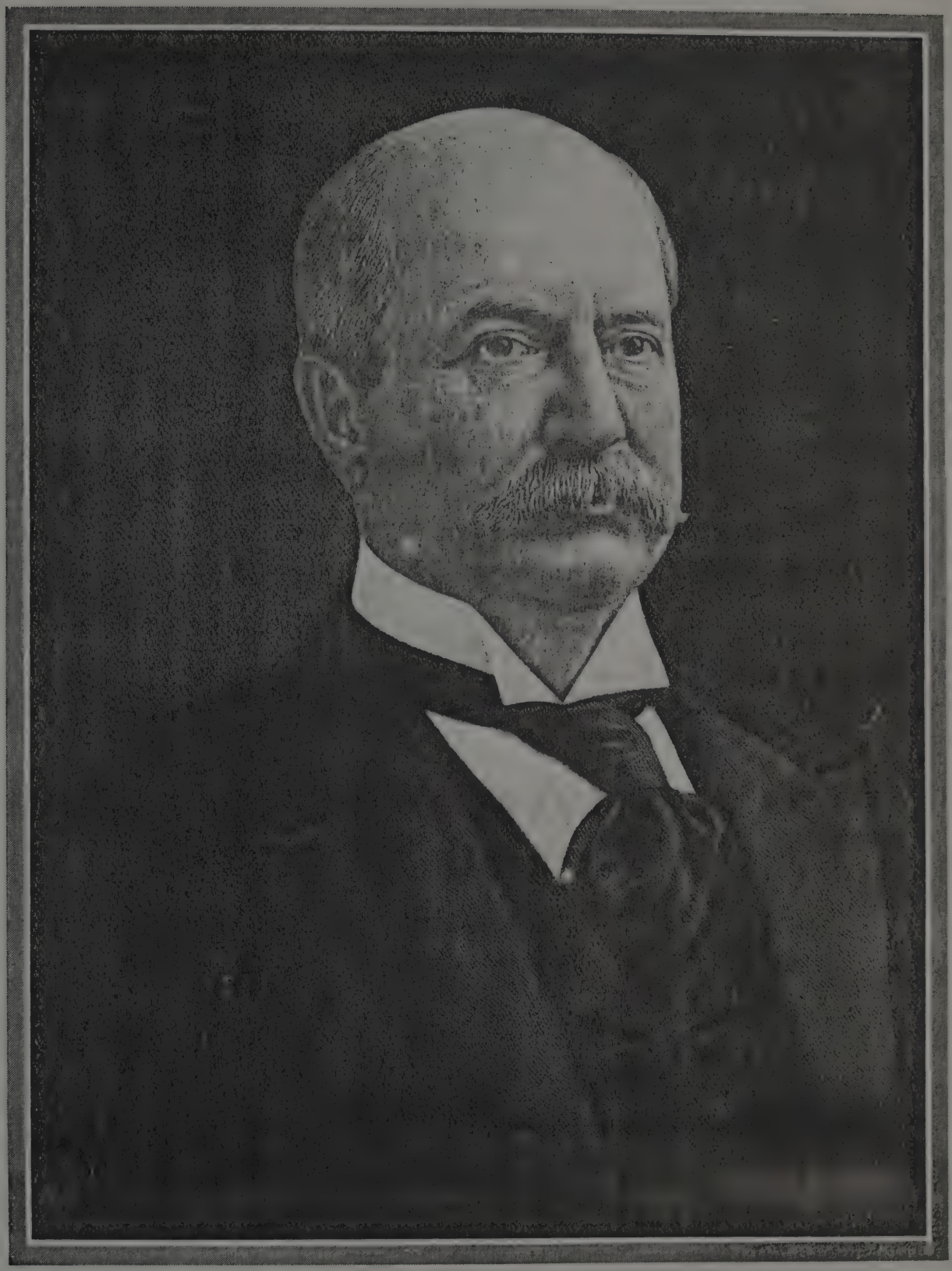
The children of Peter and Hannah Dunton Widener were:

1. Henry, who died young.
2. George Dunton Widener, born June 16, 1861, who died April 15, 1912, aboard the ill-fated "Titanic." He was the father of George D. Widener, Chairman of the American Jockey Club (highest honor in American horse racing), who was active with his uncle in the development of Hialeah Park.
3. Joseph Early Widener, whose story follows.

Joseph Early Widener was born in Philadelphia August 19, 1871, and completed his formal education at the University of Pennsylvania. He carried on many of the busines interests of his father and became a director of the following companies: United States Realty and Improvement Company; Church Properties Fire Insurance Company; Electric Storage Battery Company; Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company; Philadelphia National Bank; Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; Land Title and Bank Trust Company; Land Title Building Corporation; Philadelphia and Reading Terminal Railroad; Philadelphia, Newtown and New York Railroad; The Reading Company.

He was a trustee of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Fairmount Park Art Association, and the Widener Memorial School for Crippled Children; a director of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts; and a member and vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

Best known, at least in Florida, as the founder of Hialeah Park Race Track, Joseph E. Widener had been raising thoroughbred horses and had been active in horse racing in the North for some time before he turned his attention to Hialeah. He maintained a stud farm near Lexington, Kentucky, and until 1934 had one at Chantilly, France. He was the principal owner of the Westchester Racing Association of New York, operators of the Belmont Park Race Track on Long Island which he practically made over. He was a governor of the Saratoga Association, controlling group for racing at the Saratoga track; governor of the Turf and Field Club; and for a long time was steward of the American Jockey Club. For a number of years he was a director



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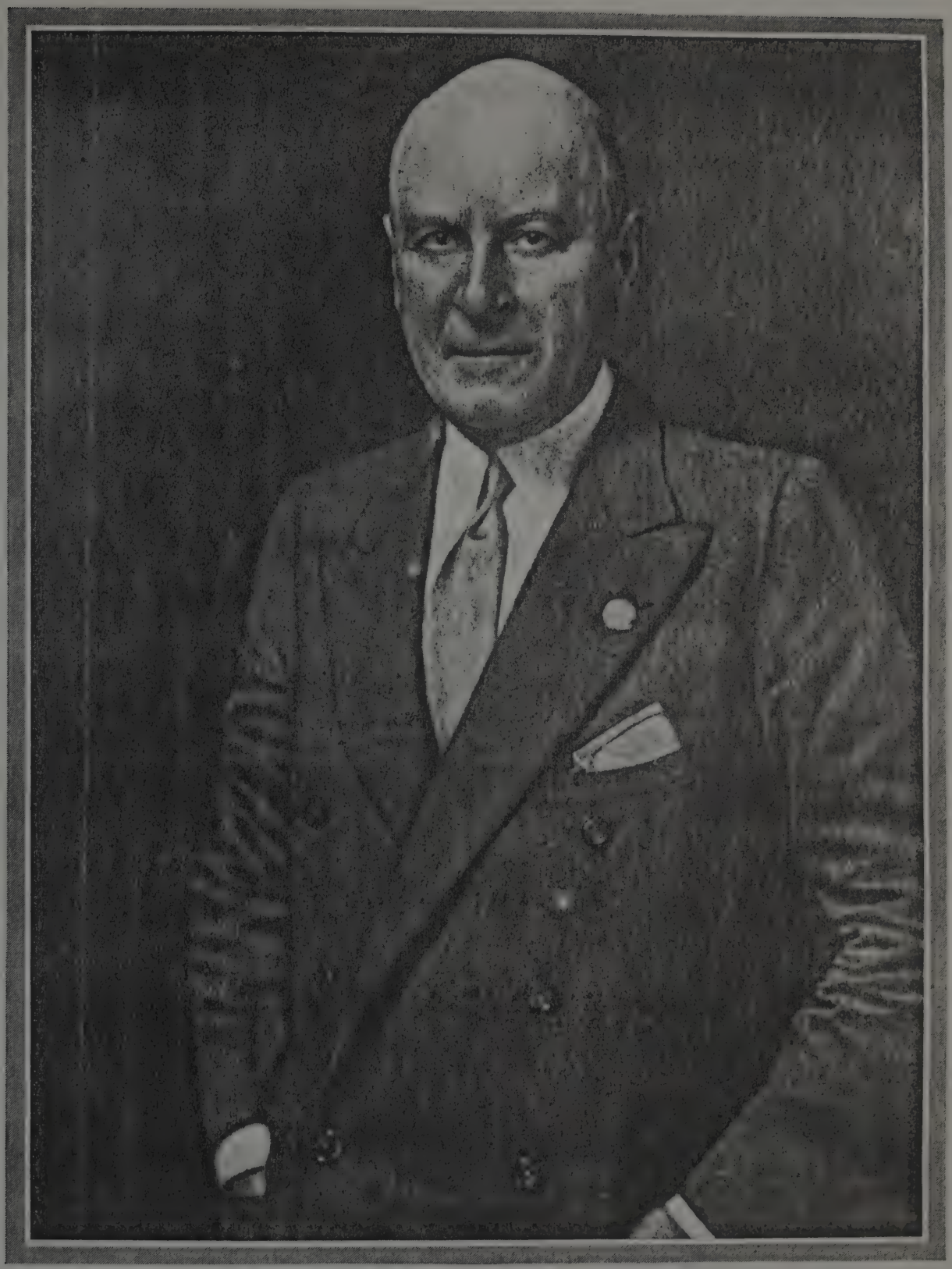

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of the Brooklyn Jockey Club and the Queens County Jockey Club, and was steward of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. He was also principal owner and chairman of the board of the Miami Jockey Club.

Hialeah was his crowning achievement. Taking it over in 1931, he set himself the task of outdoing the finest courses in Europe and at least equalling the best in this country, and did not fall short of his goal. Called the most beautiful race track in the world, Hialeah Park's setting of royal palms, tropical shrubs and pink flamingoes could hardly be equalled anywhere else. At the instigation of Mr. Widener, two innovations were made at Hialeah Park which have changed the course of American horse racing. They are the saliva test and the automatic totalizer.

Like his father, Joseph E. Widener was a collector of fine art. He had over 300 valuable paintings, including Rembrandts, Titians, Raphaels, Gainsboroughs, Van Dycks, Holbeins and Millets. These he presented to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., where they could be enjoyed by all. Even his Kentucky barns were jewels of Norman French architecture, imported from France brick by brick, their roofs adorned with carved stone figures of barnyard animals and birds.

On March 27, 1893, Joseph Early Widener married, as her second husband, Eleanor Holmes (Pancoast) Heberton, of the eighth generation of the Pancoast family in America, daughter of Albert and Rebecca Emily (Thomas) Pancoast and granddaughter of Dr. Joseph Pancoast, pioneer American surgeon who was Professor of Surgery at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. Eleanor Holmes Pancoast was born April 28, 1873, and as Mrs. Joseph E. Widener died May 4, 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Widener were the parents of two children:

1. Peter Arrell Brown Widener, II, of whom further.

2. Josephine Pancoast Widener, born August 22, 1902, at Newport, Rhode Island; who married, first, Carter R. Leidy, and, last, Anson A. Bigelow. By her first marriage she had a daughter, Joan Widener Leidy, now Mrs. James Chandler Roy, who is living with her family in Switzerland. Mrs. Josephine Widener Bigelow died March, 1961, at Palm Beach, Florida, where she had been a resident for fifteen years. In August, 1960, she gave to American Legion Post No. 12 the Anson A. Bigelow Memorial Scholarship of $50,000, to provide annual scholarships for graduate study to worthy men and women of Palm Beach County.

Joseph E. Widener died October 26, 1943, at "Lynnewood Hall" in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, leaving a record of achievement of particular interest to Floridians. His Hialeah Park race track brought thousands of people to Florida. To perpetuate his memory, Widener Cup Day is an annual feature of the racing season at Hialeah. For many years the Wideners spent their winters at their beautiful estate, "Il Palmetto," in Palm Beach.

Peter Arrell Brown Widener, II, was born June 25, 1895, at Long Branch, New Jersey, and died April 20, 1948. He attended Chestnut Hill Academy, St. Mark's School, and Harvard University, entering in 1915. However, in the fall of his freshman year he left college to join Base Hospital No. 15, known as the Mackay Unit, which served overseas in World War I. He was later attached to the Advanced Division of Medicine and Surgery under General John M. Finney, late of Johns Hokpins Hospital, Baltimore. Up to January 18, 1917, he served with the rank of first sergeant. Then commissioned a first lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps, he served in this capacity until the Armistice, whereupon he returned to the United States as a Casual Officer.

Upon resuming civic activities, Mr. Widener became active in club life. He was a member of the Racquet Club, the Leash Club, and the American Jockey Club, all of New York; the Clambake Club of Newport, Rhode Island; and the Interallied Club of Paris, France.

Peter A. B. Widener, II, married, as her second husband, on November 4, 1924, at "Lynnewood Hall," Gertrude Thomson (Douglas) Peabody, of the sixth generation of the Douglas family in America, daughter of Curtis Noble and Nancy Sherman (Thomson) Douglas, and granddaughter of Honorable John Pettit Douglas, prominent wholesaler and politician in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. B. Widener, II, had two children:

1. Peter A. B. Widener, III, whose sketch follows.

2. Ella Ann Widener, born June 14, 1928, who married Cortright Wetherill on Feburary 12, 1949.

Peter Arrell Brown Widener, III, was born August 12, 1925, at New York City, N.Y. He attended grammar school in the Palm Beach area, Meadowbrook School outside Philadelphia, and St. Mark's School, Southboro, Massachusetts. After military service overseas with the 286th Combat Engineers during World War II, he became manager of his family's Kentucky farm. Elmendorf Farms at Lexington, Kentucky, where he has a homestead, is headquarters for the famous Widener stable of fleet thoroughbred racing stock. He is also well known in Montana where, at Helmville, he owns the Double W Ranch.

Law enforcement has been Mr. Widener's primary off-track interest. In Kentucky he became a deputy constable, then a detective, then chief of the Fayette County road patrol. He was a colorful figure in county law enforcement, sometimes taking another officer along when he went on a manhunt. In 1955 Governor A. B. Chandler named him Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police. In that post he guided the expansion of the State Police into a full-fledged Department of Public Safety, and when that department superseded the State Police in the fall of 1956, Governor Chandler appointed Widener Kentucky's first Commissioner of Public Safety.

A Palm Beach winter resident for most of his life, Mr. Widener has made his permanent home there since October of 1957. Following the suspension of Sheriff Martin M. Kellenberger on August 19, 1961, Governor Farris Bryant appointed "Pete" Widener as Sheriff of Palm Beach County. In making the appointment Governor Bryant said:

> "I have every confidence that Pete Widener will impart to the sheriff's department of Palm Beach County his personal integrity, and that under his leadership it will be a credit to the county and to Florida."

A columnist in a local paper writes:

> "'Good morning, Sheriff,' is a greeting which seldom, if ever, has been extended in the socially sacrosanct halls of the elegant Everglades Club, the Palm Beach Bath and Tennis Club, or amid swank yachting and turf club circles on the Gold Coast. Comes now genial Peter A. B. Widener, III, who, as new Palm Beach County Sheriff, brings to the office his impressive background of family prestige, in-

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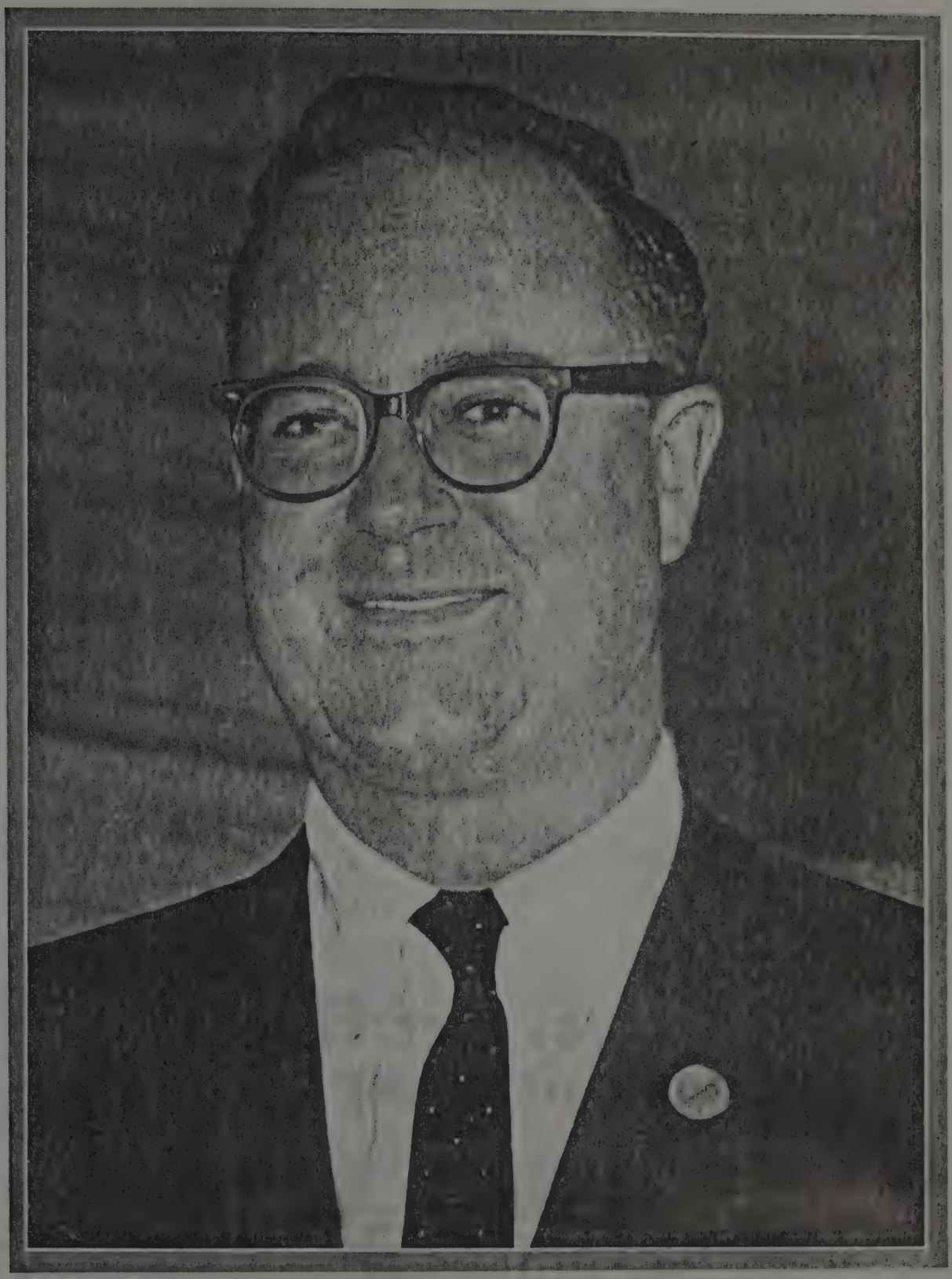


P. A. B. Widener III

Patricia Massie Widener

fluential business associations, entree to diplomatic circles, and social dignity."

The writer goes on to say that Widener also brings operational know-how to "Popeye's Navy," the small fleet of waterway and harbor craft owned by the Sheriff's office. An avid yachtsman, he owns the attractive sea-going vessel, Jet Stream, a Rybovich boat finished in 1961.

The father of three children, Peter A. B. Widener, III, was formerly married to Louise Van Meter, a director and former general chairman of the International Women's Fishing Association. With his present wife, the former Patricia Cabell Massie, he now resides on South Ocean Boulevard, Palm Beach.

ALFRED B. MICHAEL

Dean of the Florida Citrus Industry, so designated by both the Florida Citrus Mutual and Florida Citrus Commission, Alfred B. Michael is one of Florida's over-all pioneers. When he came to the East Coast as a boy of ten years in 1887, the total population of Florida was less than 10% of what it is today. Key West, with 10,000, was the largest city; Jacksonville second, with 7,600. Tampa was a mere village of 1,000 and Miami wasn't even listed.

The Michael family came to Virginia in the 1600's, spreading from there to Maryland, and what is now West Virginia, and also over the Allegheny Turnpike to Ohio. A. B. Michael was born August 28, 1877, at Paw-Paw, West Virginia, where his father at that time was an engineer in a tannery. His father, S. K. Michael, was born June 8, 1845, his mother, Laura Elizabeth Miller, on March 31, 1847. S. K. Michael was first a farmer, later an engineer in a sawmill and in a tannery. During one of Florida's earliest booms, in 1883, he came to Panama City, Florida, and bought some land but did not settle there. Soon afterwards he bought land around Gainesville. In 1886 he came down the St. Johns River, crossed over to Cocoa and was on his way to where Miami now is located, when he stopped in the area of the Indian River called the Narrows, where a man he met on the trip sold him some land. On Orchid Island (so called from the wild orchids that hung from the trees), across the river from what is now Wabasso, eight miles north of Vero Beach, he chose his homesite, and brought his family there in 1887.

There were only several hundred persons living the length of the Indian River, from Titusville to Jupiter, when the Michael family settled on Orchid Island. The common house of the area was a palmetto shack, but the Michaels had a wooden house built of upright boards with battens over the cracks. It was lined with a heavy paper, which A. B.'s mother tacked on. His father strengthened it with weather boarding several years later, and it was sound enough to withstand several hurricanes. With a few additions, it stood until 1925, when it was torn down to make way for a modern home.

A. B.'s father earned his first cash raising bananas, which were shipped by schooner to the Charleston market. Not much cash was needed once the land was cleared and crops growing. Game and fish were plentiful. As a boy A. B. had to catch so many fish that he lost all feeling for it as a sport. His father planted a few orange trees, which survived the freezes of that period, proving that Orchid Island was a good place for a grove.

Every family had to have a boat for transportation, for there were no roads. The Michaels had a 17 or 18-foot sailboat in which they visited their neighbors or brought supplies from Titusville, Melbourne or Sebastian, if they did not want to wait for the trading boat. Like everyone else on the river, A. B. learned to sail as a child, and was hired as a hand on a boat when he was thirteen. He sailed to Charleston, South Carolina, Key West, and the Bahamas. After a few trips he went to work for his uncle, Walter Kitching, on his trade boat in the Indian River.

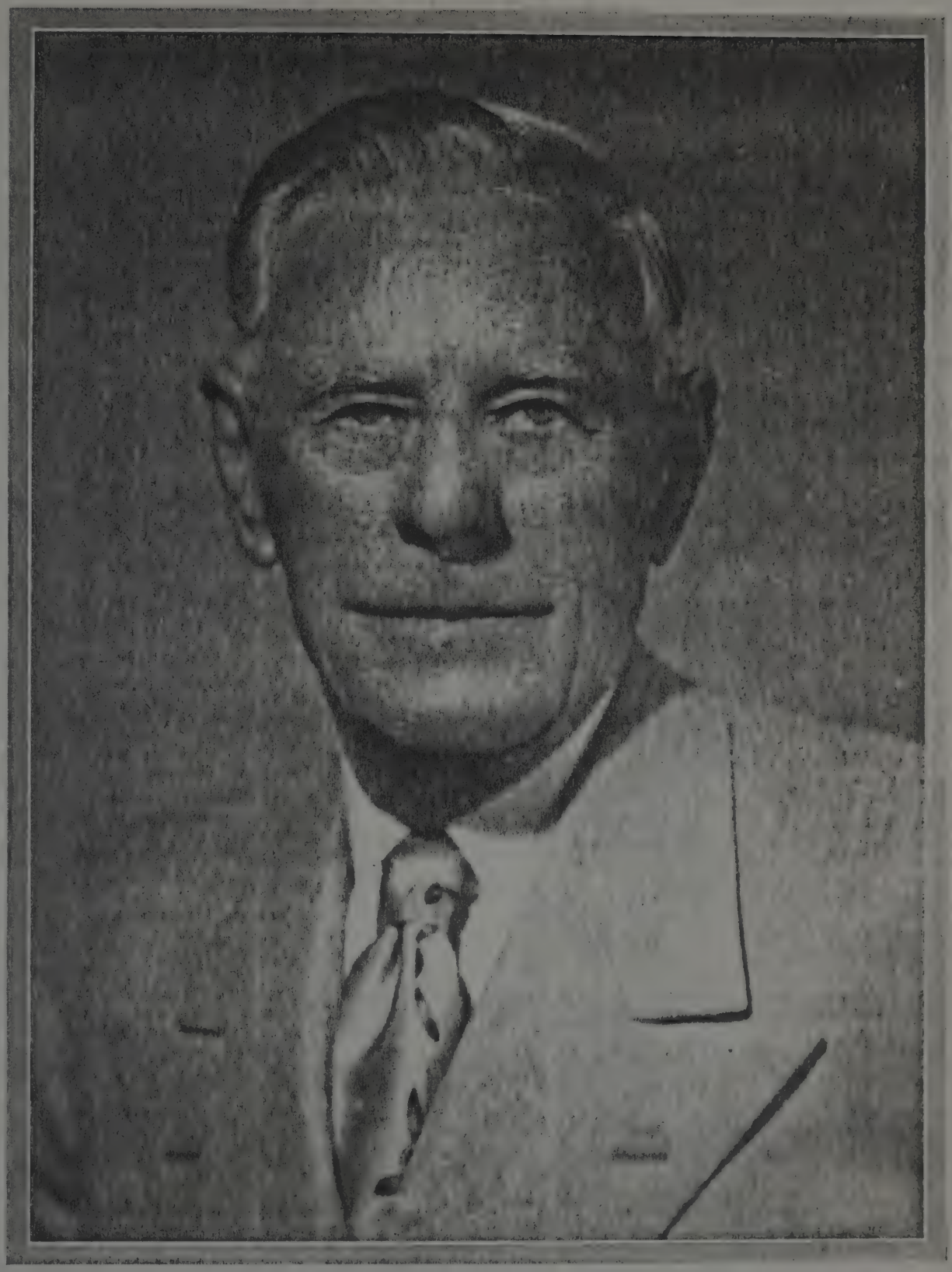
Michael had the usual amount of schooling obtainable in those days—about three months in the winter—and quit work several winters to go to school. The teachers were women who could read and write but had no training as teachers—usually old-maid aunts or women whose children were grown. They taught the three R's in a little one-room wooden building, and believed in spanking. Part of their pay was their board, and they generally stayed with the Michaels.

When his uncle gave up sailing to settle in Stuart, A. B. Michael, then eighteen, became captain of a 60-foot schooner, the Merchant, with a crew of four, and ran the boat's trading business. The captain of a schooner had to know how to make his own repairs. The nearest dry dock was in Titusville, and often a repair had to be made without pulling the boat out of the water. There were three or four of these trading boats, selling supplies to everyone on the river. They carried everything, from nails to food that could not be grown at home, including dress goods and some shoes. There was a makeshift dressing room on Michael's boat where women could try on corsets. The crew made a pet of a black snake, which kept the rats and mice under control—until a woman customer encountered it behind a bolt of cloth. By the time she came out of her faint "Satan" had been spirited off the boat.

When the boat approached a dock, a crew member would blow a blast on a conch shell, and the people who wanted to buy or visit came out on their dock. There was some barter, but most of the business was transacted in silver and gold. When Michael had more cash on hand than he liked to carry, he would board it up in a cartridge box and ship it by river steamer to the bank at Cocoa. These steamers, which came to the Indian River from the Mississippi, starting about 1889, carried passengers and freight on long hauls and did not compete with the trading schooners.

Michael ran his trading boat until 1900, when he went to Macon, Georgia, to attend the Georgia-Alabama Business College. When he came back, he opened a general store at Eden, a branch belonging to Colonel S.F. Travis of Cocoa, and ran this about two years. Eden was in the heart of the pineapple district, which was flourishing at that time, and Michael considered going into the pineapple-raising business, but wisely decided in favor of citrus.

Because of lack of educational facilities, his family moved from Orchid Island to Oakland in Orange County, then to Daytona Beach. In 1902 A. B. bought the MacAllister place, located just south of his father's property. The first artesian well south of Merritt Island was on this land, having been drilled in 1889 or 1890. The Michael boys would row down the river to fill barrels with water for drinking purposes, as the surface water available was slightly brackish. A. B. also bought his father's homeplace about the same time and started to plant his first citrus trees, grubbing the land himself along with his two Negro helpers, who



A. B. Michael

had worked with him on the trading boat. Today he has the satisfaction of knowing that the beginnings of his citrus empire were carved out by his own hands.

In his early days on the trading schooner he had visited the Old Drummett grove near Titusville, generally considered the oldest sweet orange grove and the first commercial one in the area. The Drummetts had come from the Barbados Island in 1816 and purchased 3,000 acres on Merritt Island in 1825. The first postmaster of Orchid, Captain Frank Forster, who planted the first commercial grove in Indian River County, got his plantings from the Drummetts, and Michael's grove came from second-generation trees from the Drummett plantation.

He started his own seedling nursery, budding to the varieties of citrus he wanted. By 1903 he had his first ten acres of grove planted. From ten to fifteen acres were cleared each year and planted, and more land bought, at from $30 to $200 an acre. Today he has over 600 acres of bearing Indian River grapefruit on Orchid Island. Having found that a superior grapefruit grew on the island soil, whereas his oranges were only average, he put most of his Orchid Island acreage into grapefruit and acquired orange groves on Merritt Island.

For a cash crop while the citrus trees were growing, Michael planted beans and tomatoes. There was no migratory labor for harvesting, so the planting was staggered. Beans were planted two bushels every two weeks from September to February, and harvested into April. In those days two cars of string beans could affect the market more than a trainload today, for fresh winter vegetables were a rarity in the North.

In handling his workers Michael showed the wisdom of a Solomon, and so avoided labor trouble. When a new man was needed he was hired for a two-week period, at the end of which the crew voted whether he should be put to work permanently. He was judged according to his capacity, less being expected of an older man than of a young buck. The system worked so well that a feeling of good-fellowship sprang up among the men, and they stayed on indefinitely. In the early days Michael worked with his crews. Starting at dawn, they worked in the fields all day, packed the fruit or vegetables, and at night moved them across the river to be shipped from Wabasso. There was no overtime, but no layoffs either. In slack seasons he set a week's work Monday morning, and if it was finished Friday night Saturday was a holiday and everybody could go fishing. Fishing was good in those days. The river ran thick with mullet, and pompano and bass followed them. Occasionally, after a trying day Michael would pass out a ration of whiskey. The singing and friendship of a day's work rewarded is something he likes to remember.

When his trees began to bear, the fruit was packed at his own packing house on Orchid Island in boxes bound with birch hoops brought from Maine. Only perfect fruit could be shipped, because bruised fruit would not stand the long trip to market. It was laid, not dropped, into the boxes, and went unwashed because it kept better that way.

As his operation grew, Michael decided to abandon his own packing house and concentrate on production. In 1917 he consolidated with Deerfield Groves Company of Cocoa and moved his fruit up river by boat to a packing house at Cocoa, from which it was trucked to the railroad. In 1919 the company put up a packing house at Wabasso and moved fruit to it by barge until 1928, when a bridge to the island was built.

In the early years the citrus business lacked the organization it has today. There was virtually no standardization of grades. Mr. Michael believes that E. P. Porcher, who was president of Deerfield Groves Company when he consolidated his operation with theirs, contributed more than anyone else in the state to improving and standardizing the grades of citrus. Porcher also was particularly concerned with extra care in handling and attractive packaging. He worked out a washing machine with sponges to prevent the fruit from being damaged in the process. Deerfield Groves, which has never failed to pay a dividend since its organization in 1913, was always jealous of its reputation. Mr. Michael was determined to keep it that way, and throughout his entire career has insisted on first-quality fruit. This policy has paid off, and the reputation of Indian River fruit which he did so much to create has set an example which more growers are following today.

Deerfield was one of the first citrus concerns to conduct a big advertising campaign. When the play, "Lightnin'," was on Broadway, the company persuaded the producer to use an orange crate marked with the Deerfield label in each performance. This was followed up with ads in the New York subways identifying the fruit name with the popular star of the play, Frank Bacon. Their next problem was how to label the fruit itself. Michael and Porcher went to work on it and produced a machine with rubber stamps and indelible ink that was fairly successful. Then Frank Ahlburg, who was working on a similar problem with apples in Washington state, was brought to Florida and eventually worked out the automatic electric branding machine still in use. Michael, who was an original stockholder and director of American Fruit Growers, Inc., organized in 1919, gave that company the exclusive use of the branding process for several years. They finally made it available to competitors, and it is used by practically all Florida and California packers today.

Michael was vice-president and general manager of Deerfield Groves Company, attending to production, while Porcher handled packing and marketing. In 1919 Porcher retired and Michael took over full charge of the company. He became Regional Vice-President in charge of Florida operations for American Fruit Growers, Inc., one of the largest marketing agencies for fruit and vegetables in the country, and was largely responsible for making the "Blue Goose" label famous. He was responsible for all the fruit that passed through 26 packing houses, from Fort Myers to Ocala. He became convinced that careless handling caused huge losses, and fought it, insisting on the best possible care in picking and handling.

In 1928 a heart attack forced Mr. Michael to give up all work except holding American Fruit Grower's and Deerfield's interests on the Indian River. He withdrew from A.F.G. in 1946. In 1948 he lost 6,000 trees in his oldest grove by flooding with salt water, which stood over two feet on his front lawn, killing flowers and shrubbery. But the main groves came through in fairly good shape.

Mr. Michael has always been opposed to the marketing of fruit by a single organization, but has supported a regulating agency which would work against extreme fluctuations in the market. In the early 1930's he supported William I. Fee of Fort Pierce, who organized the Indian River Citrus League which now has about 1,400

members, and in which he is a director and member of the executive committee. He has spearheaded many a fight to protect the coveted name of Indian River for the state's premium fruit. His groves, spread over the Indian River area, are rated by citrus men to be the finest anywhere. He was one of the pioneers of the movement which resulted in the establishment of Florida Citrus Mutual, now the largest citrus organization of its kind in the world, and has served as a director since its inception. He is also a member of its executive committee and vice-president emeritus. A former member of Florida Citrus Commission, he is now chairman of Governor Collins' Advisory Committee, recommending appointments to the Commission.

In public service programs outside of the citrus field Mr. Michael has also been active. He served on the Everglades National Park Commission for four years, 1946 to 1950; was an original member of a state committee on water resources which grew into the Flood Control Commission; a member of Florida State Improvement Commission from September, 1953, to June, 1957; and County Commissioner of St. Lucie County for about six years. He is a director of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, a member of National Rivers and Harbors Congress, National Parks Association, and the Florida Historical Society. He also holds membership in the Navy League of the United States and in the Yacht Racing Union, and is a Commodore of Florida Sailing Association. He is a member of the Elks Lodge.

In 1908 A. B. Michael brought his bride, Miss Beulah Eby of Dayton, Ohio, to Orchid Island, and his four children grew up there. They are Elizabeth, Jeannette, Alfred B., Jr., and Joseph. The first two started school in a one-room schoolhouse on the island but went to Vero Beach for high school. Later Elizabeth was sent to the Cathedral School in Orlando, then to Miss Madiera's School in Washington, D. C., and finally to finishing school in Tarrytown, New York. She married Ulrich Kowalski, Wall Street broker, who changed his surname to Michael. They lived at Mount Kisco, New York, until the second world war, when he went into the United States Air Force, being mustered out as Major at the end of the war. They ran the Calico Center, which is now Michael's Fabrics, a fine fabric shop in Delray Beach. Elizabeth died in 1958. Jeanette also attended Miss Madeira's School in Washington, then Burnham School in Northampton, Massachusetts, and Smith College. She married George Lier, who owned a Texaco service station. They also own groves and live on Orchid Island.

The boys attended public school in Vero Beach until they were sent to Darlington in Rome, Georgia; then went to the University of Florida. Like their father, they grew up on the water, sailing small boats. They raced boats in the 12 to 18-foot class all along the east coast, and won enough trophies to start a pawn shop. The Antonis Trophy, for World Champion in the moth class, given at Atlantic City, New Jersey, was won by A. B., Jr. in 1934, when he was about sixteen. He also sailed boats in Norway, where he spent some time.

On graduating from the University of Florida in 1940, A. B., Jr. took his own training in flying and taught flying until he entered the Navy after Pearl Harbor. His first active duty was on the North Atlantic Patrol stationed at Newfoundland. He then ferried planes to the Pacific and spent the last eighteen months as a test pilot. On leaving the service as a Senior Lieutenant, he went with the Coca-Cola Company and later owned a Coca-Cola plant in Stamford, Connecticut. He now lives in Delray Beach where he owns a boat yard, operating under the name of "Marineway."

Joe, who won his share of sailing trophies, joined the Army and was in the Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, then in the Air Corps. After flying his crew to Europe he did a full tour of missions over Germany. His flying career as a Captain ended with the Air Transport Command, and C-54's claimed his attention until the war was over. He now has charge of harvesting Deerfield Groves Company production and looking after his personal grove interests on Orchid Island, where he has his home.

A. B. Michael, Sr., now has eight grandchildren. A few years ago he lost his wife, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter in an automobile accident. Today he lives alone with his devoted Negro servants, Oscar and Mabel, who have been with the family for thirty years, in a lovely Spanish-type home on the original Orchid Isle homesite. He is well known for his many philanthropies throughout the area. Work is his hobby. He would rather be in that little white office in Wabasso than anywhere else in the world. And there you will find him daily, seeking new ways to improve and promote the industry that has been his life's work.

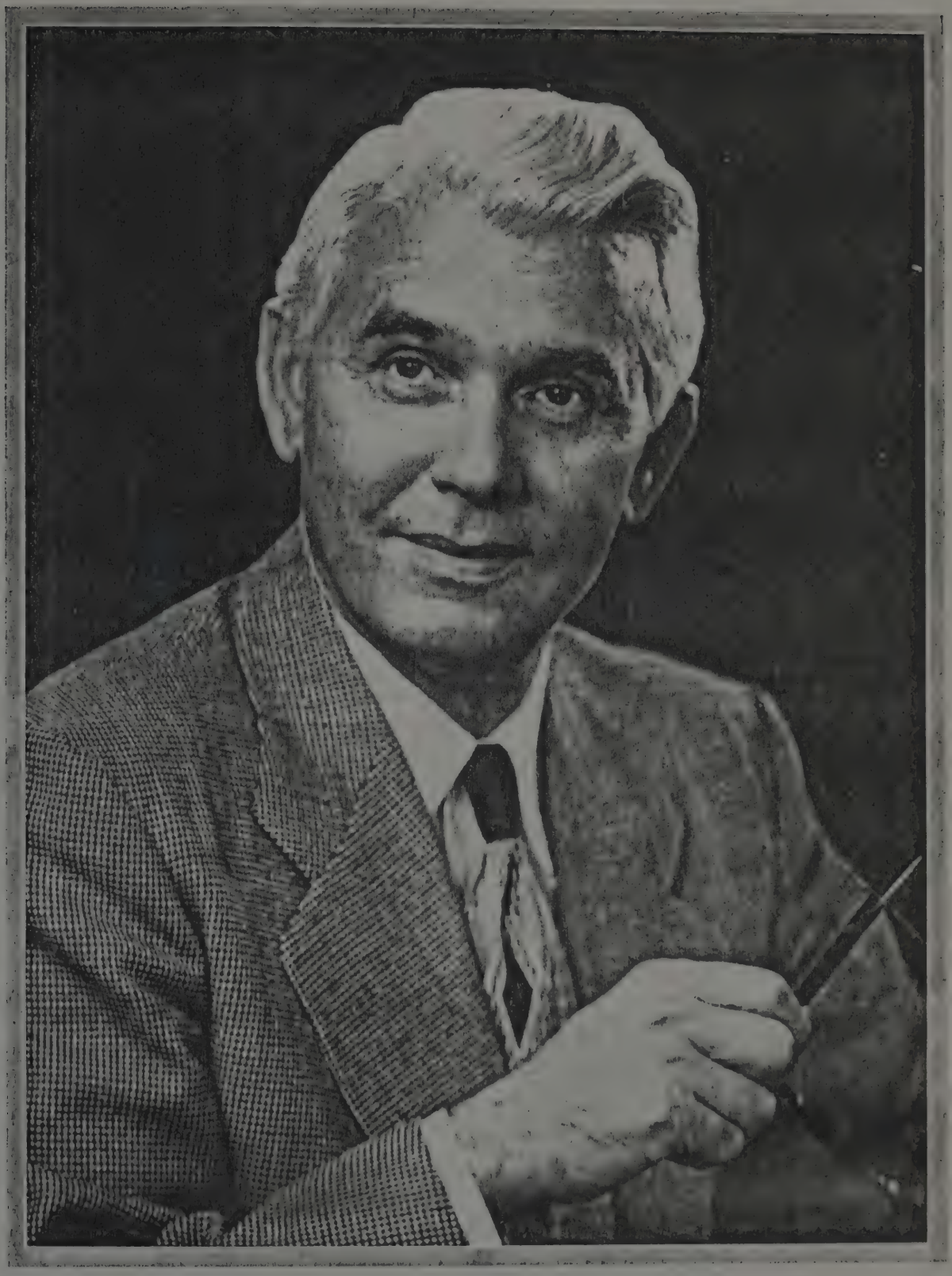
DR. ELLWOOD CECIL NANCE

Born in Ashland, Kentucky, December 14, 1900, Dr. Ellwood C. Nance, chief author and editor of this publication, is living a rich, full and fruitful life. His professional record includes successful careers in the military, ministry, higher education, authorship, on the lecture platform and in civic leadership. His renown has long since reached beyond the confines of Florida (to which he has devoted twenty-five years of his professional life) and of our nation. Articles by or about him have been published throughout Latin America and Europe and in some of the Communist-dominated countries, in which he is not in favor. In Russia, he was condemned over Radio Moscow and in the newspaper Isvestia. Former Russian Foreign Minister Vishinski condemned him before the United Nations for his advocacy of more effective opposition to Communist designs against the United States.

His Scottish mother, Daisy Thompson Nance, endowed him with spiritual insight and industry. From his French father, Henry Nance (both parents were born in this country), he inherited a liberal and tolerant outlook on life, intellectual curiosity, independence of thought and a creative interest in the good and beautiful in people and nature. From both parents he inherited a great love for our Country.

Seventeen days after the beginning of World War I, at the age of sixteen, Ellwood Nance "played hookey" from school and enlisted in the United States Army. Eleven months after the end of the war, at the age of nineteen, he returned from Europe, having served in a machine-gun battalion and the infantry of the Third Division through six major battles and a ten months' tour of duty in the Army of Occupation in Germany. The war had aged his body and matured his mind and he had some rather compelling convictions about what he would make of his life in the future.

It was probably revulsion to the causes and fruits of war that led him to decide on the Christian ministry. To prepare himself for this new way of life he studied in seven colleges, universities and seminaries (including Northwestern University, Harvard University, the



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University of Washington, Kentucky Christian College, and Cincinnati Bible Seminary) for a period of eight years, and was ordained to the ministry of the Christian Church. (In later years he received an honorary Doctor of Laws and a Doctor of Education degree.)

Between his ordination and the year, 1939, he was pastor of churches in Kentucky, Ohio, Florida, and the State of Washington. After seventeen years in the church he left the pastorate to become Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Religion at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

Shortly after our country declared war on Germany and her allies in World War II, Dr. Nance resigned the deanship at Rollins and accepted a commission as Chaplain in the United States Army. For a short time he was Regimental Chaplain of the 84th Division Artillery and Post Chaplain at Fort Adams, but his chief contribution in World War II was as a senior member of the faculty of the Chaplain's School at Harvard University, where he helped train more than 8,000 chaplains of all faiths for the United States Army.

At the end of World War II Dr. Nance was called to the Presidency of the University of Tampa and served in that capacity for twelve years, until June 15, 1957. During this period his contributions in the field of higher education, his writings and his lectures from coast to coast in the United States made both Dr. Nance and the University of Tampa internationally known. More than 2,000 publications in this country and South America carried articles by or about Dr. Nance and the University of Tampa during his presidency.

This university today, fully accredited, endowed and physically expanded, is a monument to Dr. Nance's leadership of this institution. He built up the student enrollment from 200 to 1,500, left the school with five new buildings and a highly trained and enlarged faculty, and a reputation for excellence in academics.

When Dr. Nance resigned from the University of Tampa in 1957, his alumni, trustees, the educational and secular press were profuse in their recognition of his contributions to the City of Tampa and to higher education.

As we would expect of such a public leader as Dr. Nance, he has received wide acclaim for his services to humanity through his leadership in religion, civics and education and his writings. He received the annual award for outstanding leadership three times during his seventeen years in the church; the University of Florida Centennial Certificate of Merit "For outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the people of Florida"; three honorary doctorates from universities here and abroad for his leadership in education and the humanities. Among his other awards, he received the "Diploma for Excellence in Citizenship" when he was voted the Outstanding Citizen of Tampa in 1949.

He received seven service medals, including the Purple Heart and the Certificate of Award from the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains "For meritorious service to God and Country" in World War II; and other medals, including the Grand Cross of the Eloy Alfaro International Foundation, and "La Condecoration de la Orden National de Merito Carlos Manuel de Cespedes" from pre-Castro Cuba for his "Merits as a writer, poet, educator, his Hispanic-American activities and his wise efforts in pointing out to youth the fallacies of the destructive doctrines of Communism." His latest award came in 1958 from Freedom's Foundation "For an outstanding contribution toward a better understanding of the American Way of Life."

Dr. Nance holds membership in some forty organizations, among which are the National and State Educational Associations, the American Association of School Administrators, the Society for the Advancement of Education, Florida Academy of Sciences, the Southern Association of Science and Industry, the American Society for Engineering Education, Industrial Relations Research Association, Florida State Conference on Social Work, Florida Historical Society, Florida Audubon Society. He is founder and president of the Florida League for Intercultural Education, founder of the West Coast Poetry League, a member of the National Poetry Society, a director of the International Lyceum Platform Association, director of the Little Theatre, member of the board of Tampa Symphony Orchestra, member of the University Club and the Executive Club of Tampa.

He is a member of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Voters League, the United Nations Committee, the Atomic Energy Information Committee, the Advisory Committee of the Third United States Army, the American Peace Society; president of the American Flag Association, a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Forty-and-Eight, the Military Order of World Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and is National Chaplain of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He served one term as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

He is an active member of the First Christian Church of Tampa, member of the Florida Christian Endeavor Union, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, the Christian Athletes Association, Morale Builders of America, the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In fraternal orders he is an Elk, a Moose, an Eagle, a life member of Lions International, a Knight of Pythias, and a member of Delta Chi, Pi Gamma Mu, and Kappa Pi college fraternities.

Dr. Nance has found time in his more than a quarter of a century in public life to write five books and hundreds of articles for newspapers and magazines. He has served as a columnist of the *Chicago Market News*, *The Tampa Daily Times*, *The Orlando Sentinel-Star* and the *Fostoria Daily Review*. In 1935 his book "Dust to Divinity," was published; in 1938, "Florida Christians" came off the press. He wrote "Faith of Our Fighters" while training chaplains at Harvard, and edited an anthology of war verses, "Singing Warriors." "Saga of a Seattle Scott—The Story of Daniel Victor McEachern," published in 1958, circulated in the United States, Canada, Scotland, England, New Zealand and Australia.

On September 18, 1924, Ellwood C. Nance married Helen Hockaday Collins, daughter of William and Juliet (Hockaday) Collins of Greenup, Kentucky. Dr. and Mrs. Nance are the parents of two children: June Caywood Nance, born March 28, 1928, and John Scott Nance, born July 20, 1930.

June Nance graduated from the University of Tampa in 1950 with a B.A. degree and married Avron Bryan of Miami. She and her husband taught in the public school system of Tampa for several years. When her husband entered the field of electronics, they lived for a while in Utica, New York, and now live at Cocoa, Florida, where Mr. Bryan is an electronics engineer and inventor with General Electric at the Cape Canaveral Missile Base. June and her husband have three

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children: Nancé, age seven; David, five, and Peggy, four.

John Scott Nance enlisted in the United States Air Corps in January, 1951, and on his return completed his course at the University of Tampa in June, 1955, graduating with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He is Florida manager of the St. Louis Warehouse Bonding Company. He married Carol Farie Lee, and they have three children: Carolyn Creig Lee, age nine; Helen Juliet, six, and Gilbert Scott Nance, two and a half.

LEWIS ANDREW COLEMAN

Founder of the Commercial Bank at Daytona Beach, the late Lewis Andrew Coleman was the head executive in a number of financial organizations and also served Volusia County in the State Senate for four years.

Born at Feasterville, South Carolina, August 20, 1882, he was a son of George Washington and Annie (Lonergan) Coleman. His father, a Civil War veteran, was a farmer in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Lewis Coleman was educated in the rural schools of South Carolina and first worked for the street department in Columbia, South Carolina. In 1903 he became the youngest engineer the Southern Railway ever employed. From 1905 to 1918 he was a rural mail carrier and at the same time farmed at Bookman, South Carolina; then became the owner of a cotton plantation at Hopkins, South Carolina.

In 1925 he came to Florida, settling first at Titusville, where he engaged in the real estate business. Two years later he moved to Daytona Beach and established himself as distributor for Pan American Oil Company. He served on the local police force for three years during the early depression years.

In 1932 he became a major stockholder in Florida Loan Service, Inc., and served as its president from the mid-thirties until his death. In 1936 he founded the Industrial Savings Bank which, in 1946, was converted to the Commercial Bank at Daytona Beach, and he served both banks as president, chairman of the board and director. He was also president of Installment Finance Company, Consumer Discount Corporation, Commercial Finance Company, and General Agents, Inc., and at the time of his death was chairman of the board of Commercial Finance Company and Nameloc, Inc.

Until recent years Mr. Coleman maintained an active interest in politics, having served the City of Daytona Beach as treasurer at one time and Volusia County as State Senator from 1942 to 1946. In 1949 he purchased a farm for a cattle ranch near Eureka in Marion County. He was a Mason, an Elk, a Rotarian, and attended the Episcopal Church.

Lewis A. Coleman was first married in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1899, to Mary Ella Crim, daughter of Jacob Michael and Mary (Sawyer) Crim, and they were the parents of twelve children, all born in South Carolina, the first four at Columbia, the next five at Bookman, and the last three at Hopkins. They are:

1. Robert Lewis, born August 25, 1901.
2. Henry Crim, born June 5, 1904.
3. Mary Sawyer, born November 10, 1905 (Mrs. B. L. Dansby).
4. Annie Lonergan, born June 21, 1906 (Mrs. L. J. Appleby).
5. Julia Elizabeth, born November 21, 1908 (Mrs. F. A. Seay).
6. Florence Feaster, born August 1, 1910 (Mrs. J. O. Eubank).
7. Ella Serena, born July 19, 1912 (Mrs. G. N. Pellett).
8. George Jacob, born June 4, 1914.
9. Polly Ruth, born July 28, 1916 (Mrs. D. Jorgensen).
10. Fanny Reuben, born May 17, 1918 (Mrs. P. A. Zahn).
11. Edith Isobel, born November 22, 1920 (Mrs. L. G. Dickson).
12. Lewis Andrew, Jr., born February 3, 1925.

Mary Ella Coleman died December 14, 1931. In December, 1932, Mr. Coleman married Louise Edens of Daytona Beach, formerly of South Carolina. She died in 1952.

Mr. Coleman died at his home on North Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, September 1, 1959, after a long illness. His twelve children survive him. Two of the sons, Robert and Henry, are in Daytona Beach; George is in Miami and Lewis, Jr., is in Charlotte, North Carolian. Two of the daughters live in Daytona Beach, two in Orlando, one in New Smyrna Beach, one in Tallahassee, one in Detroit, Michigan, and one in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. All are married and there are 32 grandchildren and, to date, seven great-grandchilden.

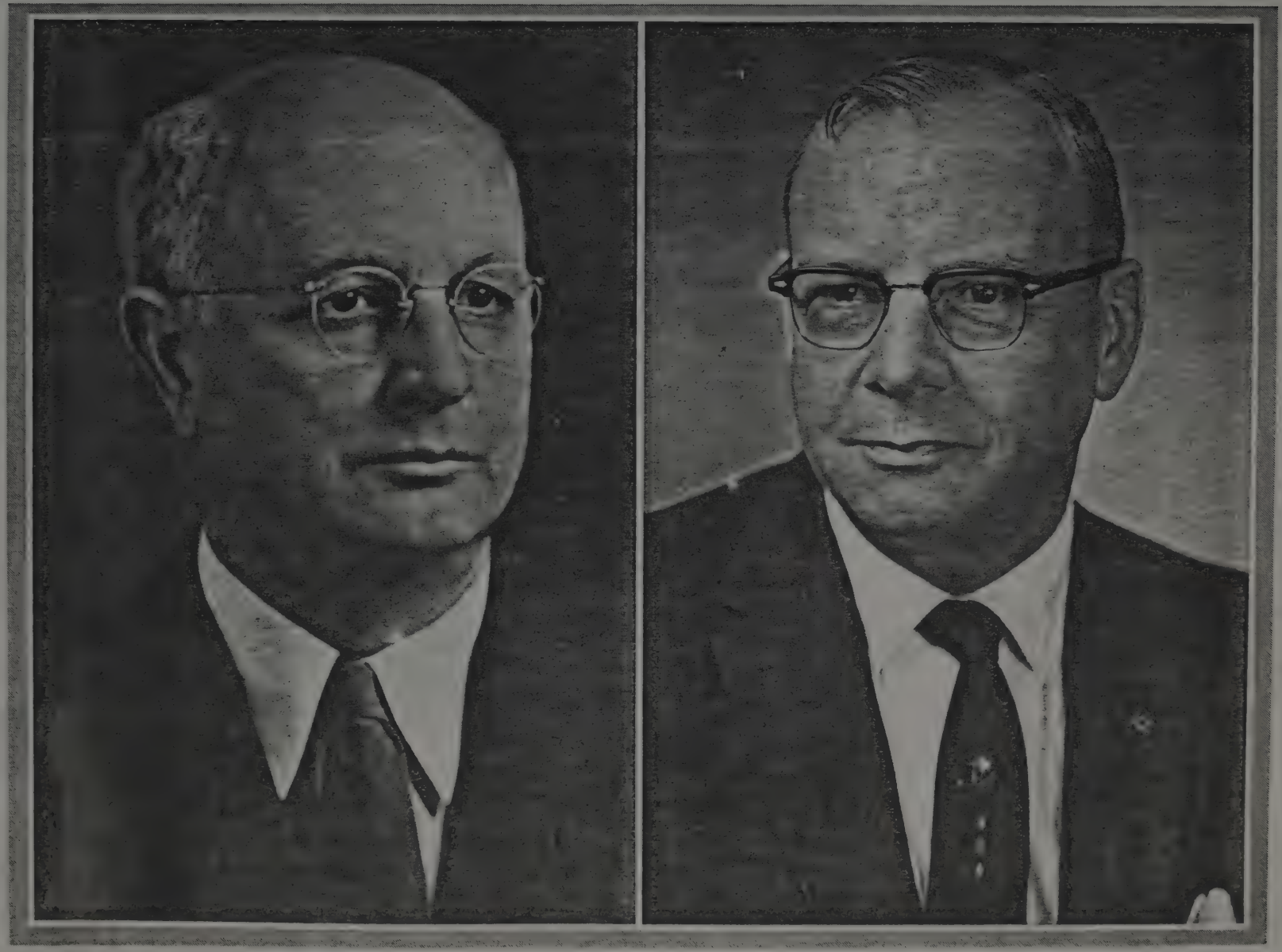
HENRY C. COLEMAN

Chairman of the Board of the Commercial Bank at Daytona Beach, Henry C. Coleman is Florida's traveling banker. In the last five years he has traveled about 130,000 miles to fill speaking engagements or attend conventions and meetings where he can talk about his two favorite topics: modern banking and his beloved city, Daytona Beach. In these years Mr. Coleman has delivered 90 speeches and attended 99 out-of-town committee meetings and 39 conventions. In addition, he has performed as master-of-ceremonies at 17 banquets. His travels, mostly by air, have taken him to 35 cities and 14 states, many of them more than once.

Son of Lewis A. and Mary Ella (Crim) Coleman (see father's sketch), he was born in Columbia, South Carolina, June 5, 1904. He attended public schools in Hopkins, South Carolina, and Clemson College, from which he was graduated with a B.S. degre and a commission as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve. He did graduate work at Cornell University and took additional work in the American Institute of Banking.

Coming to Miami, Florida, in 1926, he worked for the Gulf Refining Company as manager of a service station to learn the oil business. A year later he joined his father in Daytona Beach, where the father was agent for Pan American Oil Company, and was in this business with his father until 1929. For the next four years he was a teacher at Dillon County High School, South Carolina, and from 1933 to 1937 was Assistant Statistician in the Farm Credit Administration at Columbia, South Carolina.

In 1937 he returned to Daytona Beach as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Industrial Savings Bank, which his father had founded in 1936, and was promoted to Secretary-Treasurer in 1940. This bank became the Commercial Bank at Daytona Beach in 1946, and when Henry Coleman returned from military service that year he became its Cashier. He was promoted to Executive Vice President in 1947 and in 1952 was



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made President. On March 1, 1960, he was elected Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Coleman's other business affiliations are: Executive Vice-President and director of Nameloc, Inc., Vice-President and director of Florida Loan Service, Inc., and of Commercial Finance Company, director of General Agents, Inc., and President and director of Comco, Inc.

In the American Bankers Association Mr. Coleman is a member of the Executive Committee of the State Bank Division, a past Regional Vice-President and past member of the Executive Development Committee. In the Florida Bankers Association he is a past president and a member of the Legislative Committee. He is also a past trustee of the School of Banking of the South.

Equally prominent in civic affairs, Mr. Coleman is a member of the Finance Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, President and Director of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, and past President of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce. He is Chairman of the Debt Service Commission of the City of Daytona Beach, a member of the Field Advisory Board of Small Busines Administration, past president of Industrial Payrolls, Inc., Community Promotions, Inc., and the Halifax Area Executive Club, and past vice-president of the Daytona Beach Convention Bureau.

He was 1956 Chairman for the United Fund Drive and is a director of the Heart Fund, treasurer and director of the Civic Music Association and the Baseball Association, and a former captain of the Quarterback Club, all of Daytona Beach. He is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Daytona Beach, a founder and member of the board of trustees of Florida Presbyterian College, and past president of the Presbyterian Men's Club; a member of Stetson University Council, an Advisory Board member of Dr. E. C. Nahce's History of the East Coast of Florida, and of the Advisory Council of Naval Affairs for the Sixth Naval District.

He is a past director of the Daytona Beach Rotary Club, a member of Elks Lodge #1141, treasurer of Daytona Beach Islanders, a member of the Hermit Club, of Ellinor Village Country Club, and the River Club of Jacksonville. He is a past vice-commander of the Military Order of World Wars and member of American Legion Post #50 of Daytona Beach. During World War II he served in the Infantry of the United States Army from April, 1942, to April, 1946, serving 41 months as Director of Training at Camp Butner, North Carolina, a short period at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and at Camp Gordon, Augusta, Georgia, and had the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on separation.

He was married at Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1928, to Sara Goodman McHugh, daughter of Lee I. and Anetta (Goodman) McHugh, a native of Clemson College, South Carolina, and graduate of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina. They have two children:

1. Mary Anne Coleman, born May 1, 1937, at Columbia, South Carolina, a graduate of Florida State University.

2. Henry C. Coleman, born September 12, 1939, at Daytona Beach, a senior at the University of Florida. He is married to Dean O'Sullivan of Daytona Beach.

As might be surmised from his activities, public speaking is Mr. Coleman's hobby. He is noted for his effective, easy delivery. He encourages his employees and officers to attend all meetings and conventions that can be helpful and constantly urges that they enroll for courses at various banking schools where they will meet bankers from other areas. This makes them feel that they are part of the banking industry, he says.

In a little more than five years deposits at the Commercial Bank at Daytona Beach more than doubled, an increase due in no small measure to Mr. Coleman's progressive policies. In that period the institution moved to its new, ultra-modern building on South Ridgewood Avenue and added drive-in windows and a spacious parking area. Gone are the days of cold marble lobbies and austere glares, formerly associated with banks. Today virtually all bankers have adopted the New Look in banking.

CARL SOUTHWICK SWISHER

Head of one of the largest, oldest and most widely known cigar-manufacturing firms in the United States, Carl S. Swisher also has achieved great prominence within the last decade as the principal benefactor of Jacksonville University, which he has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees since 1945.

Born in Newark, Ohio, August 2, 1891, he is a son of John Herbert and Jessie (Shrock) Swisher, both of Newark, Ohio, where his father was born in July, 1866. He received his education in schools of that locality and served in all deparments of his father's business, working after hours and on Saturdays while attending grade school. Later he attended Denison University at Granville, Ohio.

A word about the history of the Swisher firm is in order here. Back in 1861 David Swisher, Carl's grandfather, acquired a small cigar business from a debtor. This he operated with the help of his four sons until 1888, when his two sons, John and Harry, bought out the family interest and founded the firm of Swisher Brothers. The business operated under this title until February of 1913, when John Swisher bought out his brother and took in his son Carl as a partner, renaming the business Jno. H. Swisher & Son.

Carl was put in charge of sales, financing, and all operations except production and the purchase of tobacco. The firm was incorporated in 1926 with John H. Swisher as President and Carl S. Swisher as First Vice-President. In 1939 John Swisher became Chairman of the Board and Carl became President. Since his father's death in February, 1944, Carl Swisher has been President and General Manager.

The Swisher firm, which had expanded its activities and built plants in Ohio and adjoining states, purchased the first cut-filler cigar-rolling machine put on the market, in 1923, and selected Jacksonville as a suitable site for the production of their "King Edward" cigar. Within the next fifteen years the sales volume of this cigar reached over half a billion a year and the firm was employing over 2,000 people. It became the largest manufacturing establishment in the state of Florida under one roof.

Carl S. Swisher became a member of the Board of Trustees of what was then Jacksonville Junior College in June, 1943, and was one of three benefactors whose contributions made possible the purchase of property on Riverside Avenue for the first expansion of the college. Until that time it had been operated as a night school in downtown office buildings. With the rapid increase in enrollment and subsequent condemnation of the Riverside Avenue property for the new Expressway,

Carl S Swisher

it became necessary to find a new site for the college. In 1949 an area of 135 acres in Arlington on the St. Johns River was purchased, since then increased to approximately 200 acres. It was decided at that time that the school's maximum capacity should be 2,000 day and 2,000 night students.

Nine beautiful modern buildings and an athletic field have been built since then, and four more buildings are in the plans for the immediate future. Four of the present buildings were made possible by Carl S. Swisher. They are the Swisher Gymnasium (1953), the Swisher Library (1954) (this was more than doubled in size in 1960 and its capacity quadrupled to 120,000 volumes), the Swisher Auditorium (1956), and the Swisher Science Building (1958). Mr. and Mrs. Swisher and the Swisher firm are also listed among the principal donors for the Founders' Liberal Arts Building, the first to be erected (1950), and for the President's Home.

Plans are drawn for (1) Music and Fine Arts Building, adjacent to the Swisher Auditorium; (2) Natatorium, with swimming pool and Physical Education classrooms, adjacent to the Swisher Gymnasium; (3) Dormitory; (4) Amphitheatre, with a seating capacity of 4,000, to be built in the ravine behind the Auditorium.

The name of Jacksonville Junior College was changed to Jacksonville University in 1957. It is a non-profit, independent, private liberal arts university. It must depend upon gifts from individuals, firms, foundations and bequests to increase its endowment, buildings and plant. For its operating expenses it must depend upon tuition fees from students, investment income from endowment, and annual gifts from friends of the university. When its plan is fully realized, Jacksonville University will be one of the great independent universities of the Southeast. Its aim is refinement and enhancement of present stature, not great size.

Carl Swisher received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Jacksonville University in 1958. He also is an advisor of the University Museum at the University of Florida, Trustee of The Bolles School in Jacksonville, and a member of the Lay Advisory Committee of St. Bernard College at Cullman, Alabama.

In the business world he is a Florida director of the National Association of Manufacturers, a member of the Fifty-Year Club of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors, a director of the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, and a director of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce.

In the field of public service he is a member of the Advisory Board of the North Florida Division of the American Automobile Association, the Advisory Board of the Jacksonville YMCA and a trustee of its Building Fund, Chairman of the Florida Selective Service Appeal Board since its inception, a director of the United Fund and Community Chest, an honorary life member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society, and a life member of the Boy Scouts of America.

In the field of culture and social life, he is a life member of the Jacksonville Little Theatre, past president of the Jacksonville Symphony Association, a life member of the Friday Musicale of Jacksonville, a trustee and past president of San Jose Country Club, a life member of the Timaquana Country Club, and a charter member of The River Club of Jacksonville. He is a vestryman of the Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd, Jacksonville.

In 1929 he and his father built their homes on a beautiful nine-acre tract on the St. Johns River, and he and his wife, Amy, now divide their time between that Mediterranean-type residence and their ranch in Putnam County, where they are found almost every week end.

Carl Swisher's philosophy, which he exemplifies by his deeds, is that every citizen should do everything in his power to make his home town the finest place in the world to live—and this he has always done.

HAROLD WILFRED COLEE

The dynamic Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, Harold Wilfred Colee has held that position for twenty-two years and prior to that was President of the State Chamber for four years. This year (1961) he was selected to occupy a permanent place in the Florida Hall of Fame of the Florida Public Relations Association, Inc.

A native son of Florida, Harold Wilfred Colee was born at St. Augustine October 11, 1894, son of George B. Colee, also a native of St. Augustine, and Maria Louise (King) Colee, who was born in South Boston, Massachusetts. Harold was educated in the public schools of St. Augustine and at the Lawrence School in South Boston.

A "publicity" man from his youth, he dealt with the Florida East Coast Railway's public, checking baggage, selling tickets and quoting rates, and took good care to please the patrons of the railroad. His consciousness of the value of building employer goodwill came under observation and paid off. In 1926 he became manager of the F.E.C.'s public relations, making him a pioneer in a profession now widely recognized as essential to community as well as to business development.

With a natural gift for oratory and his executive management experience, Mr. Colee came to the notice of community organizations, and in 1927 was elected president of the St. Augustine and St. Johns County Chambers of Commerce. In 1931 he was called to do public relations work, as Executive Manager of Public Affairs, for the Florida Motor Lines, now the Greyhound Lines, and held this position until 1939.

In 1929 he was made a Director of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce and in 1935 was elected its President. In 1939 he was asked to accept the more active post of Executive Vice President and General Manager, making him operating head of the State Chamber, which position he still holds. In this broader field Mr. Colee and his associates in the State Chamber of Commerce have greatly influenced Florida's economic growth and strengthened the state's prestige throughout the nation. He is, of course, a member of the Executive Committee of the State Chamber and is an honorary member of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Colee was a member of the State Library Board from 1933 to 1946; a member of the Everglades National Park Commission from 1946 to 1950; and has been a member of the Florida Industrial Development Council since 1950.

In 1956 Mr. Colee was appointed to membership on the National Advisory Board of Volunteers of America, and in 1958 was named to membership on the State Advisory Council of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. In 1950 he was appointed Florida Chairman of the Crusade for Freedom by General Lucius D. Clay. He has successfully directed many state-wide fund-

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Carra Adams

raising campaigns, notably for the U.S.O. and the Infantile Paralysis Foundation. He is a trustee of the Elks' Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Commission and of Jacksonville University.

Harold Colee has been the recipient of many honors at home and abroad. He was aide-de-camp with the rank of Lt. Colonel on the staffs of Florida Governors Dave Sholtz and Fred P. Cone from 1933 to 1941, and on the staff of Georgia's Governor E. D. Rivers in 1940-41. In 1937 he was cited as being the most public-spirited citizen of Jacksonville by the American Legion, local Post #9. In 1939 he was given a citation for distinguished service by the Florida Southern College. In 1941 the Government of Finland conferred upon him the Order of the White Rose, making him a Knight. In 1947-48 he served as honorary Consul for the Republic of Panama. He was made an honorary citizen of New Orleans in 1949. In 1953 he received a Certificate of Merit from the University of Florida, a centennial award. He was cited for distinguished service by the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs in 1955. In 1956 he received the Cervantes Gold Medal Award from the Hispanic Institute in Florida.

Mr. Colee is an honorary life member of St. Augustine Historical Society and Institute of Science, which he served as president in 1931. He is an honorary member of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity of the University of Florida; an honorary life member of St. Augustine Lodge #829, B.P.O.E. He was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks in 1926-27 and 1929 and President of the Florida State Elks Association in 1928-29. He is a past Governor of the Loyal Order of Moose, St. Augustine.

He holds membership in the Golf and Tennis Club of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, and in the following clubs in Jacksonville: St. Johns Dinner Club, the Timuquana Country Club, the Seminole Club, and the Meninak Club (formerly the Kiwanis). In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

Mr. Colee was married at Roanoke, Virginia, on September 26, 1917, to Alice Sheldon Gillespie, daughter of Joseph Anthony Gillespie and Nora Riordan of Low Moor, Virginia. They have two children: Harold Wilfred, Jr., born June 29, 1918, and Betty, born October 13, 1919. Both were born in St. Augustine, Florida.

JUDGE ALTO ADAMS

A former Circuit Judge and retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, Judge Alto Adams of Fort Pierce and Miami Beach is also president of an insurance company and an investment company and, since 1953, is owner and operator of the Okeechobee Livestock Market.

Judge Adams was born in Walton County, Florida, January 31, 1899, son of Lenyer and Octavie (Crosby) Adams. His mother, born in Thomas County, Georgia, December 17, 1875, is living at her home in Walton County, Florida. His father was born in Coffee County, Alabama, October 3, 1859, and died in Walton County, Florida, December 24, 1935. He was a farmer and served many years on the School Board of Walton County, where he donated ten acres of land for the Baptist Church and cemetery.

The Judge received his early education in the grade school of his home county and attended high school at DeFuniak Springs and Gainesville. During World War I he served as a seaman in the Navy for a short while. Entering the University of Florida after the war, he graduated in 1921 with an LL.B. degree and began to practice law in Pensacola.

He came to Fort Pierce in 1924 and carried on his law practice there until 1938, at which time he was appointed Circuit Judge of the Ninth Circuit. In 1940 he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Florida and served in that distinguished office until 1952, when he resigned to devote his time to his business interests.

Judge Adams is president of Alto Adams and Associates, Insurance, and Adams-Harrison, Investments, both companies located in Miami. For the past ten years and more he and his son have been interested in a cattle crossbreeding program, their objective being the development of a crossbreed between the Hereford and the Brahman which will be best suited to the climate of this area of Florida.

A lifelong Democrat, Judge Adams at one time served on the State Democratic Executive Committee. He was appointed to the State Welfare Board by Governor Cone and served two years, 1936-38. He is a member of the Florida Bar, the Florida State Cattlemen's Association, the Bath Club of Miami, and All Souls Episcopal Church of Miami Beach.

On June 30, 1925, in Walton County, Florida, Alto Adams married Carra Williams, who was born in that county November 30, 1900. Her parents, Silas Lee and Katie (King) Williams, also natives of Walton County, Florida, both died at Fort Pierce on February 10, 1937. Mrs. Adams is vice-president of the Alumni Board of Florida State University, from which she graduated with a major in Home Economics, and has been deeply interested in the science of foods. She has taken an active interest in community affairs all her life.

Judge and Mrs. Adams have a son and a daughter.

1. Alto Lee Adams, Jr., born April 4, 1926, at Fort Pierce, Florida, served two years in the Navy in World War II and is past president of Florida State Cattlemen's Association.

2. Carra Elaine Adams Harrison, born July 10, 1928, at Fort Pierce, married Nathaniel Goodman Harrison of Atlanta, Georgia. The Harrisons now live in Miami where Mr. Harrison is engaged in the contracting business.

The pleasures of travel and reading have an enduring charm for Judge Adams.

ALTO LEE ADAMS, JR.

Alto Lee Adams, Jr. of Fort Pierce is a cattleman whose work is his hobby. He had the first herd of registered Brahman cattle in that area, started in 1939, when he was thirteen years old.

Born in Ft. Pierce April 4, 1926, he is the son of Judge Alto Adams and Carra (Williams) Adams, both natives of Walton County, Florida, where the Judge was born January 31, 1899, and his wife on November 30, 1900. A former Circuit Judge and Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, Judge Adams is an executive in the insurance and investment business in southeast Florida as well as a cattleman.

Alto Lee Adams, Jr. was educated in the public schools of Ft. Pierce and Tallahassee, graduating from Leon High School, Tallahassee, in 1944. He entered the Navy that summer and toward the war's end was assigned to Naval Reserve Officer Training School at Emory University and was discharged in 1946 at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville with the rank of

Alto Adams Jr.

Dorothy Adams

cadet. He then entered the University of Florida and graduated in 1948 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. At the university he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity.

Returning to Ft. Pierce, Alto Adams Jr. entered into a partnership with his father in the cattle business under the name of Alto Adams and Son. On the present ranch in Ft. Pierce, which was acquired in the mid thirties, they keep a herd of purebred Brahman cattle to furnish bulls for the commercial herd, which is chiefly Braford. Their cattle are raised on the Ft. Pierce ranch and one in Osceola County, and then taken to be fattened on the muck land near Fellsmere in Indian River County. From Okeechobee Livestock Market, which Judge Adams owns, some of the cattle are marketed directly to packers or feeder buyers. The Adams ranch had the first successful clover planting in this section when they introduced the white Dutch clover. Alto Adams Jr. also raises quarter horses as a practical hobby.

Young Mr. Adams is past president of Florida Cattlemen's Association, past president of St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association, a member of the American Brahman Breeders Association, and a member of the General Council of American National Cattlemen's Association. He is also a past director of Ft. Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, a member of St. Lucie County Historical Society, and of the Ft. Pierce Lions Club; a member of Indian Hills Country Club and St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Ft. Pierce, in which he is a vestryman.

Alto Lee Adams, Jr. was married in Winter Haven on December 17, 1949, to Dorothy Snively, daughter of Harvey B. and Sarah McKibben Snively, who was born in Winter Haven December 20, 1927. Her father is the founder and president of Lake Hamilton Cooperative, Inc., which produces the "Hamiltonian" brand of citrus fruit, and also the president of Hamilton Growers, Inc. and of Central Groves Cooperative.

Mr. and Mrs. Alto Lee Adams, Jr. have three children, all born at Ft. Pierce:

1. Alto Lee Adams III, born October 23, 1950.
2. Michael Lance Adams, born May 8, 1955.
3. Robert Leslie Adams, born December 17, 1956.

CLAUDE DENSON PEPPER

Former United States Senator from Florida and a nationally known liberal spokesman for this state, as well as for the South and the nation at large, Claude D. Pepper is still practicing law in Tallahassee, at Miami Beach and in Washington, D.C.

He was born near Dudleyville, Alabama, September 8, 1900. His father, Joseph Wheeler Pepper, farmer, merchant and peace officer, was born near Millerville, Alabama, May 4, 1873. His mother, Lena Corinne (Talbot) Pepper, was born near Louvale, Georgia, June 15, 1877.

Claude Pepper received his early education in the public schools at Camp Hill, Alabama, up to 1917, and then taught school in Dothan, Alabama, for one year. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1921 with an A.B. degree and from Harvard Law School in 1924 with the LL.B. degree. In his first year out of law school he was an instructor in law at the University of Arkansas. He holds honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from McMaster University (1941), Toronto University (1942), the University of Alabama (1942), and from Rollins College, Florida, (1944).

His Florida career began in 1925, when he established his law practice in Perry, Florida. In 1929 he served in the House of Representatives of the Florida State Legislature. In 1930 he moved to Tallahassee, where he practiced law from 1930 through 1936, or until he was elected to the United States Senate. He was a member of the Florida State Democratic Executive Committee in 1928-29; of the Florida State Board of Public Welfare, 1931-32; the Florida State Board of Law Examiners, 1933-34, and the Executive Council of the Florida State Bar Association in 1934.

Elected to the United States Senate November 4, 1936, he was re-elected in 1938 and 1944. Not re-elected in 1950, his term expired in January 3, 1951. The following is a partial report of Claude Pepper's activities and accomplishments during his fourteen years in the United States Senate:

Responsible for Federal legislation which freed Gandy Bridge of tolls, contributing to progress of Tampa Bay area. Helped obtain Mullet Key for Pinellas County and establish Merchant Marine Base in St. Petersburg.

Began fight in 1938 to remove discriminatory freight rates against the South, so that industry in South could compete with northern industry.

Secured passage of minimum wage and forty-hour work week laws.

Sponsored legislation for housing and slum clearance.

Supported legislation for education of handicapped children; Kindergarten bill; bill to provide tuition loans and scholarships for needy; fair minimum wage for teachers; tax exemption for teachers' expenses in improving qualifications; Federal aid for school construction and teachers' salaries; equal rights and equal pay for equal work for women.

Sponsored and secured passage and appropriations for research in cancer, heart, mental, and dental diseases, arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, blindness, maternal and child health programs; federal aid on hospital construction. Author of resolution on International Health Organization; Chairman of Senate Subcommittee on Health and Education, 1943-46, member 1946-49.

Member Senate Small Business Committee and supported many programs to aid small business, including insurance program to aid small business in foreign trade.

Secured millions of dollars for deepening Florida's harbors, improving rivers and for flood control.

Always strong supporter of Social Security, favoring increasing benefits and coverage and hospital and nursing aid for senior citizens through Social Security.

Always supported fair tax program; easing of burden for low income group; changes that would stimulate business and employment.

One of original sponsors of G.I. Bill of Rights. As Chairman of Veterans Committee sought to increase compensation for disabled veterans and provide adequate hospital facilities for them.

Strongly supported National Defense; sponsored building 50,000 planes per year on eve of World War II and the exchange of overage destroyers to Great Britain for bases. Was author of first measures in Congress providing for lend-lease legislation to assist allies and was a leader in the Senate and in the country in supporting President Roosevelt in arousing and preparing the nation to meet the menace of Hitler in American waters.

For twelve of his fourteen years in the Senate he was a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Com-

Claude Pepper

mittee. Was one of first to introduce legislation providing for United Nations and always strongly supported it and the World Court. He was chairman of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and a member of the Subcommittee on Latin America.

Right after the war in 1945, as a member of the Senate Foreign Foreign Relations Committee, he visited the Nuremburg trials and conferred with world leaders, including Churchill, Attlee, de Gaulle, General Eisenhower, General Clay, Stalin and others in an effort to find a basis for world peace. He was a close friend and supporter of President Roosevelt and President Truman and strongly assisted President Truman in organizing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Senator Pepper was Chairman and Florida Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1940 and 1944; Alternate Delegate from 1948 to 1960; Delegate from the U.S. Senate to the Inter-parliamentary Union at the Hague in 1938 and at Dublin in 1950. He was a delegate from the Dade County Bar Association to the Inter-American Bar Convention in Bogota, January 27 through February 3, 1961; and many times attended the American Bar Association Conventions, including that held in London in 1957. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce of the Americas, he attended its assembly at Aruba in the Dutch Antilles, June 19 to 22, 1961 and became a director.

He is a member of the International, Inter-American, American, Florida, Dade County, Coral Gables and Tallahassee Bar Associations, and the Association of the Bar of New York City; a member of the American Judicature Society and the American Society of International Law. He is the author of various articles in Law Reviews, newspapers and magazines.

His fraternities are Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Kappa Alpha and Sigma Upsilon. He is a Baptist, a Mason and a Shriner, an Elk, a Moose, a Woodman of the World, a member of the American Legion (Harvey Seeds Post of Miami) and the Forty-and-Sight. During World War I he was in the Student Army Training Corps at the University of Alabama.

Formerly Lieutenant Governor of the Western Division of Kiwanis, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Coral Gables. His social clubs are: Jefferson Island, Washington, D.C., Harvard Club of Washington and Miami, and Coral Gables Country Club.

Mr. Pepper is an officer and director of Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association, Miami Beach, Washington Security Company, Miami, and Investment Mortgage Company of Florida at Tallahassee.

On December 29, 1936, in St. Petersburg, Florida, Claude Pepper married Irene Mildred Webster, who was born September 10, 1907, daughter of Thomas Pleasant and Irene Bullock (King) Webster. Both her parents were born in LaPine, Alabama; her father on September 30, 1874, and her mother on December 22, 1871.

Mr. and Mrs. Pepper reside at 501 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida.

HARRY SIMONHOFF

Lawyer, columnist, traveller, historian, former real estate operator and author of five books, Harry Simonhoff was born in Lithuania and came to America with his parents, a child of two to three years. His earliest memories are of Atlanta, Georgia, where his father, Jacob Joseph Simonhoff (born in Lithuania in 1860) officiated as rabbi in the synagogue Ahavath Achim.

While Harry was still in his early school years the family moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where his father officiated at the Brith Shalom synagogue, organized in 1856. The congregation contained American integrated members of the second or even third generation. The Reform Temple, K. K. Beth Elohim, had a distinguished history of almost two centuries with a long list of eminent personalities from the Revolution to the War of Secession. In this environment with a rich past Harry Simonhoff absorbed a sense of history which became a life-long interest.

In the atmosphere of the Old South, scarcely touched by expanding industrial America, Harry Simonhoff went to Bennett Public School and, with his father as teacher, studied Hebrew, the Bible and the Talmud. Instead of going to high school he acquired business experience working in stores. At twenty he entered the College of Charleston, a venerable institution founded during the Revolution, with a limited student body and small faculty, that offered excellent courses in history, literature and the classics. Here he received the A.B. degree just as World War I broke out. Rejected for military service because of defective eyesight, he attended law school at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and took special studies at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Following his graduation from law school he returned to Charleston in 1919 and entered the office of the prominent law firm, Logan and Grace, and thereby was drawn into politics. John P. Grace was elected Mayor of Charleston, W. Turner Logan became Congressman, and John I. Cosgrove of the same firm was appointed City Attorney. Harry Simonhoff campaigned successfully for a seat in the General Assembly of South Carolina and served two years in the House of Representatives. He ran again but was defeated by the Ku-Klux-Klan, as were all the Grace candidates. Economic conditions in Charleston worsened, and at the same time the Florida land boom began to attract the eyes of all America. In January 1925 Harry Simonhoff severed his connections in Charleston and became a resident of Miami, Florida.

With his brother, Sam Simonhoff, he set out to practice law in Miami in the accustomed conservative way, but it was difficult to resist being caught up in the swirling spiral of the real estate boom. Possessing between them less than $10,000 on arrival, the brothers were reputed millionaires before the year was over. By 1926 not only did their million vanish but their original capital dwindled away to nothing. Now they had to begin all over again. But they had gained some valuable knowledge in the experience. Slowly they built up their practice and weathered the depression. In 1939 they were able to build a hotel on the oceanfront of Miami Beach.

In Miami Mr. Simonhoff resumed his activities in Jewish life and shortly after arrival assisted in founding Sholem Lodge of the B'nai B'rith. During the boom he formed a group to initiate the United Palestine Appeal and became chairman of the drive. He was one of the organizers of the Miami Zionist district and the driving force of all the United Jewish Appeal campaigns until the Federation was inaugurated. During the Nazi anti-Semitic agitations of the 1930s, he was head of the Jewish defense group and

Harry Simonhoff

Ilse D. Simonhoff

induced Henry Monsky and Richard Gudstadt to open the Miami Anti-Defamation Office, one of the first outside of Chicago and New York. In 1943 he was elected the South Florida Delegate to the American Jewish Conference which met in New York to formulate the Palestine Resolution as the will of American Jewry. In the second World War he served on Civil Defense and enlisted in the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

After the war he ceased all organizational activities to devote his time to writing and for several years traveled abroad. Visiting about thirty-six countries, he wrote a weekly column for the English-Jewish press while he traveled. His first book, "Under Strange Skies," a collection of his thoughts and impressions as a world-traveler, was published in 1953. His second book, "Jewish Notables in America," published in 1956, begins with the year of American Independence, 1776, and ends with the close of the Confederate War, 1865, telling the life story of the outstanding Jew of each year. The second volume of this series, "Saga of American Jewry," published in 1959, carries on from the Civil War until the opening of the first World War in 1914, showing the development of Jewish life in the United States and Jewish contributions to American civilization. His next book, "Jewish Participants in the Civil War," is to be released in 1961. His completed historical novel "The Chosen One," dealing with a false messiah who was burned at the stake in 1532, will appear in 1962.

Mr. Simonhoff has his home in Miami, where he is a member of Temple Israel. On July 3, 1953, in New York City he married Ilse Danziger, who was born May 14, 1910, in Brieg, Germany. She was fortunate enough in 1938 to escape Hitler's concentration camps.

GROVER CLEVELAND HERRING

A brilliant young lawyer of West Palm Beach, Grover Cleveland Herring sat on the legal bench before he was thirty years old. He makes a hobby of legal writing and is the author of a number of Law Review articles.

Born in Nocatee, Florida, December 9, 1925, he is a son of Joseph I. and Martha (Selph) Herring, both natives of Florida. His mother died in 1931. His father is a retired farmer in Hamilton County, where young Grover attended Jennings High School and was a member of Future Farmers of America. He graduated from high school in Duval County and from 1944 to 1946 served in the United States Navy aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Eberle. He saw action in the European and Asiatic theaters and his ship took part in the invasion of France.

Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, Mr. Herring entered the University of Florida and, after receiving his Associate of Arts Certificate in 1948, attended the Law School for the next two years and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree on June 5, 1950. Admitted to the Florida State Bar, he practiced law in Sebring until 1952, since which time he has been engaged in a general practice of law in West Palm Beach. He is admitted to the practice of law in all courts in Florida, including the Florida Supreme Court and the Federal District Courts; also before the United States Supreme Court.

In 1954-55 Mr. Herring was Municipal Judge Ad Litem in West Palm Beach, and in 1955-56 was Judge Advocate of the Department of Florida, Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1955 he was appointed Field Services Representative of the Lawyers' Title Guaranty Fund, of which he is a member, and was later president of the Lawyers' Title Services, Inc. of Palm Beach County, 1957-59. He has been City Attorney for the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, since 1953, and is vice chairman of the Charter Revision Committee for the City of West Palm Beach. In September 1960 he was appointed City Attorney of West Palm Beach and assumed full-time duties October 3rd. He resigned from the law firm of Blakeslee, Herring and Bie to accept the appointment.

Judge Herring is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He has been an active member of the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law of the Florida Bar since 1958, Program Chairman of the Palm Beach County Bar Association in 1959, and was elected Treasurer of the local bar association in 1960. He is also a member of the American Judicature Society, the John Marshall Bar Association, the Law-Science Academy of America, the East Coast Estate Planning Council, Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, and the NACCA, of which he is an Associate Editor.

Equally prominent and active in other than legal circles, Judge Herring is an associate member of the Florida Association of Realtors and of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Palm Beach County; a member of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, and West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, in which he served as chairman of the Public Relations Committee in 1955. He is an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs' Association; a member of the University of Florida Alumni Association; American Legion Post #12 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7672 of West Palm Beach; Elks Lodge #1352 and the West Palm Beach Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose; the West Palm Beach Y.M.C.A. (Businessmen); the Senior Citizens Foundation of West Palm Beach; the Young Democratic Club of Palm Beach County; and the North Palm Beach Country Club.

Accepting his share of responsibility for social welfare, Judge Herring can always be counted on for assistance in Community Chest and Red Cross drives. He is the author of "Law Review Comment" and co-author of articles on Land Subdivision Control in Florida and Medical Malpractice in Florida. For relaxation he likes to go fishing.

On April 17, 1947, at West Palm Beach, Grover Cleveland Herring married Dorothy L. Blinn, daughter of Gus Arthur and Alice (Cooper) Blinn. She is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and attended Shorter College at Rome, Georgia. The Herrings have two children: Stanley T., born September 17, 1951, at Avon Park, Florida; and Kenneth Lee, born January 12, 1954, at West Palm Beach, Florida.

AMOS E. JACKSON

A noteworthy lawyer and civic leader of Palm Beach since 1947, Amos E. Jackson brought to his work in the legal profession the valuable background of twenty years' experience in the business world. As an attorney and tax consultant he serves satisfied clients all over the East Coast. As a citizen he plays a prominent part in the civic life of his community.

Mr. Jackson was born in Hall County, Georgia,

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January 8, 1909, son of Wiley E. and Cora L. (Thompson) Jackson. His mother, a native of Georgia, died in 1929. His father was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and has been a farmer all his life, most of the time in Crisp County, Georgia. The family moved to Sumter County, Florida, in 1920, but the parents eventually returned to Georgia.

Amos graduated from Orlando High School in 1927. During the first ten years of his career he was employed in the accounting department of Florida Motor Lines, now the Florida Greyhound Lines, at Orlando and Jacksonville. Desiring to enter the legal profession, he studied commercial law under George W. Milam of Jacksonville, and on April 15, 1937, was made office manager of the firm of Milam, McIlvaine and Milam. In 1939 he resigned from this position and came to Palm Beach as accountant and business manager of the First National Bank. During this period of his life Mr. Jackson spent three months in the Navy Department at Charlotte, North Carolina. On February 1, 1945, he became senior Public Accountant for C. W. Fisher and continued in this position for twenty-one months, or until November 1, 1946. After that he was treasurer of Gulf Atlantic Transportation Company at Jacksonville until January 15, 1947.

In November of 1946 Mr. Jackson passed the bar examinations and was admitted to the practice of law in Florida. Since January 1947 he has had an office in Palm Beach, presently in the Seminole Building. He is a member of the Florida Bar, Palm Beach County Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is a past chairman of the Tax Section of The Florida Bar, 1956-1957. Mr. Jackson specializes in tax law and estate planning.

He is a director and treasurer of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Palm Beach Rotary Club, of which he is a charter member; a director of West Palm Beach Y.M.C.A., and presently treasurer; director and treasurer of Palm Beach County Crippled Children's Society; and a member of the Methodist Church, which he served as Sunday School Superintendent for ten years. In politics he is a Democrat.

In Orlando on August 15, 1930, Amos E. Jackson married Gertrude E. Rose, daughter of Edgar W. and Ruby H. (Cline) Rose, the latter from Boston, Massachusetts. Edgar W. Rose, son of a pioneer settler of Orlando, is a veteran of World War I and owner of orange groves near Orlando. Mrs. Jackson was very active in church work for many years.

The Jacksons have two children, both born in Jacksonville, Florida.

1. Judith Diane, born July 8, 1934, graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia. She married Robert D. Joines of Orlando, a member of the United States Air Force, and they have a daughter, Lisa, born July 21, 1958.

2. Michael Everett Jackson, born December 26, 1937, graduated from Palm Beach High School and is attending Florida State University, taking a pre-law course. On February 1, 1959, he married Mary Lou Tsovas of Tallahassee. They have a daughter, Catherine, born November 2, 1959.

The Jacksons are members of the Sailfish Club of Florida, the Society of the Four Arts, and the Rotary Club of Palm Beach.

LLOYD C. BELL

The president of Felder-Bell, Inc. of West Palm Beach, one of the largest retail distributors of electrical appliances on the East Coast of Florida, is one of the civic leaders of that city, which he served three years as city commissioner with one year as mayor. He is also a director of the West Palm Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association and a director of the Spencer Boat Company of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Bell is a native Floridian, born in Archer, Alachua County, June 5, 1906. His father, who also was Lloyd C. Bell, was born in Richmond, Virginia, and died in Hernando, Florida, in 1923 at the age of fifty-eight. Mr. Bell's mother, the former Cora Barco, was born in Cottonplant, Marion County, Florida, and is living in West Palm Beach.

Lloyd Bell graduated from Hernando High School, Brooksville, in 1924 and soon afterwards came to West Palm Beach with the Florida Power and Light Company. He continued with this company for the next ten years, serving in the line, engineering and sales departments. In 1934, in partnership with E. E. Felder, he established Felder-Bell, Inc., dealers in electrical appliances, and in 1942 acquired Mr. Felder's interest in the business. The company handles various lines of electrical appliances.

A Democrat in politics, he served West Palm Beach as city commissioner from 1946 to 1948 and as mayor from 1948 to 1949. He is past president and director of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce; past president and a member of the Lions Club; a member of Elks Lodge #1352; a director of the Y.M.C.A. and the Community Chest; a 32nd degree Mason, member of Harmonia Lodge #138, Lake Worth Consistory and Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami; and a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach, in which he taught a Sunday School class for many years. He enjoys fishing and hunting and is a member of sportsmen's and fishing clubs.

Lloyd C. Bell was married first on July 6, 1930, to Martha Doster, daughter of George W. and Rebecca (Royal) Doster. She died January 2, 1940, leaving two children:

1. Mary, born November 18, 1932, in West Palm Beach, graduated from Sullins Academy at Bristol, Virginia, and from the University of Florida, and married James H. Kirby, Jr. of Lake Worth, Florida. They have a daughter, Rebecca Kirby Bell, born November 19, 1956, in Hollywood, Florida, and another daughter, Mary Shannon Bell, born November 9, 1959, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

2. Lloyd C. Bell, Jr., born October 26, 1934, in West Palm Beach, graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended North Georgia College three years, leaving to join the United States Navy. After his honorable discharge from the Navy he joined his father in business.

On October 18, 1947, Lloyd C. Bell, Sr., married Foorda Welch, daughter of John and Nancy Welch, her father a retired merchant of Drumore, Pennsylvania, and Fort Pierce, Florida. A son, John Joseph Bell, was born March 27, 1949.

R. BRUCE JONES

Senior member of the law firm of Jones, Adams, Paine and Foster, R. Bruce Jones of West Palm Beach is the third generation of his family to follow the legal

profession. His father, George S. Jones, practiced law in Macon, Georgia, for half a century, and his maternal grandfather, Isaac Hardeman, was also a prominent lawyer of Macon and a Judge.

Mr. Jones was born in Macon, Georgia, July 17, 1904. His mother, Roberta Hardeman Jones, died in 1912; his father in 1938. Bruce graduated from Lanier High School, Macon, and from the University of Georgia in 1924 with a B.A. degree. Going on to study law, he received his LL.B. degree from Mercer University in 1926 and took post-graduate studies at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Georgia in 1926 and carried on a general practice in Macon until he entered military service in 1939.

Mr. Jones' record of service in the United States Army is above average. Entering active duty in 1939 with the rank of Captain in Field Artillery, he later served in the European theatre of operations, primarily with the Seventh Armored Division, took part in four campaigns and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. During this time he was promoted to Major, Lieutenant Colonel, and finally Colonel, with which rank he was discharged in 1946, wearing four campaign ribbons, the Silver Star, and the Fourigerre Medal from the Duchy of Luxembourg. From 1946 until October of 1959, when he retired, he held the rank of Colonel in the Third Army Reserve.

After his return to civilian life in 1946, he served until 1947 as assistant division counsel for the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Returning to West Palm Beach in 1947, he became a member of the firm of Earnest, Lewis, Smith and Jones, engaged in the general practice of law. In 1957 he formed the law firm of Jones, Adams, Paine and Foster. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is also a director of the Seminole Life Insurance Company.

Equally prominent in other than professional and business associations, Bruce Jones is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion Post #12 of West Palm Beach, the Old Guard Society, the Kiwanis Club, the Sailfish Club, the Tuscawilla Club, the Palm Beach Golf Club, and the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, in which he serves on the Board of Deacons and teaches the John L. Moore Bible Class. His favorite recreation is golf.

R. Bruce Jones was married first on September 5, 1925, to Elsie Hart of Macon, Georgia, daughter of J. Freeman Hart, a mortician of Macon, and Elsie Gibson Hart, a native of Indiana. A son of this marriage, Robert Bruce Jones, Jr., was born March 17, 1939, and is now attending Emory University at Atlanta, Georgia. The first Mrs. Jones died April 1, 1939. On December 23, 1939, Mr. Jones married Mary Law, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Law, a merchant of Lumpkin, Georgia. A daughter, Elizabeth Jane, is now Mrs. William H. Stensgaard of Park Ridge, Illinois.

HON. WILLIAM P. HOLLAND

His Honor the Mayor of West Palm Beach, now serving his second term in that office after an absence of ten years from the political field, is a barber by profession, owner of two shops in West Palm Beach. He has served as chairman of the West Palm Beach Board of Barbers for the past thirteen years.

He was born in Kissimmee, Florida, January 4, 1903, son of Frank B. and Mary Eugene (Nelms) Holland. His father, a wholesale fish distributor of Titusville, died in 1919; his mother in 1946. William had his first schooling in Milledgeville, Georgia, and completed his education in high school in Titusville, Florida, where the family moved in 1915. While still in his teens, 1919-20, he joined the U. S. Coast Guard, and during the next two years was in Atlanta, Georgia, where he attended night school classes in Business Administration. During the same period of time he attended a barber college in Atlanta and upon completion of this course practiced his trade in Atlanta for three months.

William Holland first arrived in West Palm Beach on Christmas Day, 1922. Early in 1923 he went to work for the late A. F. Regal at 908 South Dixie Highway, and during that year worked as a barber during the day and conducted a dry cleaning and pressing establishment in the evening, working until 11 P.M. In November of 1923 he established his own barber shop at 412 Okeechobee Road, where he continued to operate until March of 1932. Since then his shop has been located at 312 South Dixie Highway. Mayor Holland also conducts a barber shop, called the 808 Barber Shop, located at 4205 Lake Avenue, West Palm Beach, in the Southdale Shopping Center.

During the time when the Air Force Base was located in West Palm Beach, Mayor Holland ran a lucrative business in his two barber shops, employing twelve men, and had the pleasure of meeting the now famous Thunderbird flyers. He has in his possession a framed picture of the four Thunderbirds signed by the eight pilots.

William P. Holland first entered the political field in 1947. He was elected City Commissioner in 1948 and Mayor in 1949 for a one-year term, after which he retired from politics for a period of ten years. In 1958 he made a comeback and history repeated itself: first elected City Commissioner, he was again elected Mayor in April 1959.

Mayor Holland is a member of the Senior Citizens Association, the Kiwanis Club, West Palm Beach Country Club, Elks Lodge #1352, Harmonia Lodge #138, F. & A.M. and all Scottish Rite bodies up to and including the 32nd degree, and is a member of the Baptist Church. He likes to boat and fish and in the past took part in outboard motor boat races.

William P. Holland was married in Atlanta, Georgia, to Beatrice N. Norris, daughter of Henry J. and Mattie Reynolds Norris of Atlanta. Mrs. Holland is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

BERTRAM D. COLE, JR.

B. D. Cole, Inc. of West Palm Beach is one of the large insurance organizations of this state. Since the death of his father, founder of the company, in 1944, Bertram D. Cole, Jr. has been president of the company, and a brother, Joseph H. Cole, is executive vice-president.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 4, 1909, Bertram D. Cole, Jr. is a son of Bertram Dudley and Ollie Belle (Harwood) Cole. His father, born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, was in the land and timber business in various parts of the country and at one time was secretary of the National Union Fire Insurance

Bertram D. Cole, Jr.

Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He came to West Palm Beach in June 1919 and established the insurance firm of B. D. Cole, Inc., over which he presided until his death at the age of sixty-eight. A civic leader, he served four years as president of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and also was president of the Rotary Club. His widow, a native of Richmond, Virginia, now makes her home in West Palm Beach. She is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Bertram D. Cole, Jr., graduated from high school in Palm Beach and attended Principia Preparatory School in St. Louis, Missouri, and Columbia University, New York City, where he studied Business Administration. From 1928 to 1931 he worked with Seibels-Bruce & Company of Columbia, South Carolina, insurance managers for group companies; then returned to West Palm Beach and entered his father's business.

A civic leader like his father, Mr. Cole is past president of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents; director of the First National Bank of Palm Beach and of West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Rotary Club and the West Palm Beach Community Chest; a director and vice-chairman of the Palm Beach County unit of the American Red Cross. For two years, 1947-48, he was president of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Palm Beaches. He is now (1959) president of the Palm Beach Art League, a member of the Everglades Club of Palm Beach, the Tuscawilla Club of West Palm Beach, and the Christian Science Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and his favorite recreations are golf and boating.

Bertram D. Cole, Jr., was married in West Palm Beach on February 14, 1934, to Edna Bremer of Tallahassee, daughter of Frederick H. and Agnes (Williams) Bremer. Mrs. Cole attended Principia College, St. Louis, Missouri, and is a member of the Junior Welfare League and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. The Coles have two children:

1. Bertram D., III, born February 15, 1935, in West Palm Beach, attended Palm Beach High School, Principia Preparatory School two years, and graduated from Principia College in 1958 with an A.B. degree. He is now an ensign in the United States Navy. On August 8, 1959, he married Mary Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell of Houston, Texas, who also attended Principia College.

2. Carolyn Cole, born January 8, 1942, in West Palm Beach, is now (1959) a senior at Palm Beach High School.

JOHN W. TURRENTINE

The John W. Turrentine insurance agency of West Palm Beach has an excellent rating and is considered one of the leading insurance agencies in southeast Florida. Mr. Turrentine established this business in 1927 and has been running it ever since then with the exception of a little more than three years in the service of his country during World War II.

Born in Wilmington, North Carolina, January 18, 1900, he is a son of John Rothwell and Annie (Henderson) Turrentine. His mother died in 1928, his father in 1957. The Turrentine family of Hillsboro County, North Carolina, dates back to 1745, when two brothers, Samuel and Alexander, born in Ireland, came to America aboard the Irish ship "Coulihan," landing at New Castle, Delaware, and proceeded to Pennsylvania where they lived for several years. Some time before 1761 they came to North Carolina and obtained grants of considerable acreage from the lands of the Earl of Granville. These lands were situated on Little River and Buffalo Creek in the St. Mary's District of Orange County. The brothers lived on adjoining farms the remainder of their lives, reared their families, and both, with their wives and some of their children, are buried in the family cemetery on the land set aside for that purpose by Samuel in his will of 1800. This cemetery was rediscovered in 1957 and the Turrentine family have bought it and are restoring it. Every Turrentine in America is descended from one of these two brothers. John W. Turrentine is a direct descendant of Samuel.

John graduated from Wilmington High School, North Carolina, and served in the first World War in Company A of the North Carolina Engineers, serving first on the Mexican border and then in Europe in the American Expeditionary Forces with the rank of buck sergeant. After the war he became associated with his father in the merchandise brokerage business in Wilmington, North Carolina, and remained with him until he went to work for H. J. Heinz Company as a salesman, working on the road out of Asheville, North Carolina. He came to West Palm Beach, Florida, in 1925 and for the first two years was employed as assistant manager of the insurance department of Richards and Lewis Insurance Agency. As already mentioned, he established his own insurance agency in West Palm Beach in 1927.

On May 21, 1942, Mr. Turrentine enlisted in the Army Air Force and was discharged on April 3, 1943, with the rank of sergeant. He went to work at the Morrison Air Base in West Palm Beach on April 15, 1943, and continued there until September 1, 1943, when he enlisted in the Seabees, or United States Naval Construction Battalions. He served in the Pacific theatre of operations, including the Marshall and Mariana Islands, and was honorably discharged on September 4, 1945, with the rank of Storekeeper Second Class. This record shows an admirable determination on the part of Mr. Turrentine to get into the scrap and do his bit, even though he was old enough to be exempt from military service.

On his return from the service Mr. Turrentine resumed his insurance business and has been very successful. He is first vice-president of the Florida State Association of Mutual Insurance Agents; treasurer and director of the South Florida Fair and the Palm Beach County Fair expositions; a member of the Executive Committee of the American Legion Post #12 of West Palm Beach; a member of West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge #1352, and the Y.M.C.A. He is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Higher Education Board of the Presbyterian Synod for the State of Florida. He is married to the former Eva Lowther of Morganton, North Carolina. For recreation he likes to travel.

KENNETH P. FOSTER

In the real estate and insurance business in West Palm Beach since 1945, Kenneth P. Foster grew up in that city, where he was brought by his parents when he was five years old. He is now completing his third

term as County Commissioner of District 1, Palm Beach County, and has been reelected for a fourth term. He is a high ranking Mason and is prominent in civic and social organizations in West Palm Beach.

Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 23, 1911, he is a son of Phillip Foster, now deceased, and Anna Christina (Christensen) Foster, who is living in West Palm Beach. His father came to West Palm Beach with his family in 1916 and was occupied in the real estate business.

Kenneth graduated from Gault's Private School in West Palm Beach and from 1929 to 1941 traveled all over the country and to the Bahamas, Cuba and Canada in the interests of the sport fishing business. During World War II, from 1941 to 1945, he served as a Warrant Officer in the United States Coast Guard in the Atlantic theater of operations. After the war he entered the real estate and insurance business and is a past president of West Palm Beach Board of Realtors.

Mr. Foster first entered the political field in 1947. He was elected County Commissioner of District 1, Palm Beach County, in 1948, re-elected in 1952 and again in 1956, and has served as chairman of the board of County Commissioners.

He is a past director of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge #1352, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2007, American Legion Post #12 and a member of its executive committee. In Masonry he is a member of Harmonia Lodge #138 and all bodies up to and including the 32nd degree, Scottish and York Rites, a Knight Templar of Palm Beach Commandery, Shriner of Mahi Temple, Miami, and is past president of the Palm Beach County Shrine Club. He is a director of Palm Beach County Polio Chapter and of Palm Beach County Retarded Children's Association, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach, in which he has served on the board of trustees. He is past president of the Flotilla Club, treasurer of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club, and a member of North Palm Beach Country Club. Cooking, fishing and golf are his favorite recreations.

At Fort Lauderdale on May 8, 1937, Kenneth P. Foster married Virginia H. Harris, daughter of Herbert and Mrs. Idell Harris of West Palm Beach and a graduate of Palm Beach High School. They have a daughter, Susan Jean Foster, born September 28, 1946, in West Palm Beach, now a student at Northboro Junior High School.

JOHN A. PAUL

A member of the prominent law firm, Warwick, Paul and Warwick of West Palm Beach, John A. Paul has practiced law in Florida since 1934, excepting four years in the Navy during World War II.

A native of Wisconsin, he was born in LaCrosse on September 3, 1910, son of Alexander Gunn Paul (deceased) and Marie Louise (Copeland) Paul. His father was in the lumber and timber business in Wisconsin, California and Florida, a banker and prominent citizen of his community, serving as a trustee of the County Road Board, chairman of the County Draft Board, and director of two banks and Lakeshore Hospital in Lake City.

John Paul graduated from Canterbury Preparatory School, Connecticut, in 1928, from the University of Virginia in 1932, and after studying law there for one year completed his law course at the University of Florida, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1934.

Admitted to practice in the state of Florida, he was associated with Fleming, Hamilton, Diver and Lichliter, Jacksonville attorneys, for three years; then came to West Palm Beach and joined J. W. Salisbury, with whom he continued to practice until he entered the United States Navy in 1942. Mr. Paul has three battle stars for service in the Mediterranean-European theater of war and one battle star for service in the Pacific theater, and was transferred to the U.S. Navy Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Following his return from the Navy in 1946, Mr. Paul became a member of the law firm of Paty, Warwick and Paul, which in 1951 became Warwick, Paul and Warwick.

Mr. Paul is a member of the local, state and national bar associations, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa scholarship fraternity and Zeta Psi social fraternity; also of the Elks, the American Legion, and St. Edward's (Catholic) Church. His clubs are Coral Beach, Tuscawilla, and Palm Beach Golf Club.

He was married in Jacksonville on February 8, 1944, to Virginia Green, daughter of Francis W. and Marguerite M. Green. The Pauls have six children: Peter A., born in 1947; Malo, in 1949; John, Jr., in 1950; Allan G., in 1951; Frank W., in 1953; and Richard L., in 1955.

Mrs. Paul, a native of Charlotte, South Carolina, is a graduate of the Finch Finishing School, New York City.

MARSHALL B. WOOD

Senior member of the law firm of Wood and Cobb, Marshall B. Wood has been an attorney in West Palm Beach since 1925. Mr. Wood is also chairman of the board and a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of West Palm Beach, and is prominent in the professional, civic and social circles of Palm Beach, where he resides.

He was born in Washington, Kentucky, March 11, 1898, son of Arthur F. Wood, a farmer in Kentucky, and Alice (Massie) Wood, both deceased. He graduated from Maysville High School, Maysville, Kentucky, attended the University of Kentucky and studied law at the University of Cincinnati Law School, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1920. Admitted to the practice of law in the states of Kentucky and Ohio, he practiced in both states before coming to Florida, where he passed the bar examination in 1925 and has been carrying on a successful general practice of law since then.

Mr. Wood is a past president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and a member of the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association. He is currently president of the Palm Beach branch of the English Speaking Union, a past chairman of the Palm Beach County chapter of the American Red Cross, and a member of the Everglades Club and the Bath and Tennis Club, both of Palm Beach. He and his family are members of the Episcopal Church.

In Nashville, Tennessee, Marshall B. Wood married Dorothy Churchill Hankins of Nashville, daughter of Cornelius Hankins, a well known artist, and Maude (McGehee) Hankins, who also was an artist and a writer. Mrs. Wood attended the Castle School for Girls at Tarrytown, New York. The Woods have a son and

a daughter: Marshall B., Jr. and Dorothy Middleton (Wood) Letts.

Marshall B. Wood, Jr., born in Nashville, Tennessee, December 18, 1922, attended Palm Beach High School, graduated from the Darlington School, Rome, Georgia, and from Princeton University in 1945 with a Bachelor of Science degree. During World War II he served in the United States Navy with the rank of Ensign and now holds the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Naval Reserve. He studied law at the University of Virginia Law School and received an LL.B. degree. Admitted to practice law in Florida, he is now a member of his father's firm. He married Susan Andrews of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and they have three children: Elizabeth, Leslie, and Thomas Marshall, all born in West Palm Beach.

Dorothy Middleton Wood was born in West Palm Beach, Florida. She graduated from Sweet Briar College in Virginia and is now the wife of Gavin K. Letts, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who is a graduate of Washington and Lee University Law School and is a member of the firm of Wood and Cobb. Mr. and Mrs. Letts have their home in Palm Beach.

MELVILLE L. SPENCER

Mel Spencer, president of Spencer Boat Company, Inc. of West Palm Beach, is a member of a pioneer family of the East Coast of Florida who came from Pennsylvania as homesteaders in 1876. His great grandfather was the first Postmaster of Lake Worth, which then included what is now Palm Beach, and his grandfather, Melville Evan Spencer, was a lighthouse keeper in Jupiter in the early days. He married Eleanor Josephine Bellows, a native of Rhode Island, and their son, Louis Spencer, Mel's father, was born in Palm Beach. Louis Spencer attended the University of Florida and is a member of that university's Alumni Association and of the Palm Beach County Historical Society. He is now associated with his son in business and is a stockholder in the Spencer Boat Company. Mel's mother is also a native of Florida, the former Wilma Lee Bell of Luraville, Suwannee County.

Melville L. Spencer was born in West Palm Beach April 12, 1920. He learned boat building in the vocational classes of the Palm Beach High School, from which he was graduated. On October 10, 1941, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served until the spring of 1946, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of Chief Warrant Boatswain.

For a while, in 1946, he worked with Flurry and Crouch, operators of the boat yard at West Palm Beach; then with Palm Beach Marine Basin, Inc., operated by William D. Lanigan. In 1949 he started in the boat repair business for himself and in 1952 took over the operation of the yard. Working alone at first, he built up his business, which was incorporated in 1954 and now employs about fifty-five people.

Spencer Boat Company, Inc. is one of the largest of its kind of business in the South. Besides boat building, repairing, hauling and other marine service, it has the franchise for Chris Craft boats and engines and functions as a yacht broker. Spencer Marine Hardware Company, a subsidiary of Spencer Boat Company at the same location, carries a complete line of marine hardware.

Mr. Spencer is a member and secretary of the newly formed Palm Beach Marine Association and director and secretary of Palm Cove Marina, Inc., a Florida corporation located in West Palm Beach. He is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Flotilla Club, and of the Riviera Beach Chamber of Commerce.

At Fairhaven, Massachusetts, on February 27, 1943, Melville L. Spencer married Bertha Murphy, daughter of Ernest and Helen (Larson) Murphy. The Larsons and the Murphys were settlers of Mount Desert Island, Maine, where the well known summer resort of Bar Harbor is located. Mrs. Spencer graduated from Fairhaven High School but spent her early school years in the public school at Southwest Harbor, Mount Desert Island, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are the parents of five children. The oldest, Elizabeth Helen, now a student at Palm Beach High School, was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, January 13, 1944. The other four were born in West Palm Beach. They are: Melville L. Jr. (nickname "Ty"), born September 6, 1947, now attending Northwood Junior High School; Dianne Marie, born February 13, 1952; Beverly Jane, born April 29, 1953; and Michael Ernest, born November 22, 1958.

The Spencer family are members of the Northwood Methodist Church, Palm Beach.

JOHN RYBOVICH AND FAMILY

The saga of the Rybovich family and their boats appeared in the Saturday Evening Post of March 23, 1957. The following story is largely a condensation and rearrangement of that story, with some additional information on the family and business.

Rybovich and Sons Boat Works, Inc., of West Palm Beach is unique in more ways than one, but particularly in the type of boat that is built there—a sports fishing boat designed especially for sea hunting for big game. These are made to order and generally cost from $35,000 to $75,000, depending on size and optional fittings. One 54-foot long-range fishing boat sold for $175,000. The sale of these boats accounts for about one half of the Rybovich firm's income; the other half comes from repair and maintenance of all kinds of craft.

John Rybovich, Sr., now 80 years old, was born in Austria-Hungary. He left there in 1902 and came to Detroit, Michigan. On October 21, 1911, in New York City, he married Anna Pollack, daughter of Michael and Anna (Misaros) Pollack, who was born in Czechoslovakia and came to New York in 1905. The newlywed couple came to Palm Beach, Florida, to make their home there. John Rybovich was an expert carpenter and cabinetmaker, and there was plenty of work in the building-contractor business for nine months of the year.

Henry Flagler, developer of the Palm Beaches, decreed that there should be no unseemly hammering and sawing during the Season—the three-month winter period then enjoyed only by millionaires who came to Palm Beach in private railroad cars. So Mr. Rybovich took up commercial fishing during the winter months. His first boat had a three-horsepower engine and needed a new bottom, which he built. Because of his ability as a carpenter he was called upon to repair boats for other fishermen. By 1918 he had bought the first parcel of land where the firm is now located and was devoting all his time to trolling and netting fish commercially and repairing boats. He built his first

new boat, a sea skiff, in 1918, and by the early 20's was building them as fast as he could turn them out, so much were they in demand by commercial fishermen and rum runners. They held together in rough seas and under heavy loads, and they were fast.

In 1919 Mr. Rybovich established the Rybovich Boat Works in West Palm Beach. When his sons became associated with him and the business was incorporated the name became Rybovich and Sons Boat Works, Inc. A great part of the success of this business is due to Mrs. Rybovich, who during the periods of transition acted as secretary-treasurer and bookkeeper and kept the business on an even keel.

Mom and Pop Rybovich, as they are affectionately known, are the parents of five children—three sons and two daughters. In order of age, they are:

1. John, Jr., born March 28, 1913
2. Ethel, born April 24, 1915
3. Thomas, born November 20, 1919
4. Emil, born June 26, 1923
5. Mary Irene, born June 17, 1925

All were born in West Palm Beach and all graduated from Palm Beach High School except John, who left school in his senior year to help his father in the boat yard. He had been working in the yard after school hours since he was ten years old.

The Rybovich holdings, including their home, were wiped out in the hurricane of 1928. Pop Rybovich built a new house and a new boat yard, and it was then that Johnny left school to take on a man's work with his father. They kept busy through the depression years and Pop even managed to hire some men, spreading out the work as much as he could in order to help as many as possible.

During this period he and Johnny teamed up as charter-boat skippers, and so learned at first hand the sports fisherman's problems. There was no such thing as a sports fishing boat in those days. Open skiffs were not practical, so everyone took to converting cabin cruisers into fishing boats, and as money became more plentiful the Ryboviches were up to their necks in rebuilding. They learned a great deal while converting cabin cruisers, and the idea of pooling their knowledge to create a special fishing boat of their own was a natural outgrowth of this experience.

World War II interrupted the creative work of the Rybovich family. John, who runs the business, served in the Army and emerged with a Captain's commission. While recuperating in a San Francisco hospital, he devised a new method of wire bracing for all-metal outriggers. Tom, the designer of the boats, served in the 15th Air Force as pilot of a B-17 and saw plenty of action over Italy. He was a group commander and received many citations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. Emil, who handles the mechanical end of the business was in Air-Sea Rescue in the Air Force.

While his sons were in the service Pop not only had to run his own boat yard (with the help of his daughters, Ethel and Irene), but he had to manage another yard nearby, to keep in repair the small craft pressed into service by the Coast Guard and Navy for submarine patrol work off the Florida coast. Remembering the postwar shortages of World War I, Pop Rybovich stocked up on building materials whenever he could, piling up thousands of feet of lumber that nobody else seemed to want at the time—good white oak for the frames, mahogany for planking and trim, teakwood from Burma for the stern deck. When the boys came home he was ready for them to start work.

Together, in 1946, they built the first of the "modern series", the Miss Chevy II, a 34-footer with an 11-foot beam, which was bought by C. F. (Charley) Johnson of Palm Beach, who owns a string of automobile agencies. The most noticeable characteristics of these boats are the sharp V shape of the bow, the smooth flow of the sheer, and the unusually wide beam. The effect in action is a flat wake, an advantage when trolling baits, since fish can see the lure better in a smooth wake. Another feature is the "fighting chair", which looks somewhat like a dentist's chair. Bolted to the middle of the stern deck, it is adjustable to many positions and has a footrest with a replaceable sandpaper lining to give the fisherman's feet a firm grip; a gimbal socket for the rod butt.

The fighting chair is the only stationary fitting on the rear deck; everything else can be removed to clear the deck for battle. In a Rybovich boat the transom door in the stern of the hull, for pulling in a heavy fish by the gaff hooks, is cut out like the entrance to a chute in a wall, leaving the railing intact, and is big enough to admit a 1000-pounder. The boat can be controlled from three positions—the cockpit, the flying bridge on top of the cabin, and the tuna tower, a sort of crow's nest on metal stilts rising ten feet above the cabin top. There is a well for live bait in the stern deck and an electric freezer for other bait. Interior cabin fittings vary according to the taste of the owner and are often luxurious, although these boats are not designed primarily for living aboard. Some have such conveniences as air conditioning, radio direction finder and ship-to-shore radiophone. These boats are not built to win races, but they have plenty of speed and power. Usually fitted with twin engines of 250 horsepower each, they can out-perform most boats in the rough waters for which they were designed. Many users say they are the smoothest they ever rode in bad waters.

One of these boats takes about four months to build, and only five or six are turned out in a year. When they started making them, the Rybovich boys thought there might be a limited number of sports fishermen willing to pay top prices for top quality, but never dreamed there would be so much demand for them. The backlog of orders is piled high. They will not sacrifice quality to speed up production. Speaking of the Rybovich boats, Charley Johnson, who has bought and sold several of them, says: "They're sound . . . Pop Rybovich knows wood, and the boys know how to build. Every stick is perfect. Do you know, they only take one or two planks at a time from the dehumidifier, so the moisture content won't vary a jot from one board to another . . . And there isn't any calking between planks; the fit is perfect."

On December 29, 1949, off the Florida coast, Johnson took 26 sailfish with the Miss Chevy II. In 1951 he scored the greatest poundage and the largest number of points in the Cat Cay Tuna Tournament with another Rybovich boat. The Miss Chevy II is now the Sail Ahoy and still operating as the only Rybovich boat in charter service at West Palm Beach. The owners of Rybovich boats are good salesmen for the company, and when they want to sell they can often get more than they paid for a boat, due to the demand and rising cost of production. But the best salesmen

John Rybovich Anna Rybovich

are the captains and crew who handle the boats under all conditions in big-game fishing. They and many anglers feel that in landing a giant fish the boat does 50% of the work.

Rybovich and Sons Boat Works occupies a total floor space of 25,000 square feet in several buildings and employs 35 to 40 men permanently in building and repair work. The family has joint property holdings in the firm, in land around the Palm Beaches, and on an island in the Bahamas.

John Rybovich, Jr. is president of Rybovich and Sons Boat Works, Inc. He is a member, past president and a director of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club; a member of the Resources and Development Board of West Palm Beach; a member and serving on the Board of Governors of the Sailfish Club; and a member of the Flotilla Club. He was president in 1958 and a director for six years of the International Light Tackle Tournament Association and served as tournament chairman in 1952 and '53. As one of the founders of the Sailfish Conservation Club of Palm Beach, he received the Governor's Award. John married Kathryn Jordahn of West Palm Beach, daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Jordahn, and they have two children: John Jordahn Rybovich, born July 26, 1946; Sally Ann, born October 3, 1949. John likes to pit his six-foot 200-pound strength against big fish, especially on the Pacific side of Panama.

Tom Rybovich designs all the Rybovich boats, which are built from his toy-like scale models without benefit of blueprint. In addition to designing each craft, he guides the construction and does the final sanding on each hull. Tom married Lucille Delburn on September 22, 1951. They have four children: Cynthia Ann, Patricia, Terese, and Debbie. Tom's interest in fishing boats ceases once his designs have been tested in the water.

Emil Rybovich, the mechanic of the firm, occasionally flys the company's four-seater amphibian plane to the Bahamas to do repair jobs there. He married Lorraine Sproul in June 1958 (his second marriage), and has two children: Linda Diane and Michael. Emil is a light-line fishing enthusiast.

Ethel Rybovich is the wife of James A. Dodge. Mary Irene married Haldane McClain of West Palm Beach, and they have three children: Diane, Richard, and Sandy.

Pop, now retired, still devotes his full time to the business and when conditions are right will try his hand again at fishing for the inshore species of fish available in the waters of Lake Worth. He has his own small inboard boat which he operates himself.

JOHN H. COUSE

A pioneer in the refrigeration and air conditioning business in Palm Beach County, John H. Couse of Lake Worth grew up in that town which has been his home since he was four years old. His business is located in West Palm Beach. Mr. Couse is also treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Palm Beach.

His father, Frank W. Couse, came to Lake Worth from Minneapolis in 1912, and like many other men of those days engaged in a variety of occupations. At different times he was a boat operator, a road building contractor, and a real estate broker. He served on the committee on the establishment of the route for the federal highway through Palm Beach County and was interested and active in all the community affairs of Lake Worth. In short, he was one of the town fathers. He died in 1936.

John H. Couse was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 31, 1908. His mother, Hannah M. (Harven) Couse, is living in Lake Worth. Coming to Florida with his parents in 1912, John was educated in the public schools of Lake Worth and graduated from high school there in 1927. He subsequently made a special study of the science of refrigeration and in 1931 established his firm, John H. Couse, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Inc., located at 308 Fern Street, West Palm Beach, where he is still doing business. He is a life member of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers

Like his father, John Couse is active in civic affairs, as evidenced by his having received the Citizenship Award of the Lake Worth Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. As a high school student he was prominent in athletics and still maintains a special interest in this field, being a member of Florida A.A.U., past president of Lake Worth Swimming Association, and a member of the Trojan Twenty Club, a group of twenty men who support all athletics at Lake Worth High School. Fishing is his favorite recreation and his hobby is Lake Worth Band. The new Band Building at Lake Worth High School was dedicated to Mr. Couse on January 31st, 1960. He has been enrolled in the Book of Golden Deeds of the Exchange Club of Lake Worth. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Lake Worth. Mrs. Couse has been actively interested in the work of the local Red Cross unit.

In Minneapolis on October 31, 1929, John H. Couse married Barnetta Sparks, daughter of James M. and Theresa (Benline) Sparks of Buffalo, New York. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Couse in Lake Worth.

Margy Louise Couse, born October 6, 1932, graduated from Lake Worth High School and from the University of Florida and holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Science. She married Paul E. Bielling of Lake Butler, Florida, a graduate of the University of Florida, who served in the Marine Corps and is now in the United States Forestry Service.

Barbara Jean Couse was born May 24, 1935. She also graduated from Lake Worth High School and from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree, and is married to David Evans of Lake Worth, who served in the United States Army, terminating his service in January 1960, and is now completing his studies at the University of Florida.

John B. Kouse

ROBERT FREDERICK CROMWELL

President and director of the Community Federal Savings and Loan Association of Riviera Beach, Robert F. Cromwell is also senior member of the law firm of Cromwell, Remsen and Johnson, a partner in the general insurance firm of Cromwell and Griffin, both located in Riviera Beach, and is a director of the Riviera Beach Bank and the First American Bank of North Palm Beach.

Mr. Cromwell was born in Evansville, Indiana, October 16, 1918, son of John Frederick and Irene Magdalene (Damm) Cromwell. His father was born in Cromwell, Kentucky, and died in 1920. His mother, born in Evansville, Indiana, died in 1929, leaving Robert an orphan at the age of eleven. He graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1938 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida in 1942. During his years in college he excelled in boxing and was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

World War II being in progress when he graduated from college, Robert Cromwell received his commission from the R.O.T.C. of the University of Florida as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He transferred to the Air Force and served as a pilot in the 349th Troop Carrier Group, transporting cargo and troops to overseas points, and was an instructor at Sedalia, Missouri, for five months. He also saw service in England and France and on December 27, 1945, was transferred to the Air Force Reserve with the rank of Captain.

After his release from the service Mr. Cromwell returned to the University of Florida to study law, and received his LL.B. degree in February of 1948. He was admitted to the bar in the state of Florida that year and for the next five years carried on a private practice of law. In 1953 he and John L. Remsen formed a law partnership and were joined in 1957 by Thomas Johnson.

Mr. Cromwell is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida State Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, of which he is a past president. As a member of the Riviera Beach Chamber of Commerce he has served as president and has been a director of that body for the past twelve years. He is also a past president of the Lions Club of Riviera Beach, a member of the Elks Lodge #2069, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, in which he is a Judge Advocate.

From 1948 to 1950 Mr. Cromwell served as Town Clerk of Riviera Beach and has also served as a director of the Resources Development Board of Palm Beach County. He was appointed to the Board of Pilot Commissioners of the Port of Palm Beach by the late Governor McCarty and reappointed by Governor Collins. His fraternities are Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity; his church the First Methodist of Riviera Beach. Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports.

In Gainesville, Florida, on July 30, 1948, Robert F. Cromwell married Marion Pauline McKinney, who was born in Jacksonville May 3, 1920. A third generation native of Florida, Mrs. Cromwell is a daughter of J. Mahlon McKinney, now deceased, a former attorney who at the time of his death was president of the Dixie County State Bank of Cross City. He was succeeded by his son, Mahlon McKinney, Jr., who now holds that office. Mr. McKinney Sr. was born at Mayo in Lafayette County, Florida; his wife was born in Hawkinsville, Georgia. Mrs. Cromwell graduated from the Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University) in 1941 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and for a year and a half taught school at Riviera Beach. During World War II she served as a yeoman in the Women's Reserve Corps, stationed at Jacksonville. She subsequently earned a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Florida, was admitted to the bar in Florida in 1957, and is now practicing law in the Jupiter office of Cromwell, Remsen and Johnson. She is also Judge of the Tequesta Town Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell have a son, Henry Frederick Cromwell, born in West Palm Beach April 14, 1951, now a student at the Riviera Beach Elementary School.

J. ROY HIME

On his initial visit to West Palm Beach, in 1925, John Roy Hime intended to stay over night. As President of J. R. Hime Electric Company, he is now in his 36th year of residency. His business now employs two hundred and fifty people and carries him all over the state of Florida.

Born in Macon, Georgia, January 15, 1901, the son of John Robert and Anna (Malone) Hime, his mother still lives in Macon. His father died in 1910. In August, 1925, he came to West Palm Beach from Nashville, Tennessee, where he lived from 1921 to 1925, and was identified with the Vanderbilt Medical Research Laboratory. He has been in the electrical business ever since he came here.

In 1946, he built the largest Hydroponic Farm in the United States at Hypoluxo, Florida, and operated it until 1958, at which time he received a contract from the Cuban Government for the construction and supervision of what is now the largest Hydroponic Farm in the world.

Mr. Hime is on the Board of Directors of the West Palm Beach Savings and Loan Association, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, Elks Club Lodge No. 1352, and the Tuscawilla Club. He served in both World Wars and in the second war he was a pilot in the Civil Air Anti-Submarine Patrol. Mr. Hime is well known as a pilot in southeastern aviation circles. He has long over 12,000 hours as a pilot. Most of it has been travelling from job to job while he flew with the Civil Air Patrol during the first few months after Pearl Harbor. Many ships were sunk off nearby shores, but the Civil Air Patrol helped to prevent greater losses and eventually helped eliminate further losses altogether.

For recreation Mr. Hime likes to fish and fly, and he is a modern railroad fan.

In Macon, Georgia, on September 10, 1919, J. Roy Hime married Hazel Willis, daughter of the late Edward E. and Minnie E. Phillips. She was a graduate of Macon Lanier High School. They have two daughters, Hazel and Laura.

Hazel graduated from Palm Beach High School and from the University of Georgia with an A.B. degree in 1942, and married Frederic G. Seelmann, Jr., of Palm Beach, who also is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and the University of Florida. He served in the United States Air Force in World War II as a pilot and squadron command in the European theater and received several citations. His top rank was major.

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The Seelmanns have two sons, William and Robert, born in West Palm Beach.

Anna Laura Hime graduated from Palm Beach High School and from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in the class of 1944 with an A.B. degree. She married Clarence I. Deger of Middletown, Ohio, a graduate of Middletown High School and the University of Ohio, who was a captain in the Air Force during World War II. They have four children, David, Anna Marie, John and Laura Jean, all born in West Palm Beach.

ARTHUR I. MURRAY

Arthur I. Murray is the Vice President of A. E. and R. F. Raidle, Inc., Real Estate Developers of Palm Beach, Florida, and a director of Intercoastal Property, Inc., a development company. Before coming to the Raidle firm Mr. Murray had long experience in property management.

He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on September 30, 1906, son of Arthur E. Murray who died in 1946, and Katherine (Hobbs) Murray who died in 1944. His parents, both natives of London, England, met in New York City where they were married. Mr. Murray, Sr., came to the United States from England as a young man, settled in New York City, and later lived in Jersey City. A building contractor by profession, he built the Bancroft Hotel in Worcester, Massachusetts.

A. I. Murray graduated from Elizabeth High School in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and attended New York University. From 1926 to 1931 he was associated with his late father in the building business and afterwards, from 1931 to 1945, he held the position of assistant property manager with the Bank for Savings in New York City. Starting in 1945, he was real estate manager for Darling Sons. His association with A. E. and R. F. Raidle, Inc. began in 1948, continuing until this date, with Mr. Murray serving as vice president of the firm since 1957.

Mr. Murray served in the New Jersey National Guard, Troup 9, 102nd Calvary, from 1926 to 1929. He is Executive Vice President of the Major League Bowling Association, Inc., a concern that owns and operates bowling alleys, and is also Treasurer of the Major League Bowling Lanes, Inc. As would be expected, bowling is his recreation. He is a member of the Lake Worth Presbyterian Church.

In Elizabeth, New Jersey, on June 9, 1928, he married Evelyn Kohlenberger, daughter of Henry and Matilda (Henel) Kohlenberger. Like her husband, she, too, graduated from Elizabeth High School.

The Murrays have two children. They are:

1. Patricia Hobbs (Murray) Vance, born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, July 30, 1930, who graduated from the Vail Deane School for Girls in Elizabeth and from the University of Florida in the class of 1952. She is married to Howard Vance of Indiana, who is associated with the McKesson and Robbin drug concern. They have two children: Cynthia, born in West Palm Beach January 27, 1958; and Catherine, born October 29, 1959, in West Palm Beach.

2. Judith Evelyn Murray, born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, January 16, 1944, a student at Lake Worth High School. Judith is an excellent bowler.

T. SPENCER CROWLEY

As vice-president and general manager of Henry C. Beck Company, general contractors and engineers of Palm Beach, with offices in Atlanta, Georgia, and Dallas, Texas, T. Spencer Crowley occupies a very important and responsible position. This company was the builder of the office and manufacturing building at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Research and Development Center and has recently been awarded the contract for the Complex 34 launching facilities for the Saturn missile at Cape Canaveral.

Mr. Crowley was born in Atlanta, Georgia, January 27, 1921, son of William V. and Ann Spencer Crowley, both natives of Atlanta and still living there, where his father is vice-chairman of the Fulton National Bank.

He graduated from the North Fulton High School, Atlanta, and from Georgia School of Technology in 1941 with the degree of Civil Engineer. Being ripe for military service in that year of the United States' entry into World War II, he served as a pilot in the Air Force in the European theater of war and came out in 1945 with the rank of First Lieutenant, three air medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. It was at that time that he became associated with Henry C. Beck Company, one of the top-ranking engineering companies of the country. He was made vice-president and general manager in 1958.

T. Spencer Crowley was married in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 19, 1942, to Margaret Croswell, daughter of Earl and Helen James Croswell. Mrs. Crowley is a graduate of North Fulton High School, Atlanta, and attended the University of Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Crowley are the parents of five children, all born in Atlanta, Georgia. They are:

1. Margaret, born November 18, 1944, a student at Palm Beach High School.

2. Helen, born July 17, 1946, a student at Palm Beach Junior High School.

3. T. Spencer, Jr., born December 7, 1948, attending Palm Beach Elementary School.

4. Michael, born April 27, 1952.

5. Elizabeth, born September 11, 1954.

Mr. Crowley is a member of the 99 Club and the Memorial Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach. Fishing and golf are his favorite sports.

JAMES D. STURROCK

A man who has devoted his life to his business, James D. Sturrock is president of Boynton Landscape Company, Inc. and the Boynton Nurseries, both located in Palm Beach County.

He was born in Lanark, Scotland, December 8, 1901, son of William Sturrock who died in 1926, and Mary (Dunn) Sturrock who died in 1941. Both parents are buried in West Palm Beach.

First to come to the United States were James Sturrock's two brothers, William D. and David Sturrock, who settled in Miami, Florida, in 1912. Later, in 1915, the brothers were joined by their parents who also went first to Miami. In 1918 William settled in West Palm Beach while David went to Cuba. The whole family, both father and sons, were in the nursery business at this time. Finally, in 1919, James Sturrock joined his older brother in West Palm Beach and eventually both parents joined the two brothers

James J. Sturck.

Anna May Sturrock

in 1922. Before his arrival in West Palm Beach, James Sturrock had attended public and high schools in Miami.

Starting at a young age, under the influence of his father and brothers, Mr. Sturrock devoted his lifetime to the nursery and landscape profession. In 1928 he established the Boynton Landscape Company, Inc. at Palm Beach, and also during this same year started the Boynton Nurseries at Boynton Beach. The Boynton Landscape Company, Inc. now employs about two hundred people.

Mr. Sturrock is president of Knollwood Groves, an orange and grapefruit business, located in Palm Beach County. He is a director of the First National Bank of Palm Beach and since 1955 has been elected continuously to serve as president of the Palm Beach Town Council which he joined in 1951. He is a member of the Country Club of Florida, the Palm Beach Golf Club, the Old Guard Society, the Sailfish Club of Florida, and attends the Presbyterian Church. His recreation includes fishing, swimming, and golf.

On May 11, 1922, in West Palm Beach, he married Anna May Porter, daughter of Wilfred and Marion (Dowling) Porter. Mrs. Sturrock graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Stetson University at Deland, Florida.

The Sturrocks have two children. They are:

1. James D. Sturrock, Jr., born in West Palm Beach, June 30, 1923, graduated from Palm Beach High School. While attending the University of Florida he enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Second World War and served as a pilot in the Eighth Air Force in the European theater of operations, with top rank of First Lieutenant. After the war he became associated with his father as Vice President of Boynton Landscape Company, Inc. His wife, June McKenna of Palm Beach, is the daughter of E. R. McKenna, postmaster of Palm Beach, and Alice (Lummas) McKenna. James and Alice Sturrock, have one daughter, Alice Sturrock.

2. Marion Sturrock, born in West Palm Beach during January of 1927. She graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Stetson University. She married Robert R. Horner, a graduate of West Point Military Academy who served in the Occupation Forces in Europe. He resigned from the Army to join the Boynton Landscape Company, Inc., and now acts as secretary-treasurer of the company. He is also general manager of the Maintenance Department in Boynton. The Horners have two children: Sandra and Robert, Jr., born in West Palm Beach and attending Palm Beach public schools.

EGBERT BEALL

City Attorney of West Palm Beach and senior member of the Beall, Callaway, and Beall law firm is Egbert Beall, a long-time political servant of community, state, and federal government.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, December 29, 1893, he is the son of Egbert Beall and Lily Gray Beall. His father, who died in 1923, served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and was a retired merchant in Jackson County, Georgia. His mother, who died in 1946, is buried in Jefferson, Jackson County, Georgia, with her husband.

After graduating from Clarksville High School in Clarksville, Georgia, Mr. Beall attended Piedmont College at Demorest, Georgia, and in 1916 was admitted to the Georgia Bar. From 1917 to 1919 he served as a Lieutenant in the Fifth Division of the United States Army during World War I, and in the Army of Occupation.

He began practicing law in Georgia in 1917, and did so until December 5, 1925, when he was admitted to the Florida Bar. From this time until presently, Mr. Beall has worked and resided in West Palm Beach, where he is a member of the Beall, Callaway, and Beall law firm.

In 1942 he graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, after taking a series of special language courses. He also had some language training at Schrivingham University in England. After graduation, from August of 1942 to 1946 he served in World War II as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Military Government attached to General Patton's Third Armored Division and after the war spent an additional two years in the Army of Occupation in Bavaria.

In May of 1951 he was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court, and is also a member of all State or Federal courts in Georgia and Florida. He was appointed City Attorney for West Palm Beach in 1954 and is still in office. Presently, he is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar Association, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and the Municipal Section of the American Bar Association.

He belongs to the West Palm Beach American Legion Post, is past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #1352, and is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. A past president of the Civitan Club, he also serves on the Board of Deacons of the West Palm Beach First Baptist Church, and is past president of the Palm Beach County Crippled Children's Association. He is a member of the Municipal Tri-County League, the Florida Municipal Association, the National Municipal Association, and the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Beall enjoys deep sea fishing as his hobby.

He was married in West Palm Beach on February 27, 1929, to Evelyn Harris of Winder, Georgia, daughter of E. S. and Cammie (Perry) Harris. Mrs. Beall attended Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. The Bealls have two children. They are:

1. Martha Beall, born in West Palm Beach in 1930, graduated from Palm Beach High School and Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. She and her husband, Charles Lee, have one daughter, Elizabeth Lee, born in 1956.

2. Charles Beall, born in West Palm Beach in 1934, graduated from Palm Beach High School, the University of Florida with an A.B. degree, and Stetson University Law School with an LL.B degree. He is now a member of the Beall, Callaway, and Beall law firm.

EDWARD RIDGE McKENNA, SR.

Now approaching the quarter-century mark as Postmaster of Palm Beach, Edward Ridge McKenna, Sr. is a son of one of the early pioneers of the Palm Beach area whose name appears on a bronze tablet in Pioneer Park, West Palm Beach, listing the first forty-two pioneers to arrive in this section between 1873 and 1886. Mr. McKenna is widely known throughout the section and highly esteemed by his many friends and associates for the contributions he has made to the general welfare.

He was born in Palm Beach March 1, 1896, son of John Purcell McKenna, a native of Dublin, Ireland, where he was born June 11, 1850; and Eleanor Ridge (Bagnall) McKenna, who was born in London, England, April 1, 1862. An account of John P. McKenna and family, the larger part of which is taken from the History of Beautiful Palm Beach by J. Wadsworth Travers (Palm Beach Press, February 1928), follows in a separate sketch.

Edward McKenna attended Palm Beach High School in 1912 and took a course at Massey Business College in Jacksonville, after which he entered the construction business in Palm Beach and was so engaged for fourteen years, being a partner in several companies during that time.

Mr. McKenna's public service began in 1923, when he was appointed to the Town Council of Palm Beach, in which he served for two years. From 1931 to 1936 he was an official in the Public Works Department of the Town of Palm Beach, and on March 20, 1936, was appointed Postmaster of Palm Beach by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

His military service began back in 1914 as a member of the National Guard, Company L, Second Florida Infantry, with which outfit he served on the Mexican border in 1916. On May 18, 1917, he enlisted in the Regular Army at Fort Screven, Georgia, and served in France in World War I with the American Expeditionary Force, Advance Section, Services of Supplies, from October 3, 1917, to June 15, 1919, and was discharged at Camp Lee, Virginia, July 15, 1919, with the rating of Wreath Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps.

Mr. McKenna is a member of the National Association of Postmasters, the Florida Historical Society, Palm Beach County Historical Society, Lake Worth Pioneers Association, and Palm Beach Post #12 of the American Legion. He attends the Catholic Church.

He was married in Washington, D.C., September 6, 1924, to Alice Leona Loomis, who was born October 6, 1904, in Washington, D.C., daughter of DeWitt Charles Loomis, born in Oswego, New York, September 23, 1864, and Maud (Morris) Loomis, born in Manchester, Indiana, April 18, 1865. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKenna:

1. June Magdalen (now Mrs. James D. Sturrock, Jr.), on August 22, 1925, in West Palm Beach. She and her husband have one child, Alice, born March 25, 1947, at Palm Beach, Florida.

2. Edward Ridge McKenna, Jr., born July 16, 1927, in Washington, D.C. He married Martha Toll Lainhart, born in West Palm Beach October 23, 1927, and they have two children: 1) Elizabeth Cornell, born in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 10, 1953, and 2) Lynne Purcell, born at Palm Beach Shores, near West Palm Beach, August 15, 1957. Edward McKenna, Jr. and his family reside at 324 Sandal Lane, Palm Beach Shores, Florida.

EARL DOUGLAS STEWART

Earl Douglas Stewart, founder and president of the Stewart Pontiac Company of West Palm Beach, has been in the automobile sales field for forty-five years, starting in Detroit in 1914. His father was associated with Dodge Brothers at Detroit in the electrical department of the business for twenty-five years.

Earl Stewart was born in Cleveland, Ohio, September 23, 1892, son of Douglas H. and Julia Etta (Guest) Stewart. His mother died in 1938 and is buried in Detroit, Michigan. After her death Douglas Stewart retired and came to West Palm Beach to live with his son. He died in 1956 and is buried in West Palm Beach.

After graduating from Central High School in Detroit, Michigan, Earl Stewart attended the Detroit College of Law for three years and was admitted to the Theta Lambda Phi law fraternity, a membership he still retains although he has never practiced law.

In 1914 he entered the automobile industry in Detroit as a field representative for Maxwell Motor Company. He joined Dodge Brothers in Detroit in 1915 as a national car distributor, and after about two years went to Springfield, Massachusetts, as manager for the Dodge Brothers distributor there. In 1920 he became wholesale manager for the Dodge distributor in Toledo, Ohio, and one year later transferred to the Sales Department of the Buick agency in Toledo, a position he held for five years. In 1926 he became general manager for Pontiac in Toledo and served in that capacity for ten years. He came to Florida in February of 1937 and with Lawrence Obee established the Stewart-Obee Pontiac Company in West Palm Beach. In 1941 he bought out Mr. Obee's interests in the company and since then has carried on as Stewart Pontiac Company. He employs an average of forty people. His older son, Douglas Earl, is now manager of the company, and his younger son, Earl D., works with him during vacation time from school.

Mr. Stewart is married and has four children:

1. Douglas Earl, born in Detroit, graduated from Northwestern High School and the University of Detroit. He is married and has a son, Douglas, Jr.

2. Mary Louise, now Mrs. Roy Hoskins of Chicago.

3. Earl D., Jr., born in West Palm Beach, graduated from Palm Beach High School and is a student at the University of Florida.

4. Barbara Jean, born in West Palm Beach, attends Palm Beach Junior High School.

Mr. Stewart is a past president of the Automobile Dealers Association of West Palm Beach, a member of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Lodge of West Palm Beach, the Old Timers Club, Palm Beach Golf Club, West Palm Beach Country Club, and the Sailfish Club of Florida. He attends the Christian Science Church.

R. F. RAIDLE

The President of A. E. and R. F. Raidle, Inc., one of the largest realty agencies in the state of Florida, is Royal Fremont Raidle, who rates high among the most prominent business men of Palm Beach. Born December 11, 1917, in Gibbs City, Michigan, he is the son of Ame Eugene Raidle, now deceased, and Bessie Mae (Gibbs) Raidle.

He graduated from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, with his LL.B. degree in 1939, and was admitted to the Florida Bar during this same year. Starting in 1939 he practiced law in Lake Worth, Florida, and also began his career as a real estate and insurance broker in Lake Worth and Palm Beach, until 1941, when he entered the Infantry. During the war he served in the European Theater of Operations and in Africa until 1945 and was released with the rank of Captain.

He is now president of the realty firm of A. E. and R. F. Raidle, Inc. with office at 205 Worth Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Raidle & family

in Palm Beach. He holds partnerships in B. M. and R. F. Raidle at 311 North Dixie Highway in Lake Worth, and also in Raidle-Cook Insurance, Inc. at this same address.

Mr. Raidle is vice president and director of the Royal American Corporation, located at 40 Wall Street, New York City; president of the Shaker Corporation, the Molder Corporation, and the Paul Mar Corporation. He is also president of Major League Bowling Association, Inc., with alleys at Winston-Salem, Gastonia and Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and Lake Worth, Florida.

He is a member of the Palm Beach and Lake Worth Chambers of Commerce, the 99 Club of Palm Beach, the Palm Beach Athletic Club, the Sailfish Club of Florida, Palm Beach, and the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Palm Beach. He is very much interested in golf and owns his own boat, the "Doris C," which he uses for sports fishing, another of his favorite recreational hobbies. He travels extensively throughout the state in the Raidle Company's plane, the "Aero Commander."

On March 10, 1946, he married Doris Crocker, daughter of William Edward and Mary (Gill) Crocker. The Raidles now have three children. They are:

1. Paula Ame Raidle, born September 29, 1949, in Jacksonville, Florida, a student in Palm Beach public school.

2. Marcia Lynn Raidle, born January 22, 1954, in West Palm Beach, a student of the Progressive School in West Palm Beach.

3. Royal Fremont Raidle, Jr., born July 2, 1956, in West Palm Beach.

JOHN PURCELL McKENNA and FAMILY

A pioneer settler of Palm Beach, John Purcell McKenna was a colorful figure and enjoyed an adventurous career as a young man. Born in Dublin, Ireland, June 11, 1850, he came to the United States in 1865 and became a citizen in 1877. After serving with the United States Army in uprisings in the West, he established himself on a ranch near El Paso, Texas, and worked the ranch until he came to Florida.

In October 1885 he arrived on Lake Worth on the schooner "Mary B", and was joined the following January, 1886, by his brother, Christopher C. McKenna. They both left the following June but John returned in 1889, bringing with him his bride, Eleanor Ridge (Bagnall) McKenna, who was born April 1, 1862, in London, England. They settled on Government Lot #3 on Lake Worth, about a mile south of the present inlet. On August 9, 1890, their first son, John P. A. McKenna, was born. He was the first Catholic child born on Lake Worth and the Reverend C. M. Widman, Jesuit missionary, came from Jacksonville in a fishing boat to christen him.

Mr. McKenna then homesteaded on the west shore of Lake Worth about four miles south of the town of West Palm Beach and secured his patent from the United States Government to 160 acres of land. It was on this homestead that their second child, Mary Teresa, was born.

After securing title to the homestead, the McKennas with their two children went to live in their new two-and-a-half story house, "Laguna Vista", on the north side of the Garden of Eden which they had built facing Lake Worth, and where their three younger children were born, namely Edward Ridge, Eleanor Bagnall, and Jessie Agnes. The McKenna family lived in this house until 1923, when they sold the property, which covered 208 feet on lake and ocean, to Mr. Gurnee Munn. Mr. McKenna then bought the residence located at the corner of Dunbar Road and Palm Beach Avenue North, Palm Beach.

In 1902 Thomas P. McKenna, eldest brother of John P., who was in ill health and had been told by his New York physician that he would not live six months, retired from business and came to Lake Worth (the name by which the whole area from the head of the lake to Boynton was known at that time), seeking health. He lived twenty years longer and passed away in 1921 at the age of eighty-two.

Three of the McKenna children attended the first school built on Squire Hoagland's place, about 1896 to 1900, and also the schools in West Palm Beach. Teresa went to school in Belgium and in later years attended college, graduating from the University of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1926.

During the Mexican trouble in 1916 the two McKenna boys went with Company L to the Mexican border and were stationed at Laredo, Texas. When World War I broke out they were both Reserves. Edward saw duty in France with the Quartermaster Corps and Alderson went to Camp Hancock in Augusta, Georgia. Wishing to do their bit for their country, Teresa and Eleanor went to Washington to accept appointments under the Civil Service. Teresa was in the Foreign Mails, Post Office Department, and Eleanor served in the office of the Quartermaster-General of the Army for the duration of the war. Jessie was in high school in West Palm Beach at that time.

J. P. Alderson McKenna, the eldest son, married Anna V. Waldron of Providence, Rhode Island. Edward Ridge McKenna married Alice Loomis of McLean, Virginia. Eleanor married Andrews Pickens Talley. Jessie married Thomas R. Foy of Paducah, Kentucky, in 1922 and died August 29, 1924.

John P. McKenna had a farm and citrus grove in the Palm Beach area. He died October 18, 1931, preceded in death by his faithful wife on July 30, 1931.

DON A. WILSON

The owner of the Don Wilson Lincoln-Mercury dealership in West Palm Beach is continuing in Florida the line of business which his father established in Dearborn, Michigan, and still carries on there.

Stuart E. Wilson is a prominent citizen of Dearborn, his birthplace, where he has large real estate holdings as well as his business place, and is a former president of the Chamber of Commerce. Don's mother, Laura Meyer Wilson, is also a native of Dearborn, Michigan, and a member of a prominent family. One of the main streets in Detroit, Meyer's Road, was named for her father, Augustus Meyer.

Don was born in Detroit, Michigan, June 2, 1932, and graduated from Dearborn High School. Coming to Florida in 1950, he attended Rollins College, Winter Park, and was graduated from there in 1954. He returned to Dearborn and became vice-president and general manager of Stuart Wilson, Inc., his father's Ford agency. In January of 1959 he came to West Palm Beach and established his own Mercury, Edsel, Lincoln agency there under the name of Don Wilson M-E-L Sales, Inc. He employs fifty persons.

Don Wilson is prominent in speedboat racing and

Don A. Wilson

is the driver of "Miss U.S. 1 Unlimited," a hydroplane noted for its performance in races at Seattle and Detroit, and in fact all over the country. He plans to enter his speedboat in a race in Italy this year (1960). Mr. Wilson formerly drove a speedboat owned by Horace Dodge, a resident of Palm Beach.

He is a member of the American Powerboat Association of Detroit, the Detroit Yacht Club, the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Palm Beach Fraternal Order of Police, the Coral Beach Club of Palm Beach, and the Sailfish Club of Florida of Palm Beach; also a member of the Presbyterian Church, the O.D.K., a national men's leadership fraternity, and Pi Gamma Mu, a national society science fraternity.

On April 9, 1957, Don A. Wilson married Sandra Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Taylor of Clearwater, Florida, who is a graduate of Miss Harris's School for Girls in Miami and of Rollins College, class of 1957.

EDWARD H. COCHRANE

When Edward H. Cochrane came to West Palm Beach eleven years ago, in January 1949, and established the Cochrane Buick Company, he had seventeen years experience in the automobile business behind him.

Mr. Cochrane comes from Charlotte, North Carolina, where he was born October 18, 1907. His father, Edward Grier Cochrane, a native of North Carolina, established the first hardware store in Charlotte as a young man. He died in 1953 at the age of 72. Eleanor Reynolds Cochrane, wife of Edward Grier and mother of Edward H., is a native of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, where her great-great-great grandfather. James P. Caldwell, was given a grant of land in 1689 by the King of England. The old homestead and a part of the original grant is still retained by the family.

Edward H. Cochrane graduated from a preparatory school in Hendersonville, North Carolina, the Blue Ridge School for Boys. He later attended General Motors Institute at Flint, Michigan, and, beginning in 1931, worked for General Motors Corporation in various fields and in six different areas over a period of more than seventeen years. While at Atlanta, Georgia, he was general manager of the southeastern area, comprising eight southern states. In January 1949 he came to West Palm Beach and established his own Buick agency, and has carried on a successful business there since then.

Mr. Cochrane is a member and past president of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Kiwanis Club, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, the Everglades Club and the Coral Beach Club. He finds relaxation in golf and fishing.

On December 3, 1954, at Kennilworth, Illinois, Mr. Cochrane married Marjorie Lee Channer of Kennilworth, who is a direct descendant of General Robert E. Lee. She is a graduate of the Ogontz School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

By a former marriage Mr. Cochrane has two daughters:

1. Susan Arrington Cochrane, born in Atlanta, Georgia, September 13, 1936, who in December 1958 married Samuel Evans of Atlanta.

2. Elizabeth Cochrane, born July 9, 1941, a graduate of Graham-Eckes School, Palm Beach, and now a student at Sweet Briar College, Lynchburg, Virginia.

JOHN LOCKWOOD REMSEN

A member of the law firm of Cromwell, Remsen and Johnson, John Lockwood Remsen is a cum laude graduate of the University of Miami, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1953, and has been practicing law in Riviera Beach since then. Mr. Remsen was formerly a professional singer.

He was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 5, 1928, son of Frank W. and Helen (Lockwood) Remsen. His parents moved to Lake Worth, Florida, when he was a boy, and he graduated from Lake Worth High School and Palm Beach Junior College, then went on to the University of Miami. Somewhere along the line he did a stretch in the United States Marine Corps, but was too young for World War II.

Mr. Remsen is a member of the American, the Florida, and the Palm Beach County Bar Associations, president of the latter for 1960-61, and is serving on the board of directors of the Palm Beach County Legal Aid Society. His compassion for the unfortunate and afflicted is further indicated by the fact that he is a director of the Palm Beach County unit of the American Cancer Society and of the National Foundation for Polio in Palm Beach County. In 1960 he was elected to the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction.

He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Riviera Beach, past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #2069 of Riviera Beach, past president of both the Junior and the Senior Chambers of Commerce of Riviera Beach, and a member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Playing tennis is his favorite recreation.

Mr. Remsen was married in West Palm Beach on September 9, 1951, to Dorothy Vassar, a native of West Palm Beach, daughter of Mitchell and Ruby (Brock) Vassar. Mrs. Remsen is a graduate of Palm Beach High School in the class of 1946. The Remsens have two children: John L., Jr., born September 2, 1958; Helen Michelle, born June 6, 1959. The family resides at 1271 Yacht Harbor Drive, Riviera Beach.

ROBERT C. VALIER

Robert C. Valier, founder and president of Surf Beverages, Inc. of West Palm Beach, wholesale distributors of Schlitz beer, is also president and a director of the Beer Industry of Florida, a director of Atlantic National Bank of West Palm Beach and a director of Alfar Creamery. He has been a resident of Palm Beach since 1919, when his father, Louis A. Valier, came to this beautiful city from St. Louis, Missouri, where he was associated with the flour milling business. He, also, was a director of the Atlantic National Bank and the Alfar Creamery in West Palm Beach. Robert's mother, Minna Rassfeld Valier, died in December, 1950; his father in May, 1952. Both are buried in West Palm Beach.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, December 3, 1904, Robert Valier attended public school there and in West Palm Beach and finally the Asheville School for Boys in Asheville, North Carolina. For 12 years he ran the Artisans Shop in Biltmore Forest, North Carolina, a business which produced handmade furniture and wood carving. During World War II, from 1941 to 1943, he was with Fairchild Aircraft at Burlington, North Carolina.

Mr. Valier's connection with the brewery business began in 1943, when he became district manager for

Robert Walker

the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company in Louisiana and Mississippi. In October of 1946 he returned to West Palm Beach and established his wholesale distributorship for "the beer that made Milwaukee famous" under the refreshing name of Surf Beverages, Inc. He was president of Beer Industry of Florida from 1953 to 1960.

In Louisville, Kentucky, on November 30, 1928, Robert Valier married Alice Hayward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hayward. He is a member and treasurer of the West Palm Beach Rotary Club for 1959-60 and a director and secretary of the Tuscawilla Club. Boating and golf are his favorite leisure time activities.

ANDREW WALTON GARNETT

Andrew Walton Garnett left Cadiz, Trigg County, Kentucky, in January of 1885 at the age of twenty with a small inheritance (both parents having died) and an ambition to establish a citrus grove in Florida. He was accompanied by James Edward (Ed) Hamilton and James L. (Jim) Porter. The cold winter influenced their decision to go farther south than central Florida, and in June, 1885, the three purchased adjoining six-acre tracts at $200 per tract on the west shore of Lake Worth at Hypoluxo. The three men resided there until their deaths.

Death came soon to Ed Hamilton, who lost his life in 1887 while carrying the mail on foot and by boat along the beach from Palm Beach to Miami. Garnett, who was the first postmaster at Hypoluxo and who was living with Hamilton at this time, was a bondsman along with Charlie Pierce who lived with his parents on Hypoluxo Island. Garnett and Pierce completed Hamilton's two year contract for carrying the mail.

Andrew Garnett kept his accounts solvent by vegetable farming in the winter and clerking in Brelsfords' store in Palm Beach and M. B. Lyman's store in Lantana until his citrus groves reached production. In 1886 Porter homesteaded 160 acres west of his lake-shore property and Garnett took a similar homestead adjoining Porter's to the north. The Garnett homestead became Greynold's Highlands during the "boom" and is presently Lyndon Lanes. In 1894 he purchased forty acres for $400 on Lake Osborne for another citrus grove.

On a return visit in 1896, he married Lillie M. Morehead of Mayfield, Kentucky, who was teaching school with his sister. Their children are: Irl B. Garnett, Hypoluxo; Roy E. Garnett, Lake Worth; Lewis W. Garnett, Miami; A. Leland Garnett, Waynesville, North Carolina; and Margaret Garnett Harris (Mrs. Clyde Harris), West Palm Beach.

Andrew Garnett was treasurer of Dade County from 1894 to 1896. He was a member of the Dade County School Board from 1898 to 1902. He represented the area around Lake Worth and went to the meetings in Miami by train, going down one day and returning the next. He was the postmaster at Hypoluxo for about ten years and kept a weather reporting station for many years before turning it over to his brother, James. His chief vocational interest was in horticulture. He experimented in the growing of many tropical fruits for his own use and for commercial purposes. He and his wife were charter members of the Boynton Methodist Church and active in all of its work. His death occurred at his home in 1940 and that of his wife at the home of their daughter in 1957.

ROY E. GARNETT

The President of the First National Bank in Lake Worth, Roy E. Garnett, has held that position now for twenty-three years and has been associated with banking since 1923. He has since 1937 been a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lake Worth and is also a director of the Riviera Beach Bank and the First American Bank of North Palm Beach. He is a past chairman of Group Six of the Florida Bankers Association.

Mr. Garnett is a native of Hypoluxo, Palm Beach County, where he was born November 16, 1901. His father, Andrew W. Garnett, born in Kentucky, was a pioneer settler of Hypoluxo, homesteading there in 1885 at the age of twenty years. He came from Kentucky with Ed Hamilton, the "barefoot mailman", who lost his life at the Hillsborough Inlet in 1887. Mr. Garnett was Hamilton's bondsman, and he carried the mail from Hypoluxo to Miami for the remainder of the two year term. A fruit and vegetable grower, he also served as treasurer and school board member when Dade County included this area. Andrew Garnett died in 1940 at the age of 75. His wife, who was Lillie Morehead, also a native of Kentucky, died in 1957 at the age of 88.

Roy Garnett attended and graduated from the Palm Beach High School and also attended the University of Florida. He started his banking career in 1923 at the First National Bank of Lake Worth. During the depression years, from 1927 to 1936, he liquidated banks for the United States Government in Florida and Alabama. On June 4, 1936, he opened the doors of the First National Bank in Lake Worth as its Cashier, and one year later, in June 1937, became President of the bank.

Serving on the Lake Worth Library Board for the past twenty years has been one of the most satisfying payments on his debt to Lake Worth for the privilege of living in the City. He was treasurer at the time of erecting the beautiful Library building and has served in this office since.

Mr. Garnett is a past president of the Lake Worth Rotary Club; past vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he has served as treasurer for the past three years; a Lay Leader at Calvary Methodist Church; and a member of the Advisory Board of Dr. E. C. Nance's Florida East Coast History.

He was married to Vivian J. Boutelle, daughter of Clinton T. and Eliza Lyon Boutelle of Groton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Garnett died December 26, 1954. An only daughter, Lillian Inez Garnett, was graduated from Lake Worth High School; attended Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina; and received her BSBA degree from the University of Florida, where she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She is assistant vice president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lake Worth.

On August 14, 1960, Miss Garnett married Allen O. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Nelson of Delray Beach. The wedding was held at Shady Grove Methodist Church in Waynesville, North Carolina. Mr. Nelson is principal of Palm Springs School, Palm Beach County. He attended the University of Florida and received his BS and MS degrees in Education from

Florida State University. His fraternity is Phi Delta Kappa and he is a member of the Exchange Club of Lake Worth.

Mr. Garnett lives at 154 Bryn Mawr Drive, Lake Worth. He enjoys spending his leisure hours doing a bit of gardening, swimming, and boating.

LAWRENCE T. McGEE

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lake Worth since 1957, Lawrence T. McGee was one of the organizers of this bank twenty years earlier. Mr. McGee is a lawyer by profession, and has practiced as such in Palm Beach County continuously since 1924, the year he moved to Lake Worth from Salem, Missouri, where he was born in 1884. His parents were William Thomas and Martha Pemberton McGee.

After he graduated from Salem High School in Salem, Missouri, Lawrence McGee studied law, was admitted to the bar of the state of Missouri at Houston in 1904, and practiced law in Salem until 1924. During that period of time he was elected State's Attorney in 1908 and twice re-elected.

In Lake Worth Mr. McGee served as City Attorney for two years, 1930-32. In 1937 he helped to organize the Lake Worth Federal Savings and Loan Association, the name of which was later changed to First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lake Worth. He was elected a member of the Board of Directors and was a vice-president of this association for some time, becoming Chairman of the Board in 1957.

At the time the Lake Worth Library was organized as a municipal library, in 1926, Mr. McGee became a member of the Library Board, and in 1927 was elected president of the board, a position he still holds. In 1940 a new library building was erected at the corner of Lucerne and M Streets, and this was done without any expense to the taxpayers of Lake Worth and without any contribution from the federal or state government.

Mr. McGee is a member of the American Bar, the Florida State Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is a 32nd degree Blue Lodge Mason of Salem, Missouri, a member of Lake Worth Consistory since 1926, and was formerly a member of Mahi Temple Shrine. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Worth, he has served a number of years as president of the Board of Trustees and is now an elder of the church.

Lawrence T. McGee was married at Festus, Missouri, in 1910 to Pearl Elmer, daughter of W. J. and Sarah Wagoner Elmer. He has three sons: L. Frank, who is practicing law with his father, having been admitted to the Florida bar in 1937; Lotus H., a dentist practicing in Lake Worth; and Jack E., now the City Tax Assessor of Lake Worth.

All three sons served in the United States Army in World War II. Frank served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theater. He was in the first wave of the invasion on the English Channel, was later brought back to the United States and sent to the Pacific, where he took part in the invasion of the Philippines, and was there at the close of the war. He came out of the Army a Major and was later made a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve. Lotus was sent to Burma and thence to China, where he was located at the termination of the war. He came out with the rank of Captain. Jack, also, took part in the D-Day invasion After landing in France he was with the troops that were sent on to Berlin, and was there when the war ended.

HARRY V. NYE

The President of the Riviera Beach Bank, Harry V. Nye, chose banking for his career in his early youth and has not swerved from that line since he started as a bookkeeper for the People's Bank of Lake Worth in 1922.

He was born in Fleetwood, England, December 21, 1903, son of Thomas and Margaret Ellen (Busby) Nye. The family came to Lake Worth in October 1914, and Harry's father was a builder there. He died in 1947, his wife in 1959, and both are buried at Lake Worth.

Harry Nye attended elementary school in Lake Worth and graduated from Palm Beach High School, West Palm Beach; then took a post-graduate course in Financing at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated from the American Institute of Banking, Philadelphia.

After two years as bookkeeper at the People's Bank of Lake Worth, he became bookkeeper and teller for the First National Bank of West Palm Beach in 1924 and was there another two years. From 1926 through 1931 he was a teller at the First National Bank and Trust Company, Woodbury, New Jersey. Returning to West Palm Beach, he worked for the Florida Bank and Trust Company as teller for the next four years; then, in 1937, entered the First National Bank of Palm Beach as teller and climbed steadily to assistant cashier, cashier, and finally became vice-president of that bank, continuing in that position until he became president and a director of the Riviera Beach Bank when it was organized in June of 1951.

Mr. Nye is a member and past president of the Riviera Beach Kiwanis Club, a director of the Riviera Beach Chamber of Commerce and of the Palm Beach County Crippled Children's Society. He is vice president of the Serra Club of the Palm Beaches, a past Grand Knight of the West Palm Beach Knights of Columbus, and a member of St. Francis Catholic Church of Riviera Beach. For recreation he likes fishing.

At Woodbury, New Jersey, on June 22, 1931, Harry V. Nye married Marion Predmore, daughter of John and Belle (Rennols) Predmore, who graduated from Coudersport (Pennsylvania) High School in 1925 and from Temple University, Philadelphia, in 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Nye are the parents of three children:

1. John, born March 23, 1932, at West Palm Beach, graduated from St. Ann's High School there, attended the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and served four years in Naval Aviation. He is also a graduate of the University of Florida. He married Anna Lee Hurt of Pahokee, Florida, and they have two sons, Sean and James, born in West Palm Beach.

2. Grace, born December 5, 1935, at Lake Worth, graduated from St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach, and from St. Vincent's School of Nursing, Jacksonville, and is a Registered Nurse. She married John Roberts, who served nine years in United States Naval Aviation. They have two children, Karen and Susan, born in Kingston, New York.

3. Michael, born September 11, 1943, in West Palm Beach, is a student at St. Leo's Preparatory School, St. Leo, Florida.

J. STOCKTON BRYAN, JR.

A practicing lawyer in West Palm Beach since 1948, J. Stockton (Jack) Bryan, Jr., is a fourth generation Floridian. The pioneer of the family in Florida was Nathan P. Bryan, one of the first two United States Senators from Florida. Jack's grandfather, Gadsden Bryan, born in Hamilton County, Florida, in 1852, was a pioneer building contractor in Tampa and Jacksonville. His wife was Mary O. Braddock.

John Stockton Bryan, Sr., Jack's father, was born in New Smyrna. A graduate of Cumberland University Law School, he practiced law in West Palm Beach from 1922 to 1940, and was one of the organizers of the Palm Beach Kennel Club, which he eventually sold. He has a farm and a meat packing plant at Asheville, North Carolina. His wife, Jack's mother, the former Mildred Mack, is a native of Michigan.

John Stockton Bryan, Jr., was born in West Palm Beach May 8, 1924. He graduated from Palm Beach High School in time to enter the Air Force in World War II and as a fighter pilot in the European theater covered himself with glory, winning in addition to the air medals the Distinguished Flying Cross. He emerged from the service with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Continuing his education at the University of Florida, he received an A.B. degree in 1946 and an LL.B. in 1948, and was admitted to practice law in Florida that year, since when he has carried on an independent practice in West Palm Beach. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida State Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club, and the Presbyterian Church. He likes to play golf and go fishing.

In Asheville, North Carolina, on December 21, 1946, J. Stockton Bryan, Jr., married Sarah Booth, daughter of Roy P. and Gladys (Hylan) Booth. Her father is a Virginian, her mother a native of Maine. Mrs. Bryan herself was born in Asheville. She graduated from Stephens College and attended the University of Tennessee. Two children have been born to Jack and Sarah Bryan in West Palm Beach: Sharon Booth Bryan, born March 3, 1949, attends public school in West Palm Beach. Hylan Lisa Bryan was born September 6. 1955.

CLAUDE L. McCOY

Senior member of the law firm of McCoy and Love of Lake Worth, Claude L. McCoy practiced law in the Dakotas for nine years before coming to Florida and has practiced continuously at Lake Worth since 1921, making a total of forty-eight years as a lawyer.

He was born in Huron, South Dakota, February 3, 1888. His father, Van Lenous McCoy, was Superintendent of Bridges and Buildings for the Northwestern Railroad. He died in 1943. Claude's mother, Irma Loomis McCoy, age 92, is still living in Lake Worth at this writing.

Mr. McCoy graduated from Brookings High School, South Dakota, and from the South Dakota State College in 1908. As was the custom in those days, he studied law in the office of a lawyer, Ira F. Blewitt, at Flandreau, South Dakota, and was admitted to practice in the state of South Dakota in 1911. After practicing there for four years he moved to Bismark, North Dakota, in 1915, and carried on his legal practice there until December 1, 1920, when the family came to Florida and settled at Lake Worth. Mr. McCoy was admitted to the Florida State Bar in January 1921. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and on October 4, 1954, was admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court of the United States.

In 1927 Mr. McCoy organized the Lake Worth Rotary Club and served as its first president. He is also a member of Lake Worth Lodge #1530 and of the Congregational Church. In South Dakota he joined the A.F. and A.M. of Flandreau Lodge and belongs to all Masonic bodies up to and including the York Rite. He is a Knight Templar and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Brookings, South Dakota.

At Flandreau, South Dakota, on October 16, 1912, Claude L. McCoy married Irene Grange, who was born in Dolan, South Dakota, daughter of Mrs. Rachael Grange. Her father died when she was an infant. She graduated from Flandreau High School and became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A daughter, Elizabeth Irene McCoy (called Betty) was born in Brookings, South Dakota, October 15, 1913. She graduated from West Palm Beach High School and attended Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee, which is now Florida State University. She married Jack Cummins of Miami, now Sports Director of TV station WTBJ of Miami. Mr. Cummins served in the United States Navy in World War II. They have two sons, Mike and Tim, both born in Jacksonville: Mike on March 27, 1944; Tim on October 16, 1950.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SUNDY

Formerly a banker in Delray Beach, Benjamin Franklin Sundy has been associated with the Sundy Feed and Fertilizer Company of Delray Beach since 1927 and has been serving Palm Beach County as Commissioner since 1949. He also served as a City Councilman of Delray Beach from 1926 to 1930. City government came naturally to Ben Sundy, for his father was Delray Beach's first mayor, elected in 1914. Repeatedly re-elected, he served in all sixteen years, but not all in succession.

Son of John S. and Elizabeth C. (Shaw) Sundy, Benjamin Franklin Sundy was born in Lillington, North Carolina, June 16, 1897. His father was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, February 11, 1864, and died July 9, 1947. His mother, born in Lillington, North Carolina, January 17, 1869, died November 9, 1952. Ben was practically a native of Florida, for his family moved here in 1894. His father worked for the Florida East Coast Railroad during its construction and at its termination settled in Delray Beach.

Ben attended the local schools and graduated from Delray Beach High School. He continued his education at Stetson University, where he majored in Finance and Business Administration, and graduated in the class of 1918. For the next nine years he was with the Ocean City Bank of Delray Beach, first as assistant cashier and eventually as cashier and vice-president.

His father had established a feed, grain and fertilizer business in Delray Beach about 1905. When the Florida banks were closed in 1927, following the collapse of the boom, Ben Sundy joined his sister in the fertilizer business, and it has been operated by them since then.

First elected County Commissioner in 1949, Ben Sundy was re-elected and has served in that office

Ben Bucklew

continuously up to the present time. He has been a director of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce since 1956, is a past president of the Delray Beach Kiwanis Club, a member of the Elks Lodge and of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Sundy is a Free and Accepted Mason of Delray Beach Lodge #171, all Scottish Rite bodies up to and including the 32nd degree, and Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami. Golf and saddle riding are his means of relaxing.

He was married at Delray Beach July 28, 1921, to Dorothy Burk, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of A. D. and Lisetta (Wills) Burk. Her parents moved to Delray Beach when she was quite young, and she graduated from high school here. Ben and Dorothy Sundy have a son and a daughter, both born in Delray Beach. They are:

1. John B., born June 8, 1924, who graduated from Delray Beach High School and attended The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in World War II and served in Europe as a pilot with the rank of Lieutenant.

2. Daisy Elizabeth Sundy, now Mrs. Marvin H. Earles of Houston, Texas, born December 8, 1926. She graduated from Delray Beach High School and from the Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia.

WILLIAM A. NASON

Will Nason of the law firm of Nason and Gildan of West Palm Beach seemed to have an insatiable appetite for knowledge in a variety of fields before he settled down to practice law.

Born at Belzoni, Mississippi, March 7, 1924, he is a son of the late Richard H. Nason and Willola (Parsons) Nason, who is living in Pahokee, Florida, and is now the wife of Frank Friend.

After graduating from Belzoni High School in his home town in Mississippi, he attended Sunflower Junior College at Moorehead, Mississippi, then Mississippi State College and Moorehead State Teachers College. Going to Los Angeles, California, he attended the Aero Industrial Technical Institute there. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the Air Force as tail gunner with the rank of staff sergeant in the European theater of war and was awarded the air medal with two clusters. While in the service in Italy, he had three months leave of absence and during this time attended the University of Florence, Italy.

Back home after the war, he entered the University of Mississippi to study law and received his LL.B. degree there in 1948; then took a post-graduate course at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. He was admitted to practice law in Mississippi and in Florida in the same year, 1948, and from then until 1956 carried on a private practice of law in West Palm Beach. From 1956 to 1960 he was a member of the law firm of Hamilton, Nason and Williams. On August 1, 1960, he and Herbert L. Gildan fromed the partnership of Nason and Gildan, Attorneys at Law, carrying on a general practice of law in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Nason served as Municipal Judge in West Palm Beach in the year 1952. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and the Mississippi Bar Association. He also holds membership in the American Legion, Delta Psi fraternity, and the Methodist Church.

William A. Nason was married on June 13, 1959, at Canal Point, Florida, to Patricia Ann Maxson, daughter of Earl and Grace Maxson. She is a graduate of Pahokee High School (1950) and Florida Southern College (1954) with a B.A. degree and is a member of Delta Zeta sorority. The Nasons have three children:

1. Will A. Nason, Jr., born October 15, 1953.
2. Richard "Randy" Nason, born June 23, 1956.
3. Nathan Earl Nason, born March 7, 1961.

All were born in West Palm Beach.

LOUIS B. BILLS

Actively engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Lake Park since 1945, Louis B. Bills is reasonably proud of his business accomplishments, which he attributes to the time spent building a foundation and expanding his business. During the years 1951 to 1954 he centered most of his abilities on enlarging the scope of his business and as a result owns his real estate and insurance business and office, which now employs three secretaries and nine salesmen. He is also a military man, having served five and a half years in the United States Air Force, and is now Commander of the 9883d Air Reserve Squadron at West Palm Beach.

He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 19, 1918, son of the late J. C. Bills, a former attorney in West Palm Beach, and Louise (Bristol) Bills, now Mrs. S. P. Smith. His family having moved to Florida, he received his secondary education at Sanford and Palm Beach High Schools and graduated from Rollins College at Winter Park, Florida.

Entering the Air Force, he graduated from Cadet Flying School in 1941 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the Ferrying Command at Long Beach, California, where he was made Squadron Commander of the Foreign Ferrying Squadron. After attending Homestead Airline Pilot Training, he was stationed at Hamilton Field as a Check Pilot, then moved to Guam as Chief Check Pilot for the Pacific run. His last assignment was as Chief Pilot for the Pacific Division at Hickam Field. Released from active duty on January 23, 1946, with the rank of Major, he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Reserve on October 29, 1946.

Colonel Bills has appraised, built or managed estates, commercial buildings, residences, churches, subdivisions, acreage tracts and vacant land. A great portion of his time has been spent as an appraiser and adviser in the building of the Florida State Turnpike, most of the county and state new road construction, and for public development projects. He is a member of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers, National Association of Real Estate Boards, the Florida Association of Realtors, past president of the West Palm Beach Board of Realtors, and president of the Riviera Beach Board of Realtors for 1959-60.

Colonel Bills has been an active director of the Palm Beach County Resources Development Board, the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the Community Chest, and was chairman of the Palm Beach County Joint Cooperative Committee. He is also a director of the First American Bank of North Palm Beach, a member of the Rotary Club of Riviera Beach and of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. It is his desire to be an integral part of the development and civic activities of his community and his belief that such activities are necessary to keep our country morally as well as physically strong. The Colonel is an outdoor sports

Louis B Bills Betsy Bills

enthusiast and enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, water skiing, swimming and golf.

At Long Beach, California, on April 17, 1942, he married Betsy Northrop, daughter of Kate Northrop and Colonel William F. Lewis (step-father), who was in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Betsy Northrop was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, June 10, 1921. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, California, and attended Long Beach Junior College and the University of California at Berkeley. Before her marriage she was a model for I. Magnin and Sax of Fifth Avenue, Beverley Hills, California. She is a licensed real estate and insurance saleswoman, a past member and committee chairman of Palm Beach County Welfare Planning Council, a director of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, a board member of the Junior Museum of Palm Beach County, a member of the Junior Welfare League (president in 1954-55), a member of the Parent-Teacher Association of Lake Park and Riviera High School, of Chapter A.L. of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Colonel and Mrs. Bills have four sons:

1. Louis Bristol Bills, Jr., born October 8, 1943, at Long Beach, California.

2. Thomas Northrop Bills, born August 31, 1945, at Long Beach, California.

3. John Clark Bills, born April 17, 1948, at West Palm Beach, Florida.

4. Gregory Stone Bills, born September 14, 1952, at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Louis is a student at Sewanee Military Academy, Sewanee, Tennessee. Tom is a student at Riviera Beach High School. John and Gregory are attending Lake Park Elementary School.

BILLY B. BURNS

Billy B. Burns, owner of a general insurance and mortgage loan business in West Palm Beach, was born in Greenville, Alabama, August 1, 1918, son of Robert Burns and Constance (Wright) Burns. The Burns family moved to West Palm Beach in 1920, and Billy Burns graduated from Palm Beach High School and then from the University of Florida with an A.B. degree in the class of 1942.

From 1942 to 1947 he served in the Army Air Force, now the United States Air Force. He enlisted as an aviation cadet and subsequently climbed the ranks from Second Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel. He was the Armament Officer of the 509th Composite Bomb Group which was the group that dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In the Pacific Theater of Operations he received many citations, including the Bronze Star, awarded to him for his association with scientists in the development of the bombing technique.

After the service he entered the general insurance and mortgage loan business. Presently he is vice president and director of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Palm Beach. He is a former chairman of the board and now a director of the Port of Palm Beach, having served in this organization for the past thirteen years. He is a past commander of the 9883rd Air Force Reserve, past president of the Insurance Board of the Palm Beaches, and past director of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Burns has been a director and presently is a member of West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club, belongs to the American Legion, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is affiliated with the First Baptist Church. He enjoys sports in general as his recreation, and while attending the University of Florida was on both the football and baseball teams.

In March of 1943 in Brooksville, Florida, he married Helen Chorvet, a graduate of Brooksville High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chorvet. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have one daughter, Dorothy Burns, born in Brooksville in March of 1941, who graduated from Rosarian Academy of West Palm Beach and is now a pre-medical student at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia.

MARVIN M. PARKS

Marvin M. Parks, realtor, is a man devoted to good business relationships through fair play, which has resulted in establishing for him a popular and successful company in the West Palm Beach area. Also interested in his community as a whole, Mr. Parks takes an active part in civic affairs, organizations, and projects.

He was born October 20, 1900, at Whitesburg, Georgia, son of Dr. Marvin M. Parks and Ruth (Vaden) Parks. His father, former president of the Georgia State College for Women at Milledgeville, Georgia, for twenty-five years, is now deceased. Both paternal and maternal grandfathers were Methodist ministers.

After graduating from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, with his B.S. degree, Mr. Parks taught sciences, chemistry and physics at Jackson High School and Valdosta High School in Georgia for a few years and during this time coached a winning football team. His few years of service in the teaching profession terminated when he became interested in the real estate and insurance business, first in Tampa, Florida, (where incidentally, he was a courtier in the Gasparilla festival), and later moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, where he found better opportunities in the realty field.

In 1936 he joined Simon and Lee of West Palm Beach as a real estate and insurance salesman. He took a leave of absence, beginning in 1942, when he joined the Air Corps. After serving for thirteen months he went through officer's candidate school in Miami Beach and remained in the Air Corps until 1946, when he was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Upon completing his three year, eight month term in the service, he once again began working for Simon and Lee, and in 1948 bought out Simon, leaving the firm known as Lee and Parks. A few years later he bought out the interest of E. B. Lee and the business became recognized as the Marvin M. Parks Company, Real Estate and Insurance.

Originally located at 315 Datura Street, the company was first moved to 109 South Olive Street when Mr. Parks became sole owner. Because of his expanding business the company was then moved to 205 Datura Street and later again moved to the corner at 200 Datura Street, because of the need for even larger quarters.

He began his business with three salesmen and now has eleven salesmen and two secretaries. In his Riviera Beach office at 2004 Broadway, E. S. Alvord is sales manager, and Robert A. Lalane acts as sales manager in his West Palm Beach office. Mr. Parks attributes the growth of his company to courteous treatment of the customer and a staff of well informed salesmen. He

has said, "We are interested in serving the public to their best interest. The Golden Rule works just as well in business as it does in every other part of life."

A member and past president of the West Palm Beach Real Estate Board, Marvin Parks has a variety of interests. Besides being an active member of the Committee of One Hundred, a group which is planning improvements for the city of West Palm Beach, he is also a member of the Resources Development Board, the Chambers of Commerce of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach and Riviera Beach, and the Palm Beach Joint Cooperative Committee. He belongs to American Legion Post #12, the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine, the Commandery, Tall Cedars, and also holds membership in the Methodist Church. His recreation includes golfing, fishing, boating and hunting; and in addition to these, he is a Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League.

Mr. Parks is married to the former Sara Brandon Kirby, daughter of James R. Brandon of High Point, North Carolina, and Wilma Saunders Brandon. Mrs. Parks is a graduate of High Point High School, 1937, and of Georgia State College for Women, class of 1941, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

BYRON L. RAMSING

Byron L. Ramsing, a prominent banker in the Palm Beach area, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, January 18, 1918, son of Thor and Neilsen (Knudsen) Ramsing. He attended public school in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and graduated from Yale University with an A.B. degree in the class of 1941. During World War II, from 1942 to 1945, he served in the United States Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade. After his release from the service in 1945, he started his banking career with the American National Bank of Miami as Assistant Cashier.

From 1946 to 1947 Mr. Ramsing was in charge of the Foreign Department of the First National Bank of Miami, and from 1947 to 1951 was Vice President and a director of the First National Bank of Lake Worth. In 1951 he organized the Riviera Beach Bank and in 1959 the First American Bank of North Palm Beach. He is Chairman of the Board and a director of these two banks and of the First National Bank of Lake Worth, and a director of the First National Bank of Palm Beach.

LAWRENCE W. MYERS

Lawrence W. Myers is a conscientious servant of the public education system and an active citizen in the Lake Worth community.

He was born in Afton, Iowa, January 11, 1912, son of Clarence E. Myers and Zoe Weaver (Breed), who now resides in Afton, and still owns the homestead there. Before his death in 1933, Clarence Myers was a farmer, cattle raiser, and livestock buyer in Iowa.

Lawrence Myers attended public schools in Iowa and the College of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri. He has been a resident of Lake Worth, Florida, since 1940, and is the owner of the Lawrence W. Myers Insurance Agency at 803 Lake Avenue.

During 1946 and 1947 Mr. Myers served as trustee on the Board of Trustees of the School Department, but when the opportunity arose, he decided against running for re-election. Then in 1953, Mr. Myers was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Roy E. Michael, who resigned from the board after being elected county commissioner. Again in 1959, at the request of many individuals and with a sincere desire to aid in the betterment of the school system, Mr. Myers ran for re-election to the Board of Trustees of the School Department, a constitutionally constituted body charged with the responsibility of recommending teaching personnel, milage, selection of sites, and acting as the lay representatives between the citizens, parents, and schools.

Concerning education and schools in general, Mr. Myers has said, "I believe in continuing to strengthen the quality of our teachers, the extension of our vocational programs, and the extension of our program for the exceptional children." Concerning the Florida education system, he went on to say, "My colleagues, A. R. Harrington of Canal Point, and James Nemec of West Palm Beach, have worked diligently to do a good job at a payless task. I believe the evidence of over sixteen hundred fine teachers in our system, plus over fifteen million dollars in new classrooms, along with increased salary schedule—one of the highest in Florida—will indicate we have worked well with the Board of Public Instruction and County Superintendent."

Besides being greatly interested and active in the public education system, Mr. Myers is also a participant in various community organizations. He is a member and past president of the Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club, a member of the Palm Beach County Resources Development Board, treasurer of the Lake Worth High School Parent-Teacher Association, a member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, a member of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, and has been institutional representative of the Boy Scouts of America.

Very active in church work, Mr. Myers has been moderator of the State of Florida's Congregational Christian Churches and president of its Board of Directors. He is now a director of the Congregational Christian Conference; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ; Chairman of Deacons of the local Congregational Church, and Chairman of the Building Fund to erect a new church plant in Lake Worth. He is also a member of Gulf Stream Masonic Lodge.

Currently, Mr. Myers is a director of the First National Bank in Lake Worth and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association; a member of the Lake Worth Insurance Agents Association, the Florida Association of Insurance Agents and the National Association of Insurance Agents.

He is married to Frances Bingaman of Indianola, Iowa, daughter of Daniel C. Bingaman and Adella Umbenhower. A graduate of Simpson College at Indianola, Mrs. Myers was a teacher in the public school system in Iowa several years before her marriage and for the past fifteen years has been a Sunday School teacher at the First Congregational Church. She is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Alpha Chi Omega.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers have one daughter, Lynda, born in Des Moines, Iowa, November 6, 1937. She is a graduate of Lake Worth High School and in 1960 received her degree in education from the University of Maryland.

As his recreation, Mr. Myers enjoys sports in general. He is written up in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest."

ALBERT R. BRITTAIN

Albert R. Brittain, owner of the Brittain Lumber Company of Lake Worth, Florida, was born in La Grange, Georgia, July 22, 1902, son of Walter and Exa (Strickland) Brittain. His mother, now 84 years of age, resides in La Grange with Mr. Brittain's sister, Mrs. Frank Tigner, wife of Mayor Tigner.

After graduating from La Grange High School, Albert Brittain left his home town of La Grange in 1921 when he went to Tampa, Florida, and became associated with Hubert Ansley Lumber Exporters of Tampa. His different jobs with this organiaztion, including buying from the lumber mills in the area, and carrying out various office duties, aided him in learning all phases of the lumber business. From here he went into the lumber retail business in Brooksville, Florida, and in January of 1946, he established his own lumber company in Lake Worth.

Mr. Brittain is director of the Lake Worth First National Bank, belongs to the Rotary, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is affiliated with the Methodist Church.

On August 13, 1927, in Brooksville, he married Marcella White, a graduate of Brooksville High School and daughter of John E. and Della (Tidwell) White.

The Brittains have one son, Albert ("Bert") Brittain, Jr., born in West Palm Beach, Florida, February 13, 1942, who graduated in the class of 1960 from Lake Worth High School, where he was an active participant in football and track events.

CARL C. LEVERENZ

Now in his second year as Mayor of Lake Worth, Carl C. Leverenz is in the hardware business in partnership with his brother Leo, operating stores in Lake Worth and West Palm Beach.

He was born in Hegler, Arkansas, November 18, 1907, son of William Edward and Marietta (Cooper) Leverenz, both deceased and buried in Danville, Illinois, where his father was a painter-contractor. Carl graduated from Danville High School and attended the University of Illinois at Champaign.

Employed by the Woolworth Company at Danville as stock clerk in 1930, he was promoted to assistant manager at Champaign and later held a similar position at Moline, Illinois. In 1933 he was made store manager at the Milwaukee Avenue store in Chicago, and was there until he entered the United States Army in 1942. Entering as a Lieutenant, he was promoted to Captain and then Major, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters for the duration of World War II.

After his return from military service Mr. Leverenz was with Ace Hardware Company in Chicago until 1948, when he came to Lake Worth, Florida, and purchased the hardware store at 625 Lucerne Avenue. His brother, Leo, joined him in 1951, and they opened the store in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Leverenz was first appointed Mayor of Lake Worth by the City Commission on February 2, 1959, to fill the unexpired term of Robert O'Connor, and on April 7, 1959, he was elected to serve a two-year term. A member of Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce, he served as president in 1954 and as director for two years. He is also a member of the Exchange Club, Elks Lodge, Gulf Stream Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Lake Worth Golf Club, and the First Congregational Church.

He was married in Danville, Illinois, August 3, 1929, to Florence Stumme, daughter of Fred and Ann (Linne) Stumme, and a graduate of Danville High School and DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Leverenz have two daughters, both born in Chicago:

1. Alice Ann Leverenz, born June 13, 1935, attended Palm Beach Junior College and the University of Florida. She married Thomas P. Mazza, an ex-Marine, now employed by the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft plant. Their home is in Jupiter and they have a son, Robert Edward Mazza, born in March 1959.

2. Jo Ann Leverenz, born November 12, 1939, graduated from Lake Worth High School, and is now a student nurse at the Good Samaritan Hospital, West Palm Beach.

JOSEPH J. GALLO

Prominent in the civic and social life of Lake Worth is Joseph J. Gallo, owner of the Gulfstream Realty and Insurance Agency. A graduate of the United States Air Force Cadet Training at George Peabody State Teachers College, Nashville, Tennessee, Joe Gallo came to Florida in 1943 and was radar instructor at the Boca Raton Air Force Base. He is now a Lt. Colonel and Commander of Group V of the Civil Air Patrol.

Son of Vincent J. and Rose (Montaperto) Gallo, he was born August 24, 1920, in Chicago, where his mother still resides. His father, who was a merchant in Chicago, died in 1950. Joseph graduated from Lindblom High School, Chicago, and entered the State Teachers College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he received his cadet training.

After World War II he took advantage of the United States Government's on-the-job training program offered to veterans in the field of real estate and insurance, and took courses in property insurance at the University of Florida. From 1945 to 1949 he was employed in the real estate and insurance business by L. G. Linman of Lake Worth, and in September of 1949 established his own business, the Gulfstream Realty and Insurance Agency. He is a member and past president of the Lake Worth Board of Realtors and Charter President of the Independent Mutual Insurance Agents Association of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Gallo is a former City Commissioner and Vice Mayor of Lake Worth. He is one of the organizers, director and Chairman of the Board of the Commerce National Bank of that city, and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce. A past president also of the Exchange Club and past district governor of the Second District Exchange, he is now president of the Florida State Exchange Club, having held all other offices in that organization. He is a member and past chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board; a member of Gulf Stream Lodge #245 and all Masonic bodies up to and including the Scottish Rite and 32nd degree; a member of Elks Lodge #1530 of Lake Worth, the American Legion, the Hi Twelve Club, and the Amaranth Club, in which Mrs. Gallo is also a member.

In the Calvary Methodist Church of Lake Worth, Mr. Gallo is a past member of the Finance Board, is active in the choir, and teaches Sunday School. Singing is one of his hobbies, and another is his work in the Civil Air Patrol.

On January 30, 1936, in Joliet, Illinois, Joseph J. Gallo married Genevieve Knipfer, daughter of Mr.

Joseph J. Gallo

and Mrs. Louis Knipfer of Chicago. They have three sons, the first two born in Chicago.

1. Vincent J., born May 17, 1937, graduated from Lake Worth High School, Palm Beach County Junior College, Orlando Junior College (in insurance), and attended the University of Miami. He is now associated with his father in business. He married Betty Webster of Lake Worth and they have a son, Stephen, born in 1959.

2. Joseph C. Gallo, born May 13, 1940, attended Lake Worth High School and married Judith McGiveron of Lantana, Florida.

3. Robert Louis Gallo, born April 23, 1948, is a student at North Grade Elementary School, Lake Worth.

HILLIARD T. SMITH, JR.

Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., architect, who is an active member of professional organizations as well as civic and social organizations in the Lake Worth area, was born in Savannah, Georgia, December 20, 1920, son of Hilliard T. Smith and Lillian G. Hughes. He graduated from Palm Beach High School in the class of 1938, and from June of 1939 until 1956 was associated with Edgar S. Workman of Lake Worth, one of the outstanding architects of South Florida. Mr. Smith established his own private practice of architecture in Lake Worth in 1956. He is past president of the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Smith organized and served as president of the Lake Worth Junior Chamber of Commerce and is president of the Senior Chamber of Commerce for the year 1959-60. He is also a past national director of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Active in Freemasonry, he is a member of Gulf Stream Lodge #245 of Lake Worth and belongs to all Masonic bodies up to and including the 32nd degree of the Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge #1530 in Lake Worth; a past president and member of Lake Worth Rotary Club; a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He serves on the board of directors of the Salvation Army of the South, County of Palm Beach chapter, and is a member of the Board of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the National Foundation for Polio.

During World War II, from January 1942 until November of 1945, he served in the Second Naval Construction Battalion as a Carpenter's Mate, first class, in the Pacific Theater of Operations. This unit was the first organized Seabees battalion to serve overseas in World War II.

On March 24, 1944, in West Palm Beach, Mr. Smith married Edith E. Burton of West Palm Beach, daughter of Harry Burton and Lillian Sharp. Mrs. Smith, a registered nurse, graduated from Palm Beach High School and received her nurse's training at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach. The Smiths have three children:

1. H Burton Smith, born December 14, 1947.
2. Edgar Douglas Smith, born February 17, 1950.
3. R. Gregory Smith, born July 21, 1955.

JERROLD FORSTALL JACOB

Senior member of the law firm of Jacob and Harvey, Jerrold Forstall Jacob was born in Convent, Louisiana, September 4, 1907, a son of Jules Jacob, a Louisiana sugar planter, and Marie Caroline (Forstall) Jacob. Both parents are deceased and are buried at Lake Worth.

After attending public schools in Louisiana, Jerrold Jacob came to Florida as a youth of fifteen years, in 1922. He later attended Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. He was admitted to practice law in this state in 1933, at a time when admission to the Florida Bar was possible upon taking the Bar examination, without resident law school training. In addition to his private practice and his service as a former Municipal Judge of the City of Lake Worth, he is the attorney for the First National Bank in Lake Worth.

Judge Jacob is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the American Bar Association. During World War II he served in the United States Naval Reserve. At Washington and Lee University he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, Rho Chapter; is a past Master of Gulf Stream Lodge #245, Free and Accepted Mason; a member of Carl Vogel-Donald Lee Post #47 of the American Legion in Lake Worth; of the Lake Worth Golf Club, and Calvary Baptist Church of West Palm Beach.

On May 25, 1941, at Lake Worth, Mr. Jacob married Jacqueline Yon, daughter of Thomas C. and Savannah (Brigham) Yon.

GEORGE S. BROCKWAY

The founder and president of the firm of Brockway, Weber and Brockway, Engineers, Inc., of West Palm Beach, George S. Brockway has been an engineer in Palm Beach County, Florida, for more than forty years. Having designed and built numerous air fields in the State of Florida, in 1942 he organized and was Chief Engineer of "Florida Associates," an association of Architects and Engineers, organized to assist the Corps of Engineers of the United States Government in its wartime program of military construction. He is a member of numerous professional groups and is a retired Captain of the Civil Engineer Corps of the United States Navy.

Mr. Brockway was born in Penacook, New Hampshire, July 6, 1896, son of George Frank Brockway. He graduated from Penacook High School in 1912 and entered the employ of Lloyd & Mann, Civil Engineers of Concord, New Hampshire. In 1915 he joined Mr. Lloyd, of the above firm, who was then engaged as Chief Engineer of a large drainage project at Fellsmere in St. Lucie County, Florida. He remained here on drainage work until 1917 when he enlisted in the 17th Engineers U. S. Army and served in France until April 1919, when he was discharged as First Sergeant of Company "B".

After the War, in July 1919, he returned to Fellsmere, now Indian River County, Florida, and worked as an engineer for Fellsmere Farms Company until January 1920, when he came to West Palm Beach and became associated with the H. C. Fugate Engineering Company. In 1928 he became a partner in this company, and the name of the company was then changed to Fugate and Brockway, Engineers and Land Surveyors. In 1938 he became sole owner of the company under the name of George S. Brockway, Engineer. He served for 18 years as contract City Engineer of West Palm Beach, and served as Engineering Advisor to the Port of Palm Beach until 1942, when he entered the Civil

George L. Bunbury

Neva Mae Brockway

Engineer Corps of the United States Navy as Lieutenant Commander. He served as Lieutenant Commander and Commander at various locations in the Pacific Ocean area, as Commanding Officer of the 90th United States Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees), during World War II. VJ Day in 1945 found him with his Battalion on Iwo Jima where he had been since the invasion.

Returning to West Palm Beach in 1946, he resumed his engineering business under his own name until 1948, when he formed the present corporation. Incidentally, Mr. Weber, his partner, served with Mr. Brockway in the Seabees. The other Brockway in the firm is his son, George Robert, who served as a Seaman in the Navy in World War II, enlisting at the age of seventeen. He is a graduate of the University of Florida, and is in charge of the Company's Survey Department. He is a Reserve Officer in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy, with the rank of Lieutenant.

Mr. Brockway, Sr., is a Registered Engineer and Land Surveyor of the State of Florida, a member of the Florida Engineering Society, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping, the Florida Land Surveyors, and American Land Surveyors Association. He has been a member of the West Palm Beach Rotary Club for the past twenty years, a member of West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce; of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and was Post Commander of Palm Beach Post #12 in 1927. He is a member of Harmonia Lodge #138, F. and A.M., all Masonic bodies including both the Scottish and York rites, Abu Shrine Club of West Palm Beach, and Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami. His church is the Congregational. Fishing and hunting and amateur photography are his recreations of choice.

Mr. Brockway was married at Troy, Ohio, May 1, 1919, to Neva Mae Duer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrison Duer. Their son, George Robert, was born in West Palm Beach, July 5, 1925. He graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended the University of North Carolina and the University of Miami, as well as the University of Florida, where he received his Civil Engineer degree. He continued his education after returning from service in the Navy in World War II.

On June 7, 1949, George Robert Brockway married Dorothy Elaine Oatway of West Palm Beach, daughter of Alfred G. and Amy (Best) Oatway. They now have four children:

1. George Mark, born October 16, 1950.
2. David Scott, born August 3, 1952.
3. Margaret Robbins, born February 4, 1954.
4. Thomas Alfred, born March 3, 1958.

WILLIAM M. HARVEY

Junior member of the law firm of Jacob and Harvey, William M. Harvey of Lake Worth is prominent in various civic, social and charitable organizations.

He was born in Lake Worth August 20, 1928, son of William Merrill Harvey, a Lake Worth merchant who died in 1934; and of Gladys Mae (Moye) Harvey, who has her residence in Lake Worth.

After graduating from Lake Worth High School, where he was an outstanding athlete who later played semi-professional football, Mr. Harvey continued his education at Palm Beach Junior College and attended the University of Miami, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1953. His schooling was interrupted from 1946 to 1948 when he served in the Eleventh Airborne Division of the U.S. Army in Japan.

Since 1953 William Harvey has been associated with the law firm of Jacob and Harvey in Lake Worth. He holds membership in the American, Florida State, and Palm Beach County Bar Associations. He is also a member of Phi Delta legal fraternity, the Lake Worth Junior Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach County Zoning Commission, the Lake Worth Men's Golf Association, and the First Baptist Church of Lake Worth. In 1956-57 he was chairman of the Lake Worth Fund Drive for the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and is now a director of that board.

In July of 1951 he married Emalyn Ann Hoffman, daughter of John Henry Hoffman and Ruth Margaret (Bryant). Mrs. Harvey is a graduate of Lake Worth High School and a former student of Florida State University.

The Harveys have two children, both born in Lake Worth:

1. William Bryant Harvey, born November 9, 1955.
2. John Merrill Harvey, born March 13, 1958.

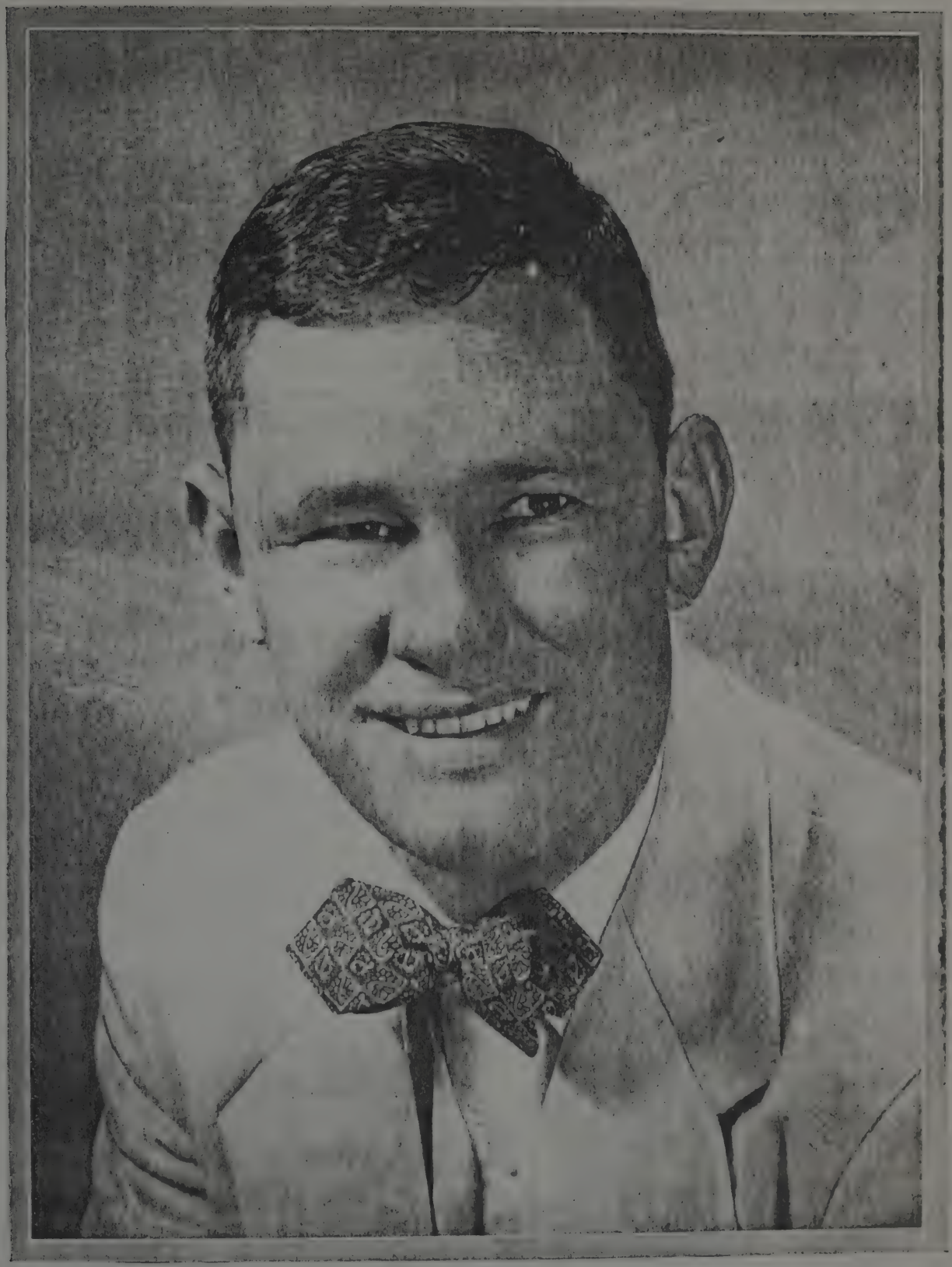
GEORGE ROBERT BROCKWAY

A member of the firm of Brockway, Weber and Brockway, Engineers, Inc., George Robert Brockway is equally prominent with his father in the engineering world and in the civic life of West Palm Beach.

Son of George Samuel and Neva Mae (Duer) Brockway (see father's sketch), he was born in West Palm Beach July 5, 1925. He graduated from Palm Beach High School, attended the University of Miami, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the University of Florida, from which he was graduated in February 1950 with a B.C.E. degree. From 1941 to 1943 he was an employee of the Florida Associates of Architects and Engineers. Upon graduating from Engineering College in 1950, he entered his father's firm, which in 1955 became Brockway, Weber and Brockway, Engineers, Inc.

Enlisting in the United States Navy in 1943, he served in the Quartermaster Department for three years and in 1946 was transferred to the Enlisted Reserve. He was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1949, and has been in the C.B. Division 6-17, U.S. Naval Reserve, since 1950. He is Commanding Officer of the C.B. Division for 1959 to 1961.

Mr. Brockway is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society, the Florida Society of Professional Land Surveyors, the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, and the American Society of Military Engineers. In civic and social groups he is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of West Palm Beach: the Rotary Club, of which he was director in 1957-58; the United States Power Squadron; the Sons of the American Revolution, president of the Palm Beach Chapter in 1953; Sigma Chi social fraternity and Sigma Tau honorary engineering fraternity. In the Boy Scouts of America he was Scout Master from 1950 to 1953 and Cub Master of the Cub Scouts for 1959-60. He was a director of the Y.M.C.A. from 1956 to 1959. A member of the First Presbyterian Church,



George R. Brockway

Dorothy Elaine Brockway

he served on the Board of Deacons 1952 to 1954 and on the Board of Elders 1956 to 1959. He is a registered Democrat.

On June 7, 1949, in West Palm Beach, George Robert Brockway married Dorothy Elaine Oatway, born in West Palm Beach September 26, 1929, daughter of Alfred George Oatway, a native of Hamilton, Ontario, and Amy Best Oatway, who was born in Lowell, Masachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Brockway have four children, all born in West Palm Beach. They are:

1. George Mark Brockway, born October 16, 1950.
2. David Scott Brockway, born August 3, 1952.
3. Robin Margaret Brockway, born February 4, 1954.
4. Thomas Alfred Brockway, born March 3, 1958.

R. KENT SMITH

An active member in various Lake Worth social and civic organizations, funeral director R. Kent Smith was born February 3, 1929, in Lake Worth, Florida, son of the late Edward Earl Smith, born January 1, 1902, at Sheffield, Illinois, who died January 23, 1953; and Grace (Giffin) Smith, a native of Van Wert, Ohio, who now resides in Lake Worth. Earl Smith came to Florida and settled in Lake Worth in 1922. Since 1929 he had been in the funeral business and was responsible for the establishment of the E. Earl Smith and Son Funeral Home located in Lake Worth in December of 1951.

R. Kent Smith received his early education in the Lake Worth schools and graduated from Palm Beach Junior College. He became associated with the E. Earl Smith Funeral Home after graduating from the Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science of Nashville, Tennessee, and now is sole manager of the family funeral concern.

Mr. Smith is a charter member and in 1959 was vice president of the Exchange Club of Lake Worth. He is a member and secretary of the Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce, past secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Lake Worth Men's Golf Association, and past president of the Lake Worth Civic Soft Ball League. He received the Lake Worth Jaycees Distinguished Service Award for the year 1960, presented by John McCarty.

He belongs to Lodge #1530 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Lake Worth, the First Congregational Church of Lake Worth, the Florida Funeral Directors Association, and is past president of the Palm Beach County Funeral Directors. Mr. Smith enjoys golf and sports in general as his recreation and serves as announcer for the local high school football games.

On May 7, 1958, in Wetumpka, Alabama, he married Sheryl Duerr, born February 22, 1938, in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Freeport (Pennsylvania) High School and daughter of Fred Duerr and Marie (Aretz).

The Smiths have one daughter, Kellie Lynn, born March 19, 1959.

EDGAR G. BEANE, D.D.S.

Dr. Edgar G. Beane, dentist, past mayor, and outstanding figure in the civic affairs and organizations of Lake Worth was born March 22, 1894, in McKees Rocks, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of George W. Beane and Annie R. Graham. His father, a physician, who died in 1935, received his medical training at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. His mother, who died in 1955, is buried with her husband in Sewickley, Pennsylvania.

Edgar Beane received his early education at the Pittsburgh Academy, later attended the University of Pittsburgh, and then graduated from the University of Illinois with his D.D.S. degree in 1917.

He served in the United States Army Dental Corps as a First Lieutenant in the European Theater of Operations from 1917 to 1920 and after the service practiced dentistry in his hometown of McKees Rocks. In 1924 Dr. Beane settled, and established a dental practice in Lake Worth, Florida, where he has been located since that time.

Dr. Beane, former mayor of Lake Worth, takes a great interest in the civic affairs of his community. He is a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lake Worth, past president of the Rotary Club, past president of the Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the West Palm Beach Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is past master of the Gulf Stream Lodge of the Masons, belonging to all Scottish Rite bodies up to and including the 32nd degree; is a member of the Mahi Temple Shrine; the Lake Worth Grotto; the American Legion; and the Presbyterian Church.

In professional organizations, Dr. Beane holds memberships in the American Dental Society, the Florida State Dental Society, and the East Coast District Dental Society.

On July 6, 1923 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, he married Virginia Katherine Priddy, a native of McKees Rocks, and daughter of John W. Priddy and Clara Elizabeth Miller.

Dr. and Mrs. Beane have two children. They are:

1. Donna Louise Beane, born in 1924 in McKees Rocks, married to Emory L. Sutton of Lake Worth. She is a graduate of Lake Worth High School, received her A.B. degree from Florida Southern College, and acquired her M.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma. The Suttons have two children, Lynn and John Sutton, both born in Florida.

2. Dr. John W. Beane, born in Lake Worth in December of 1928, who graduated from Lake Worth High School, and received his B.S. degree at Florida Southern College and then his D.D.S. degree at Emory University Dental School in 1956. He is now associated with his father in their Lake Worth dental practice and is married to Mary Sue Weathersly of Jacksonville, Florida, who also graduated from Florida Southern College. Dr. and Mrs. John Beane have two children:
   1. Alden Beane, born in Atlanta, Georgia.
   2. Dale Beane, born in Lake Worth, Florida.

ROBERT DARWIN TYLANDER

Robert Darwin Tylander, lawyer and banker in the West Palm Beach area, was born February 20, 1918, in Fort Pierce, Florida, son of William Emanuel Tylander and Minerva Augusta Cook. His father, a lumberman and banker, was born in Evanston, Illinois, November 3, 1878, and died November 13, 1960. His mother was born in Conway, Massachusetts, October 9, 1876. His parents settled in Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, Florida, in 1901.

Robert Tylander graduated from St. Lucie County High School in the class of 1936 and attended the

University of Florida, where he received his B.S.B.A. degree and, in 1943, his LL.B. degree. At the University of Florida he was a member of Florida Blue Key and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

He was associated in the office of Ausley, Collins and Ausley of Tallahassee, Florida, from 1943 to 1945, after which he opened a law office in West Palm Beach, and in 1947 joined the firm of Winters and Foskett. In 1948 he became a partner in the firm of Winters, Foskett, Cook and Tylander, but left this concern in 1954 when he formed the firm of Tylander and Simpson. During 1956 he assisted in establishing and became a member of the Board of Directors of the First Bank of Boca Raton in Boca Raton, Florida.

In 1944 Mr. Tylander was named one of Florida's five outstanding young men by the Florida State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, a former member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar, and in 1949 was president of the Junior Bar Section of the Florida Bar. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and also holds membership in the American Judicature Society and Phi Delta Phi legal honorary society.

He is a past president of the West Palm Beach Club of Lions International, a member of The Country Club of Florida, the Sailfish Club of Florida in Palm Beach, and a member of the Episcopal Church, serving on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Florida.

On June 13, 1943, in Tampa, Florida, he married Mary Merle Jones, born May 5, 1920, in Tampa, daughter of James Graham Jones, born November 21, 1891, in Tiplersville, Mississippi, and Ila Blake Jones, born August 28, 1893, in Gainesville, Florida. Mrs. Tylander attended public schools in Tampa and graduated from the University of Tampa in 1942.

The Tylanders have two children, both born in West Palm Beach. They are:

1. Mary Claire Tylander, born January 8, 1947.
2. Caroline Cook Tylander, born May 5, 1950.

SENATOR FRED O. DICKINSON, JR.

To State Senator Fred O. ("Bud") Dickinson, public service is the greatest satisfaction one can have in life. The Senator from Palm Beach County probably inherited his interest in politics from his grandfather Bell. Joseph E. Bell, a native of Mississippi, was a friend of William Jennings Bryan and a pioneer in Palm Beach city and county government. He lived in Gainesville, Florida, a few years before moving his family to West Palm Beach in 1887—one of the first families to settle there—where he was associated with Henry Flagler and later with the Florida Power and Light Company. He served on the City Council of West Palm Beach and was chairman of the Palm Beach County Commission for several years. Mr. Bell died in 1942 at the age of 73.

Bud Dickinson's mother, Georgia Bell, was born in Gainesville, Florida. His father, Fred O. Dickinson, Sr., was born in Beaufort, North Carolina, and came to Florida about 1916. He was engaged in the real estate business in West Palm Beach until about 1940, when he moved his business to Jupiter, where he also operates a fernery. He is a veteran of World War I.

Fred O. Dickinson, Jr. was born in West Palm Beach March 28, 1922, and received his early education in the public schools of West Palm Beach and Lake Park, graduating from Palm Beach High School in 1940. In high school he was prominent in the student body and was president of the first Student Senate. Known as the "Boy Orator", he won the American Legion oratorical contest and was state orator for the Order of DeMolay for three years. He also was active on the school boxing team.

Bud Dickinson entered the John B. Stetson University in 1940 and began to work his way through college—waiting on table, shining shoes, and taking part in boxing matches. He was president of the freshman class and won a scholarship in speech. After three years absence in the Marine Corps during World War II, he returned to Stetson for three months, and during that period was vice president of the student body. He then transferred to the University of Florida for his first year of law study, but returned to Stetson, where he was made president of the student body and vice president of the Honor Court. In his junior year he was president of the Florida Association of College Student Governments. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Stetson University in 1948, and upon being admitted to the Florida bar that year entered the law office of Horner C. Fisher, prominent attorney of West Palm Beach. In 1949 he became a partner in the firm of Fisher and Dickinson, which is now Fisher, Dickinson and Prior.

Senator Dickinson first showed his flair for politics at the age of 17, when he stumped for the candidate B. F. Paty. He has been active in the Young Democrats of Florida for many years. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1955, he received the Allen Morris award as the outstanding first-termer. In 1956 he was chosen to fill a vacancy in the Senate, and a few months later was elected to a full term, representing the 35th Senatorial District. He is also a member of the Legislative Council and serves on interim committees.

Palm Beach County, the largest in the state, includes vast farm and ranch lands as well as the metropolitan Gold Coast; which means that the Senator from West Palm Beach represents widely diversified interests. He had to learn to speak the language and understand the problems of the farmer and working man as well as of the business man and civic leader in the fast-growing coastal towns. One of his special interests in the Legislature is Flood Control, which greatly concerns the farmers of the Everglades. It is to his credit that he is popular with both the rural and the urban groups. In his try for the Governorship in the 1960 primaries he was solidly supported by the county.

Senator Dickinson is a member of the national, state, and county bar associations and served on the board of governors of the Junior Bar Section of the Florida State Bar. He is state chairman of the Heart Fund; on the board of trustees for the Florida Sheriffs' Boys Ranch; has served as director of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and is active in a number of civic organizations, including the Kiwanis Club. He holds membership in the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, the Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity, and formerly belonged to Ye Mystic Krewe. As a member of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach, he has taught an adult Sunday School class for the past ten years.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor Bud Dickinson, then a

student at Stetson University, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Pacific from Guadalcanal to Okinawa. He was awarded the commanding General's personal citation for combat achievement, and in August 1945 was sent to Officers Candidate School and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. He is a member of the American Legion and its Forty-and-Eight club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Legion of Honor, and a charter member of Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #12, Department of Florida.

Senator Dickinson is much in demand as a non-political speaker and obliges as often as his numerous activities permit. He keeps physically fit with the aid of a punching bag in the Dickinson's game room, a converted garage, and in the summer months with an early morning swim on the beach. The family's pride is the Model T Ford, which is more than a museum piece, being in frequent use for local drives.

On January 4, 1952, in West Palm Beach Fred O. Dickinson, Jr. married Mildred ("Boots") Goddard, daughter of Mildred (Campbell) and D. A. Goddard from Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Dickinson is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and attended the University of Alabama. The Senator and Mrs. Dickinson have four children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Fred O. III, born November 29, 1952.
2. Douglas (Doug), born May 12, 1954.
3. Catherine (Cathy), born February 5, 1956.
4. Dwight, born September 13, 1958.

JUDGE IRA VAN BULLOCK

Elected Municipal Court Judge of the City of Lake Worth in 1949, when he was only twenty-nine years old, Ira Van Bullock still holds that office, having been continuously re-elected since then.

He was born in Meherrin, Virginia, July 23, 1920, son of Montgomery Q. and Helen (Carr) Bullock. His father, who died in the spring of 1958, was employed by the Florida East Coast Railroad for many years. His mother is still living in Miami, where the family moved when the future Judge was in his infancy.

He graduated from Miami High School and from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's degree in Law in 1946. Admitted to practice law in Florida that same year, he settled in Lake Worth and has carried on a general practice of law there since then.

Judge Bullock is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is a member and past president of Lake Worth Kiwanis Club, a member of the Elks Lodge #1530 of Lake Worth, of the Gulf Stream Masonic Lodge, and of the Episcopal Church. Fishing and hunting are his preferred recreations.

Ira Van Bullock was married in Lake Worth October 14, 1944, to Audrey Virginia Fuquay, daughter of Robert Orville and Audrey (Swan) Fuquay. Mrs. Bullock is a native of Lake Worth and a graduate of Lake Worth High School. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Judge and Mrs. Bullock are the parents of four daughters. They are:

1. Barbara Ann, born July 23, 1945.
2. Janet, born April 13, 1947.
3. Gail, born April 20, 1950.
4. Jennifer, born November 21, 1957.

Barbara Ann and Janet are students at Lake Worth Junior High School.

WAYNE AKERS

President and sole owner of Wayne Akers Ford, Inc. of Lake Worth and of Wayne Akers Motors in West Palm Beach, this young man, a former commercial air lines pilot, has now been in the automobile business for more than ten years and has had a tremendous success with his own Ford dealerships in Lake Worth and in West Palm Beach. Aside from the established reputation of the Ford automobile, the reason for his success must be ascribed to his own good qualities as a salesman—a thorough knowledge of his product, a natural liking for people, and the ability to get around and make friends. He credits his earlier life as a pilot for his sales ability.

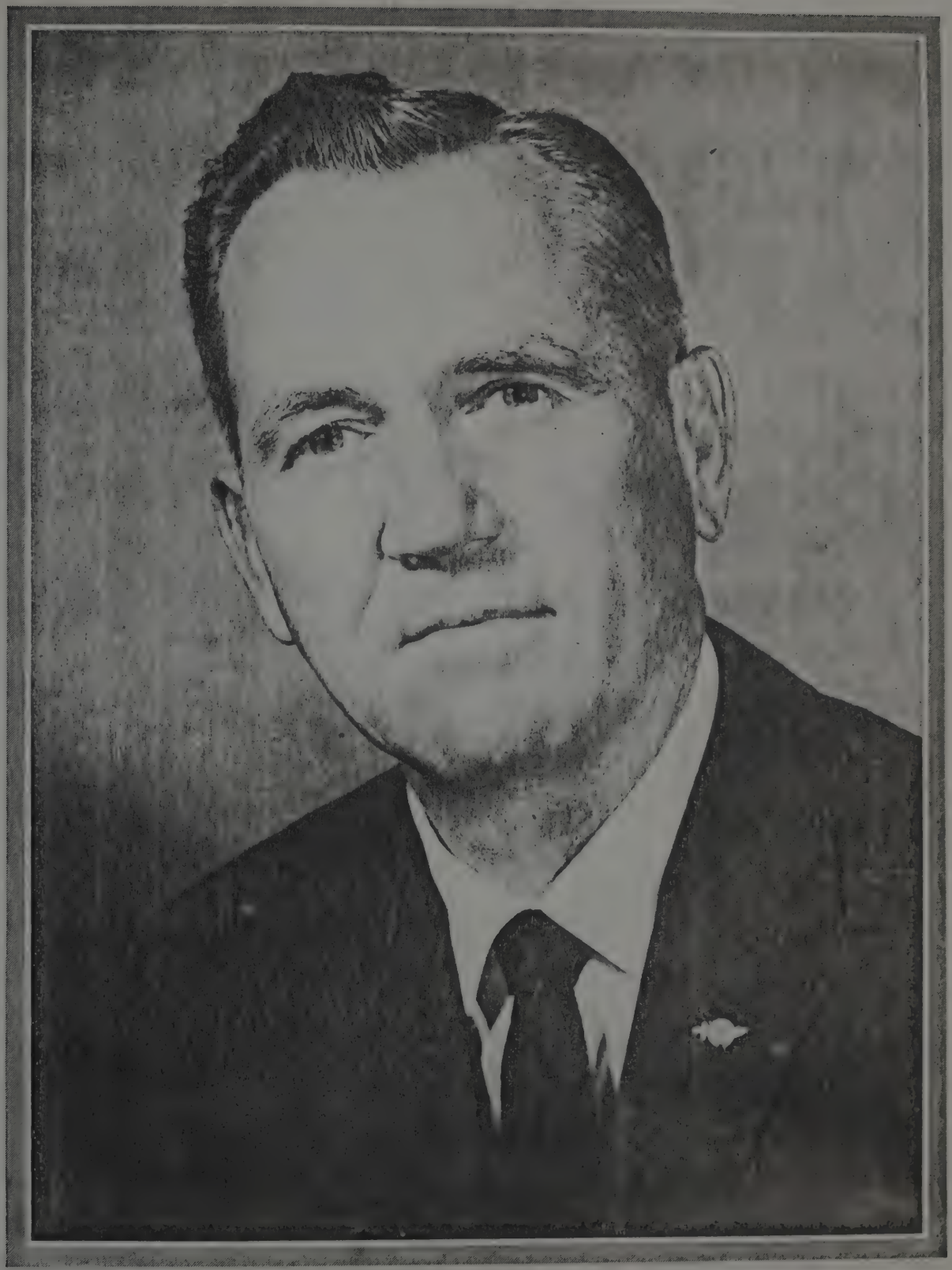
Wayne Akers was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi, July 22, 1919, son of Olin H. and Maude T. (Plunk) Akers, both living in Pontotoc, Mississippi. His father, now retired, was postmaster of Pontotoc for thirty-six years. Wayne graduated from Pontotoc High School, attended Mississippi State College, and then the University of Mississippi for three years, working to pay his way.

One week after Pearl Harbor he volunteered for the United States Air Force and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He spent the next four years flying, and from October 1942 to July 1944 served as pilot in a combat support squadron in North Africa and Italy.

Leaving the service in 1945 with the rank of Major, he went to work as pilot for Chicago and Southern Air Lines (now merged with Delta). J. K. Dobbs, Sr., head of Hull-Dobbs Company of Memphis, Tennessee, said to be the world's largest Ford dealer, used to fly on his plane a lot. He kept telling Akers what a good business the automobile business was and what a success he could make in it. So, in December 1949 he left the air lines with the rank of Captain, which required holding an Air Line Transport rating (the highest a civilian pilot can get), and went to work for Hull-Dobbs Company in Memphis. After a year as salesman he became general manager of their Ford dealership in Cleveland, Ohio, and subsequently managed Hull-Dobbs dealerships in Fort Wayne, Chicago, St. Louis, Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama, and, for a short time in 1953, in West Palm Beach.

In 1955 he decided to strike out for himself and opened his own dealership in Lake Worth. The rapid growth of that area was a factor in his choice of it as a site for his business. His modern building on North Dixie Highway includes one of the biggest service departments in the Palm Beaches area, with twenty-four work stalls and complete body, metal and paint shop. His gross sales for 1956, the first full year he was in business, were over $2,000,000. In 1957 he opened a second dealership, Wayne Akers Motors, in West Palm Beach, with the exclusive franchise for English Fords for Palm Beach County. During his second full month of operation there he sold thirty-five new English Fords, which was far beyond his expectations. In 1959 he ranked twentieth in sales volume of the new English Ford.

Mr. Akers is a member of the Florida Automobile Dealers Association, the National Automobile Dealers Association, a charter member of the Ford 500 Club, a member of Lake Worth and West Palm Beach Chambers of Commerce, Lake Worth Rotary Club, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the United States Air Force Reserve, Lake Worth Elks Lodge, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Club and Father



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Flanagan's Boys Town. He is a member of the Methodist Church, a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, Shriner of Al Chymia Temple (Memphis, Tennessee), and member of the Palm Beach Shrine Club. An ardent golfer and fisherman, he is a member of Lake Worth Country Club and West Palm Beach Country Club, West Palm Beach Fishing Club, Boynton Inlet Fishing Club, and a member of the Court of King Neptune's Airmen.

He was married at Sardis, Mississippi, March 29, 1947, to Kathryn Elizabeth Jemison, daughter of William Homer and Florence (Thompson) Jemison. Mrs. Akers graduated from Sardis High School and in 1946 was a stewardess for the Chicago and Southern Air Lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Akers have four children:

1. Robert Lestie, born September 26, 1951, in Memphis, Tennessee.

2. Wayne Lamar, Jr., born July 10, 1954, in Memphis.

3. William Holmes, born September 6, 1955, in Memphis.

4. Patricia Kay, born July 26, 1957, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

BARTLETT ARNOLD

Characterized in a newspaper column series on outstanding personalities in Palm Beach County as a "self-made Georgia Cracker whose life in Florida represents many milestones in the saga of lower east coast development," Bartlett Arnold is now Town Manager of the one and only Palm Beach.

He was born at Lost Mountain, Cobb County, Georgia, October 3, 1897, son of Josiah Wilson Arnold, a merchant and farmer, and Mintie Meadows, both natives of Georgia. His father was born at Villa Rica February 20, 1860; his mother at Brownsville on August 20, 1868.

B. Arnold (he seldom uses his full name) attended the Seventh District Agricultural and Mechanical School in Georgia, Georgia Military Academy, and the University of Georgia for three years. His education was interrupted by a stretch in the Army during World War I. At the university he was an outstanding tackle on the football team and in later years played semi-professional football. For many years he officiated in high school football games up and down the east coast of Florida. He also sponsored a semi-professional baseball team which played in a league with West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

At the University of Georgia Mr. Arnold studied engineering, and while working on a project in Brunswick, Georgia, in 1919 met executives of the Ford Motor Company and was offered a sales job in Jacksonville. He accepted and went into promotional work for the company. In 1921 he was awarded a Ford dealership in St. Lucie County, Florida, and moved to Fort Pierce, where he remained until 1929; then moved to Vero Beach and opened another Ford agency there. Still working for the Ford Motor Company, he moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1933, and to Marietta, Georgia, in 1936. That year he sold his Ford dealership, returned to Fort Pierce, and opened a wholesale automotive equipment firm, which he continued to operate until 1949.

Mr. Arnold first held public office when he served on the City Council of Vero Beach from 1925 to 1927. In 1938 he was elected Mayor of Fort Pierce and served two terms. At the same time he was appointed to the School Board of St. Lucie County and served sixteen years in that unpaid office. He was City Manager of Fort Pierce for one year, 1945 to 1946, and County Manager of St. Lucie County from 1949 to 1951. In 1951 he became Director of Maintenance of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, and held this position until 1959, when he accepted his present appointment as Town Manager of the Town of Palm Beach.

During his early years in Florida, Mr. Arnold's travels took him into many parts of the state and on some wild journeys. In 1921 there was no road between Fort Myers and LaBelle, and it took a whole day in a model T Ford to make the trip. You just took off across the fields and when you came to a river you stayed on the wrong side until you came to a ferry big enough to take you across. Boats navigated a canal from Fort Lauderdale into the Everglades to haul out vegetables. There was no other way into the area. Water always fascinated Mr. Arnold, and he tells fantastic tales about rains, hurricanes and floods. The worst rainfall he can recall during his many years in Florida occurred in October of 1924, when it rained twenty-three inches in twenty-four hours. U.S. Highway #1 at Stuart was covered by a lake, and a boy who went swimming in that area drowned.

The Central and Southern Flood Control District is a direct outgrowth of a 1947 hurricane which did more than $50,000,000 worth of damage in Broward, Palm Beach and Dade counties. Water was five feet deep in Fort Lauderdale streets that fall, and numerous farmers in the Everglades were financially wiped out by rain and floods. It will be years before all phases of the project (established by an act of Congress May 6, 1948, and supported by a Florida Legislative bill in 1949) can be completed. But what has been accomplished already has made Palm Beach County the largest grower of winter vegetables in the United States. The effectiveness of the system was demonstrated during the heavy rains of the winter of 1957-58, when the pumps were in operation from December 23 to February 3 and kept thousands of acres of vegetables from being drowned out. As director of operations and maintenance in the District, Mr. Arnold considered his job a twenty-four hour assignment. He had a two-way radio setup in his car and kept in touch with operations at all times.

The District covers an area of seventeen counties, from Titusville on the north to Homestead on the south. Nine pumping stations connect up with a huge network of canals and regulate water levels. The level of Lake Okeechobee is kept under fourteen feet. The largest pumping station, located at Twenty Mile Bend, moves 220,000,000 gallons of water a minute. The water is pumped into three conservation areas, totaling 849,000 acres, within the Flood Control District. At least two of these areas are being converted into game preserves, which will provide another tourist attraction for Florida. Preventing infiltration of salt water into fresh water is another function of the Flood Control system. This is done by maintaining a higher level on the fresh water side of a gate. A series of generating stations throughout the network provides electricity for pumping and communications. The backbone of the system is a dike, 130 miles long, extending from Lake Okeechobee to Homestead. Lateral canals tie in and these in turn are available for hookups with private lands which need drainage in

some seasons, irrigation in others. The cost of the private canals is borne by farmers who use the service. The system provides plenty of fresh water and at the same time alleviates flood conditions.

All construction in the District is handled by the United States Corps of Engineers, who draw plans, accept bids and let contracts. As each unit is completed it is turned over to the Flood Control District for maintenance and operation. Overall policy is set by a Board of Governors. The operation breaks down into various divisions, such as engineering, legal, planning and research, land acquisition, finance and operations. It is financed by federal and state taxes and a millage tax on property within the District.

Mr. Arnold is a member of the Executive Board of Florida Continuing Educational Council; a Mason, Shriner, Elk, Kiwanian and Rotarian; a past president of the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, member of North Palm Beach Country Club and the Sailfish Club, and a member of the Episcopal Church. He likes to hunt better than anything except eating, and has several fine bird dogs. He also plays golf.

At Fort Pierce on April 30, 1924, Bartlett Arnold married Elizabeth Tylander, who was born at Eau Gallie, Florida, October 19, 1903. Her father, William E. Tylander, was born in Chicago November 3, 1878; her mother, Minerva Cook, in Conway, Massachusetts, October 9, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have two children and two grandchildren.

Jeanne Arnold Grant was born November 16, 1930. She has two sons: Jon Arnold Grant, born in Gainesville, Florida, in July 1955; Neil Bartlett Grant, born in West Palm Beach September 8, 1958.

Bartlett Arnold, Jr., born December 1, 1934, in Marietta, Georgia, is with Pratt and Whitney.

ROLAND ARNOLD

Sole owner and operator of Arnold Ford Sales, Inc., of Vero Beach, Roland Arnold has been in the automobile dealership business since 1921, when he was nineteen. He should know cars, especially Fords and Chevrolets. He is a past president of the Vero Beach Automobile Dealers Association and currently vice-president of the Sixth District of Florida Automobile Dealers Association.

Born in Powder Springs, near Marietta, Georgia, June 5, 1902, he is a son of Joseph Wilson and Minnie (Meadows) Arnold. Both his parents were born in Columbus, Georgia, and both died in Marietta; his mother in February, 1919, his father on June 20, 1928. Joseph W. Arnold was a farmer and merchant in Georgia and was postmaster of Lost Mountain.

Roland Arnold was educated in the public schools of Georgia and graduated from the Seventh Agricultural and Mechanical School at Powder Springs, Georgia.

He came to Fort Pierce July 7, 1921, and went to work for Tindall Motor Company, a Ford agency, in the parts department. The next year he went into sales, and in 1924 moved to Vero Beach and went into partnership with his brother, B. Bartlett Arnold, who had established the Vero Beach Ford Agency in 1922. Incidentally, Bartlett is now manager of the Town of Palm Beach.

The brothers sold out the Vero Beach Ford Agency in 1932, and Roland managed the Chevrolet Agency in that town for the next two years. In 1934 he and a Mr. Carter formed the Arnold-Carter Chevrolet Company, which was sold in the spring of 1938. Arnold had signed as distributor for American Oil Company in Indian River County in 1935, and now took over the active management of the Amoco agency. For the next fifteen years he carried on this business, finally selling it in May, 1953. A year later he and Harry C. Offutt, now Mayor of Vero Beach, organized Arnold-Offutt Ford, Inc. In 1955 Arnold became the sole stockholder and since then has been operating this business as Arnold Ford Sales, Inc. He bought back the Amoco Agency in October, 1957, and his son-in-law now operates this business.

In addition to the business organizations already mentioned, Mr. Arnold is a member of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of Elks Lodge #1774 of Vero Beach and Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, and a member of the First Methodist Church of Vero Beach. He has been a state director of the Florida Men's Amateur Golf Association and a member of the Florida State Senior Golf Association. Needless to say, golf is his hobby.

Roland Arnold married Laura Fay Parker in Fort Pierce on October 11, 1926. She was born in Lake City, Florida, July 20, 1905, daughter of Otis R. and Lenore (Johnson) Parker. Her father was an attorney in Lake City and Jacksonville before coming to Fort Pierce in 1905, and served one term as Representative in the State Legislature. Her mother is still living in Fort Pierce.

A daughter, Fay Lenore Arnold, was born May 21, 1931, in Fort Pierce. She married Clyde Scent, who manages the American Oil Company, a wholesale agency, in Vero Beach.

CHARLES R. DORSEY

Founder of the oldest mortgage business in Palm Beach County, that has been in continuous service since September, 1924, Charles R. Dorsey originally operated under the name of Baldwin Mortgage Company until 1934, when he purchased the interest of that company. For approximately one year he operated under his own name, then the business was incorporated as Charles R. Dorsey, Inc., operating a general insurance business and also a mortgage banking business. In 1952 the Palm Beach Mortgage Company was organized to conduct the mortgage banking business.

Mr. Dorsey is a native of Lyons, Georgia, where he was born February 10, 1896, son of Charles Nelson and Chellie (Coleman) Dorsey. His father was a farmer and turpentine operator in South Georgia near Waycross. Charles R. attended the Piedmont Institute at Waycross and Mercer University at Macon, Georgia.

In the first World War he served as a Lieutenant in the 117th Machine Gun Battalion in the 31st Division at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and in France, where he was assigned to duty as machine gun instructor in a small town out of Paris. After the Armistice he was assigned to headquarters in Paris for seven or eight months.

Immediately following his discharge from the Army, Mr. Dorsey came to Jacksonville in the employ of Swift and Company as a specialty salesman, selling hotels and restaurants. He remained with this company a few years and then was employed by Consolidated Grocery Company in Jacksonville. During his stay in Jacksonville he joined the American Legion as a charter member and organized the first howitzer company in the state of Florida, serving as Captain of the company.

After about a year and a half with Consolidated Grocery, he was employed as a salesman by the Cudahy Packing Company and traveled the entire state of Florida, selling Old Dutch Cleanser. Within approximately six months he was promoted to Sales Manager for six or seven states. He made frequent trips to Miami, where he met a number of young men with whom he had gone to school and played baseball and football prior to the war. Some of them were in the mortgage loan business, and it was through Mr. Albert Hill that Mr. Dorsey became interested in the mortgage business. Resigning from Cudahy Packing Company, he began his career with Baldwin Mortgage Company in the early part of 1924 and spent approximately two weeks in training before coming to West Palm Beach.

Mr. Dorsey is a past director of the Florida State Association of Mortgage Bankers, past president of the West Palm Beach Mortgage Bankers Association, and past president of the Insurance Board of the Palm Beaches. Active in civic work, he is a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce as well as the Florida State and the West Palm Beach Chambers of Commerce. He is a past director and member of the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, past president of the West Palm Beach Y.M.C.A., a member of Elks Lodge #1352, and a member of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, in which he is a deacon and treasurer.

On December 19, 1927, in West Palm Beach, Mr. Dorsey married Ida Jarrell, daughter of J. H. and Cora (Northen) Jarrell of Alabama. The Dorseys have two sons: Charles R., Jr., born October 26, 1928, and James Thomas, born August 11, 1931.

Charles R. Dorsey, Jr., graduated from Palm Beach High School, attended Stetson University and graduated from Miami University. He served two years in the United States Air Force in the Korean War and is now vice-president of both Charles R. Dorsey, Inc. and Palm Beach Mortgage Company. He married Ann Clamp of West Palm Beach, and they have a son, Charles R. III, born in 1955, and a daughter, Dianne, born in 1959.

NORMAN CHARLES SCHMID

The president of the firm of Norman C. Schmid and Associates, Consulting Engineers, of Palm Beach, has served as Town Engineer of the Town of Palm Beach since 1929.

He was born in Buffalo, New York, September 28, 1897, son of Charles F. and Minnie C. (Kiener) Schmid. The family moved to Denver, Colorado, in 1900, and Mr. Schmid's father, a retired manufacturer of jewelry, is still living there at the age of 90. His mother passed away in 1950, aged 80.

Norman Schmid graduated from North Denver High School and in 1921 from the University of Colorado with the degree of Civil Engineer. From 1921 to 1925 he was associated with Stearns and Rogers Manufacturing Company in their engineering department in Denver.

He came to Miami, Florida, in 1925 and was employed as an engineer by the Biscayne Engineering Company. In 1926 he went to West Palm Beach and worked as assistant engineer for the City of West Palm Beach until October of 1929, at which time he entered upon his long service to the Town of Palm Beach.

From 1941 to 1943 Mr. Schmid was Chief Engineer for Watt, St. Clair and Belcher Oil Company of Miami while they were constructing the Sanford Naval Air Base, which was completed in 1943. He then returned to Palm Beach to resume his service as Town Engineer, and also at that time organized the consulting engineering firm which he still heads. His associates in this firm are John G. Oxer and Robert G. Hutcheon.

Mr. Schmid is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Florida Engineers Society, the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Old Guard Society, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Sailfish Club of Palm Beach, of which he is now secretary, and the Episcopal Church. Golf is his recreation.

On November 8, 1928, in West Palm Beach Norman C. Schmid married Janice R. Rugg, daughter of F. Merle Rugg and Mary J. Harrison. Mrs. Schmid graduated from Columbus School for Girls in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Dennison College in Ohio; also the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston, Massachusetts. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schmid, of whom Charles the eldest is deceased. The others are Raymond and Jon.

Raymond A. Schmid, born September 20, 1938, at West Palm Beach, graduated from Baylor School for Boys at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and is now a student at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, in the class of 1961. He is a member of the varsity rowing crew and of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Jon C. Schmid, born September 4, 1941, graduated from Baylor School for Boys and is now a student at the University of Florida, Gainesville, where he is on the varsity swimming team and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

JOSEPH FEARNLEY

"Lake Worth's magnetic Realtor with the matching personality," as he was referred to in the All Florida Weekly Magazine article in October 1957, Joseph (Joe) Fearnley has been running his own real estate firm in Lake Worth since 1951 and has four branch offices—at Boynton Beach, Jupiter, Canal Point near Lake Okeechobee, and in the Melbourne area.

Son of Harry and Emily (Turner) Fearnley, he was born at South Porcupine in the Dome Mines area of Ontario, Canada, on September 7, 1913. The family lived in Buffalo, New York, for some time before moving to the Palm Beach area of Florida in 1924. Joe's father was a plumbing contractor and was the plumber for the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. He died in 1932, and Mrs. Fearnley, Joe's mother, died in 1955.

Joe Fearnley graduated from Lake Worth High School and worked his way through John B. Stetson University, receiving his B.S. degree in 1946 after his service in the Navy in World War II as Yeoman First Class. He had his eye on a legal career, but the Florida real estate boom of the mid-forties changed his mind, and he became a real estate salesman, advancing before very long to sales manager. In 1951, feeling that he had served a suitable apprenticeship, he embarked as a real estate broker in his own right and has been notably successful. He has a staff of over thirty dedicated real estate people associated with him, many for a number of years. They come from all walks of life and all parts of the country, which enables them to cope intelligently with the thousands of clients, who, like themselves, represent a variety of backgrounds.

Thoroughly systematized in operation, the Fearnley establishment is yet loosely enough organized so that

Joseph Fearnley

all its members may work closely and harmoniously on a number of related projects. Six departments include residential, acreage, rural acreage, industrial, income property, and business opportunities. (Business opportunities range in price from $2,500 to $1,000,000.)

People hear of this Palm Beach County realtor from friends and acquaintances, from other realtors across the country with whom he cooperates, and through his advertising in such papers as the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, the Detroit News, the Wall Street Journal, and the Christian Science Monitor of Boston. Speaking of clients in search for a particular type of property, Mr. Fearnley says, "If we don't have what he wants, then we turn 'white hunter' and go out and find it for him!" Through cooperating realtors all over the state the Fearnley office is in a position to submit properties in the $25,000-and-up bracket almost any place in Florida. These range from luxury homes to hotels, waterfront property, and small industries. On the other hand, no prospective client is too small for Fearnley's to handle. Mr. Fearnley believes that the rental prospects of today will be the homeowners of tomorrow, and has long been an advocate of selling real estate to young people. "Even the lowest paid single man or woman can afford to buy a low-priced lot on the installment plan," he says.

Insurance is so closely linked with home ownership today that an insurance department as part of the well-integrated real estate office has become an accepted and welcome service. In larger organizations it is often a separate entity, although closely linked with the parent firm. This is the case with the Fearnley-Spence Insurance Agency at Lake Worth. Formerly the Henry C. Preston Insurance Agency, it was acquired by Mr. Fearnley, who chose Wilton B. Spence of Winter Park as the ideal man to operate it, and under his experienced guidance the firm has expanded tremendously. Mr. Spence observes that most of today's Fearnley-Spence clients are partial to the firm's Home Owners "package policy," under which all major contingencies and risks are covered on a convenient budget basis, or at slightly lower cost on an annual premium basis.

Mr. Fearnley was named Florida's "Realtor of the Year" in 1956 by the Florida Association of Realtors, of which he is a former vice-president. He is past president of the Lake Worth Board of Realtors and, in addition to these two groups, holds membership in the following organizations: National Association of Real Estate Boards, National Institute of Real Estate Brokers (State chairman for 1959-60), National Institute of Farm Brokers, Transamerican Real Estate Corporation, the American Chapter of the International Real Estate Federation, the International Traders Club, Riviera Beach Board of Realtors, Boynton Beach Board of Realtors, the Palm Beach County Resources Development Board, Florida State Chamber of Commerce, Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce (past treasurer), Riviera Beach Chamber of Commerce, and the Canal Point Chamber of Commerce. Hs is also a member and past president of the Lions Club, a member of the Flying Farmers of Florida, of Sigma Nu Phi fraternity, of Gulf Stream Lodge, F. and A.M., the 32nd degree Scottish Rite bodies, Mahi Temple Shrine at Miami, the Elks, the American Legion, and the Baptist Church at Lake Worth. Fishing and boating are his favorite pastimes.

Joseph Fearnley was married in Lake Worth May 5, 1940, to Julia Crocker, a native of Lake Worth and graduate of its high school, daughter of William E. and Gertrude Crocker. Mrs. Fearnley is a registered nurse, a gradaute of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. The Fearnleys have a son, Joseph Edward, born May 19, 1950, at Good Samaritan Hospital, West Palm Beach, who is now a student at Barton Elementary School in Lake Worth.

GUSTAV A. MAASS

A prominent architect of Palm Beach, where he has been in private practice since 1930, Gustav A. Maass is the designer of many beautiful residences in Palm Beach and along the entire east coast of Florida, as well as many schools, churches, and cooperative apartments.

Son of Gustav A., an engineer, and Margaret (Oelschlagel) Maass, he was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, December 27, 1893. He graduated from Birmingham High School, Birmingham, Alabama, and received his Bachelor's degree in Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania in 1917. After two years service in the United States Navy in World War I, he was associated with the prominent architectural firm of Warren, Knight and Davis in Birmingham, Alabama, from 1919 to 1925.

Coming to West Palm Beach, Florida, in April of 1925, he joined the architectural firm of Harvey and Clarke, and continued this association until 1930, at which time he opened his own office in Palm Beach, where he has carried on a successful business for thirty years. Among the buildings he has designed are the following: Palm Beach Junior High School and Elementary School, Boynton Beach Junior High School, Riviera Beach High School addition, Carver High School, Plumosa Elementary School, the First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach, the Boynton Beach Presbyterian Church, and Sea Mount Cooperative Apartments at Boynton Beach.

Mr. Maass is a member of the Florida Association of Architects, the American Institute of Architects, and is past president of the Palm Beach chapter of the A.I.A. His church is the West Palm Beach First Presbyterian.

At Mobile, Alabama, on December 28, 1921, Gustav A. Maass married Helen Hensley of Mobile, daughter of William Earl Hensley, a native of Newbern, Tennessee, and Victoria Kalleen of Hamilton, Ontario. Mrs. Maass graduated from Barton Academy at Mobile, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Maass have a son and a daughter and, to date, six grandchildren.

Harold G. Maass, born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, February 3, 1933, graduated from Palm Beach High School, the University of North Carolina, and the University of Virginia, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Law, and is now a member of the law firm of Ally, Maass, Rogers and Lindsay, of Palm Beach. During World War II he served in the Naval Air Corps with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. In November of 1954 he married Nancy Ally, daughter of Judge Raymond C. Ally of Palm Beach, and they have four children: Michael Gustav, Robb Raymond, Sara Hensley, and John Ally, all born in Palm Beach.

Carol Jean Maass, born February 27, 1940, in West Palm Beach, graduated from Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, Virginia, and from Rollins College at Winter Park, Florida. In June of 1954 she married William R.

Trezise of Wilton, Connecticut. They have two children: Russell Randall and Steven Andrew, both born in Baltimore, where they reside. Mr. Trezise served in World War II in the Pacific area as a First Lieutenant in the Air Force.

HERBERT C. SAYLES

A Bostonian by birth, Herbert C. Sayles established his mortgage banking business in West Palm Beach in 1954, and is now (1960) president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Palm Beach County, having previously served that body as vice president and director.

A son of Arthur E. Sayles, a retired merchant of Boston, and of Jeanne (Moncoeur) Sayles, Herbert C. Sayles was born in Boston June 5, 1916. He graduated from Quincy High School in that historic suburban town of Massachusetts and attended Northeastern University Law School in Boston. From 1935 to 1953, excepting four years in military service, he was with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, in their mortgage loan department.

During World War II, from 1941 to 1945, he served in the Army Air Force and was a pilot in the African theater of operations with the rank of First Lieutenant. He is a member of the American Legion, West Palm Beach Post, and of the Disabled Officers Association. Mrs. Sayles, a registered nurse, also served in World War II, from 1942 to 1945, as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps.

Mr. Sayles is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida, as well as the county association which he is serving as president this year, and a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce. His church affiliation is Congregational.

He was married in Rockland, Maryland, March 16, 1943, to Grace Morgan, daughter of Morgan Morgan and Mae (Taylor) Morgan. She is a graduate of the Frankfort School of Nursing in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Sayles are the parents of four children:

1. Peter H., born in Boston, Massachusetts, February 12, 1946.
2. Richard A., born in Quincy, Massachusetts, April 16, 1947.
3. Renee M., born in Boston November 4, 1949.
4. John L., born in West Palm Beach, Florida, December 13, 1954.

Peter is a student at the Forest Hills High School, Richard at the Conniston Junior High School in West Palm Beach.

JAMES N. BOROWSKI

James N. Borowski came to Florida with the United States Engineers in 1942 and remained to establish himself in business in Palm Beach, where he has won a reputation for his work and his personal qualifications.

He was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1910, son of John A. and Elsie (Nagle) Borowski. His father was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was a prominent merchant in Allentown for many years before his death in 1939 at the age of 79. His mother, a native of Allentown, died in 1949, aged 74.

James Borowski graduated from Allentown High School in 1928 and received his technical training under a private tutor at West Point, New York, where he remained to practice the profession of engineering until July of 1942. At that time he came to Florida with the United States Engineers, and for the next two years was employed in many parts of the state. In 1944 he resigned from his government position and became associated with Norman C. Schmid, town engineer of Palm Beach, with whom he continued until 1948, when he established his own private practice. The following is a partial list of Mr. Borowski's outstanding contributions in structural engineering: Good Samaritan Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, both in West Palm Beach; Royal Poinciana Playhouse; Park Place Cooperative Apartments; 300 South Ocean Cooperative Apartments; 389 Lake Trail Cooperative Apartments.

Mr. Borowski is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, Florida State Engineering Society, the American Concrete Institute, Palm Beach Rotary, and the Episcopal Church. He was affiliated with the Order of DeMolay. A talented musician, he plays the piano, and also enjoys gardening as a recreation. In 1945 Mr. Borowski received a commendation for civilian service from the United States War Department, in recognition of his completion of ten years of faithful and satisfactory service rendered to the War Department and the nation, covering the years 1935 to 1945.

He was married in Allentown, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1939, to Dorothy June Gruhn, daughter of Charles Frederick and Hilda (Kocher) Gruhn, both natives of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Her father, who died in 1938, was with Bethlehem Steel Company for many years. Mrs. Borowski is a graduate of Bethlehem High School, Pennsylvania, and is an active member of the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary. A son and a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Borowski.

John Talbot Borowski, born September 29, 1941, at West Point, New York, graduated from Graham-Eckes School cum laude. An honor award student for the years 1951 to 1957, he was president of his class and salutatorian. He is now a student at the University of Pennsylvania and is a member of the varsity crew and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Hilda Dorothy Borowski, born May 23, 1943, at Ponte Vedra, St. Johns County, Florida, is a student at Webster Tufts School, Lake Worth, Florida.

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH, PALM BEACH
RT. REV. J. P. O'MAHONEY, PASTOR

St. Edward's Catholic Church of Palm Beach, built in the mid-twenties, is an integral part of the Palm Beach scene and a place of worship of which its parishioners may be proud.

The community is largely indebted to the late Colonel Edward R. Bradley, famed sports figure and pioneer resident of Palm Beach, for this beautiful church. Designed by the late Mortimer D. Metcalfe, the church was built under the direction of a building committee headed by Michael H. Nagle, whose recent death leaves only Niles S. Babbitt of the original group. Others on the committee were: Colonel Bradley, John F. McEvoy, John T. Kelly, J. J. O'Brien, Edward Foley, Thomas A. Clarke, Joseph C. Hutchison, William John Spain, J. F. Fitzgerald, E. C. Donnelly, Jesse Smith, and E. F. Minden.

The Spanish Renaissance style of architecture is beautifully adapted to tropical landscaping, and the

cast stone exterior has stood up well under the tropical storms to which it has been exposed during the past three decades. Intricate carving of ecclesiastical symbols features both the facade, with its bell tower, and the interior archways. A hand-carved walnut screen separates the vestibule from the interior. The stained glass windows with their muted, jeweled tones are reminiscent of age-old European cathedrals. The altars and statues are of white Carrara marble. The large window over the entrance above the choir loft depicts the patron saint of the church, King Edward the Confessor of England.

Ground was broken for the church on April 4, 1926, on property at the northwest corner of North County Road and Sunrise Avenue. The building is 130 by 90 feet, including the cloisters. First services in the church were held on Christmas Eve, 1926. The church was officially dedicated February 13, 1927, by the Most Rev. Patrick Barry, D.D., then Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine. During its construction and early days as a mission, the Rev. Felix J. Clarkson of St. Ann's Church, West Palm Beach, served as its pastor. It continued as a mission until January 1, 1941, when it was admitted to independent diocesan status as a parish church by the Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine. The first resident pastor of the parish was the Rev. James Cloonan, who was succeeded by the Rev. Thomas G. Jones and Rev. Patrick D. O'Brien; then, in November 1949, by the Rt. Rev. J. P. O'Mahoney, the present pastor.

A native of Ireland, Monsignor O'Mahoney came to this country when very young; took his high school studies at Niagara Falls and attended the Seminary of St. Viator in Illinois. He entered the University of Florida in 1928 with the dual objective of studying for a law degree and carrying on his duties with the National Board for the Propagation of the Faith Society, on which he has served under Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. He received his law degree in 1933 and was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1937, but elected to continue parochial work Special recognition as a distinguished graduate of the University of Florida came to Monsignor O'Mahoney in 1953, during the university's centenary celebration, when, together with such notables as General James Van Fleet, he received the Centenary Award.

Besides Colonel Bradley, the following persons are named among the benefactors who contributed to the building, ornamentation and furnishings of St. Edward's Church: Mr. and Mrs. Niles S. Babbitt, who gave the St. Edward's window and the two small flanking windows of St. Cecilia and St. Gregory, patrons of music; Mr. and Mrs. William J. Connors, who gave the main altar; John T. Kelly and Joseph C. Hutchison, who gave the two larger side altars; Edward Schiedler and Town of Palm Beach employees, who gave the St. Edward and St. Rita shrines respectively; Patrick Joseph Sexton of Melbourne, who gave the 65-foot marble and bronze Communion rail; Mr. and Mrs. William John Spain, who gave the Little Flower shrine in the vestibule. In addition to his larger benefactions, Colonel Bradley donated the St. Anthony shrine in the vestibule and one of the sixteen clerestory windows, which represent a gift of at least $3,000 each. The donors of the other fifteen windows were: Mrs. John B. Lee, Mrs. Charles E. F. McCann, John W. McDonald, James Butler, William F. Kenny, Charles R. Conway, Mrs. Margaret Nahm, Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. James F. McDonald, Mrs. John R. Bradley, George MacDonald, James P. Donahue, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Cullinan, and Friends of Stephen C. Meigher. Other donors listed on church records are: John R. Bradley, Miss Mary O'Connor, Mrs. Michael H. Nagle, Mrs. Carroll Dorsey Keeler, Miss Julia G. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Finley, Mrs. Esther Hynds, Mr. and Mrs. George Hallett, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Woods, Mrs. J. J. O'Brien, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Kennedy, Samuel Lit, Dr. H. P. Swift, Mrs. M. J. Shaughnessy, Mrs. Frank E. Lally, Anna J. Cummins, Miss Catherine McGuire. A number of gifts were made anonymously.

With a view to future expansion, Monsignor O'Mahoney has recently acquired three lots on Sunrise Avenue and property on Root Trail across County Road, which at present is being used chiefly for much needed parking space. It is one of Monsignor O'Mahoney's fondest hopes that all indebtedness on the new property may be cleared soon, so that the church may be consecrated.

NAPOLEON WASHINGTON MIZELL

Founder of the Mizell, Faville and Zern Funeral Home, located in West Palm Beach, Napoleon W. Mizell comes from an old Florida family of north central Florida. His first ancestor in this country settled in St. Augustine in 1513, and the residence where he lived on St. George Street is still standing.

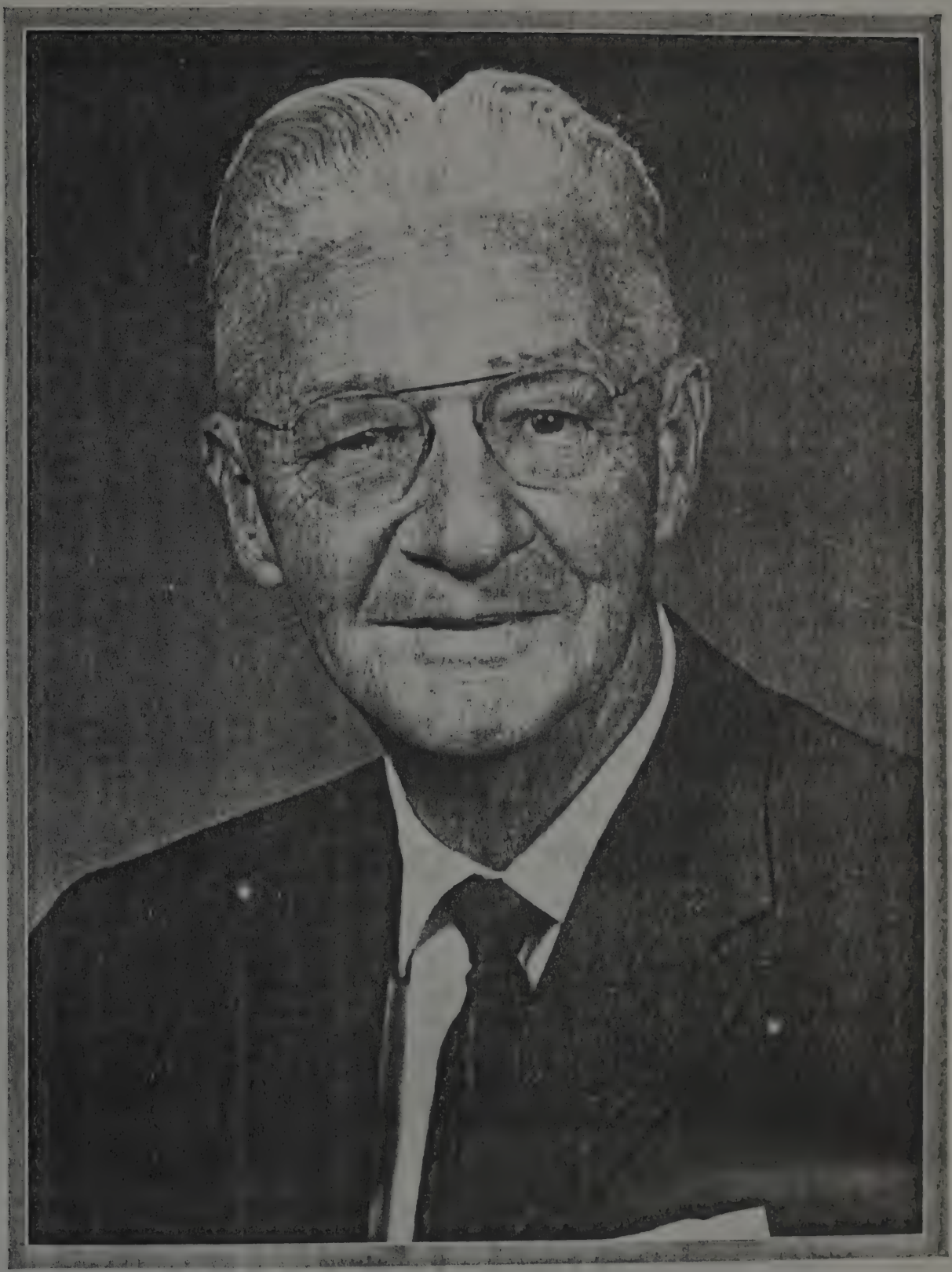
Son of Henry M. and Sarah (Becks) Mizell, Napoleon was born in Melrose, Alachua County, Florida, February 20, 1895. His father was a farmer in that rural area and was Sunday School Superintendent and Choir Master of the Baptist Church there. He died at Peniel, near Palatka, in May 1899.

N. W. Mizell was educated in the public schools of DeLand, Florida. From 1911 to 1917 he worked with J. F. Allen, owner of a furniture and undertaking business in DeLand, and it was there he learned the undertaking business. During the first World War, from 1917 to 1919, he served in the United States Army, first in the 300th Motor Transport Training Company, later transferred to the 306th Motorcycle Company, with the rank of Sergeant Senior Grade. During the influenza epidemic of 1918, when he was at Camp Hancock in Augusta, Georgia, Sergeant Mizell was the instigator of the establishment of a funeral unit there.

From 1919 to 1921 he was associated with Carey Hand at Orlando; from 1921 to 1924 with the Ferguson Funeral Home in West Palm Beach; and in 1924 he established his own funeral home in West Palm Beach. During the disastrous hurricane of 1928, Mr. Mizell was designated by Governor Martin to go to the Everglades to supervise the disposition of the deceased storm victims.

Mr. Mizell is the holder of Funeral Director License #49, and is one of six living members of the original fifty Florida license holders. He is a member of the Florida Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association; a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce of West Palm Beach; a member of Elks Lodge #1352, the American Legion, the Boys Club of America of Palm Beach, the Senior Citizens Association, the First Baptist Church, and served for twenty-nine years on the High School Athletic Board.

Mrs. Mizell was Martha M. VanFleet of St. Peters-



N. W. Mizell

burg, Florida. A son, Robert S. Mizell, was born January 4, 1931, in West Palm Beach. He graduated from Palm Beach High School and from the University of Florida with a degree in mechanical engineering and is now associated with the Douglas Corporation on the Thor missile as a hydraulic and air conduit engineer. His home is in Cocoa, Florida. He and his wife, Sally, have three sons: Gary, born in Gainesville, Florida, May 18, 1953; Stephen, born in Fort Worth, Texas, October 9, 1954; and Randy, born in Atlanta, Georgia, May 27, 1957.

JAMES Y. ARNOLD

President of Arnold Construction Company of Palm Beach since he established his business there in 1925, James Y. Arnold has been the contractor for many large building projects in the Palm Beach area and elsewhere in Florida.

He was born in Elberton, Georgia, September 14, 1899, son of William T. Arnold, a merchant and banker in Elberton all his life, who died in 1941, and Eddie (Herndon) Arnold. His mother is still living and divides her residence between Elberton, Georgia, and Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. Arnold graduated from high school in Elberton and attended Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, class of 1921. During the first World War he served in the United States Army in Heavy Artillery. After completing his technical education in 1921, he established the Arnold Construction Company of Georgia and operated this business for four years.

Coming to Palm Beach in 1925, he arrived on the afternoon when the Breakers Hotel burned down. Among the large building contracts his firm has handled since then are: the 500-bed Southeast Florida Tuberculosis Hospital at Lantana; the Southwest Florida Tuberculosis Hospital at Tampa; the T. Hillis Miller Health Center at the University of Florida, Gainesville, which covers some half million square feet and cost more than $15,000,000; the Sears-Roebuck Building and the Montgomery Ward Building in West Palm Beach; and more than 100 outstanding homes in Palm Beach, among them the Philip T. Sharples residence, the Philip Armour residence, and the home of Mrs. Parthenia B. Garratt.

Mr. Arnold is secretary-treasurer of the Old Guard Club; secretary of the American Cancer Society of Florida; a trustee of the Junior Museum of Palm Beach; treasurer and trustee of the Royal Poinciana Chapel, the oldest church in Palm Beach County; a member of the First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach, the Everglades Club, and the Alumni Association of Georgia School of Technology. His recreation is golf and his hobbies are raising orchids and amateur photography.

He was married at Elberton, Georgia, April 21, 1921, to Kathleen Grogan, daughter of Judge George C. and Addie (Stark) Grogan of Elberton. Mrs. Arnold attended LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia.

The Arnolds have one son, James Y., Jr., born at Elberton, Georgia, October 11, 1924. He graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Georgia School of Technology until his junior year, when he entered the Naval service in World War II and served aboard the ship "U.S.S. Artemis" in the Pacific theater with the rank of Lieutenant. He graduated from Stetson University in 1948 and has twice served as National President of the Alumni Association. He is now president of Arnold Construction Company of Palm Beach. On December 24, 1946, he married Roberta Blum of West Palm Beach, and they have four children:

1. James Y. Arnold, III, born March 30, 1948.
2. Paige Brooks Arnold, born May 17, 1951.
3. Frederick Brooks Arnold, born June 22, 1953.
4. Laurie Stark Arnold, born March 4, 1955.

All were born in Florida.

Mr. Arnold, Sr.'s residence at 3 South Lake Trail was constructed in 1890 and is one of the oldest in Palm Beach.

HAROLD A. OBST

Now in the twelfth year of his independent operation as an architect in Palm Beach, Harold A. Obst did architectural work in New York City and South America before coming to Palm Beach, where he and his wife, under the name of Obst Architects, have built up a successful business.

He was born in New York City October 18, 1917, son of Curt J. and Christine (Kuhnbuch) Obst. His father, an accountant by profession, died in 1949. His mother has kept her residence in New York.

Harold Obst graduated from Stuyvesant High School, New York City, and received his A.B. degree from Columbia University in 1938 and his Bachelor's degree in Architecture from Columbia's School of Architecture in 1941. He became associated with Walsh and Driscoll Engineering Company of New York as Junior Engineer. His duties brought him to South America, where he built barracks, air fields, and fuel depots for the United States Government. In 1942 he entered the United States Navy and served for three years with the rank of Lieutenant. He was recalled during the Korean war and in 1951-52 served as an executive officer on a destroyer with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Mr. Obst first came to Palm Beach in 1946 and worked for several local architectural firms until November of 1948, when he established his own practice. In the same year his wife, Emily V. Obst, who also had worked in New York City and in Key West, Florida, as an architect, opened an office in West Palm Beach. In 1949 Harold and Emily Obst combined their talents and facilities to form the present firm of Obst Architects, with headquarters at 214 Royal Palm Way in Palm Beach.

Mr. Obst is a member of the Florida Association of Architects and the American Institute of Architects, now vice president of the Palm Beach chapter of the A.I.A. He is a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Reserve; a charter member and was first president of the Palm Beach Lions Club; secretary of the Palm Beach Islanders; and a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

He was married on November 8, 1943, at St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University, New York City, by Bishop Stephen Bayne, now Bishop of Washington, to Emily Virginia Turk of Norfolk, Virginia, daughter of Morris and Diana (Umstadter) Turk. Mrs. Obst graduated from Barnard College with an A.B. degree in 1939 and from Columbia University School of Architecture in 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Obst are the parents of three children: 1. Anthony, born in New York City April 13, 1945, now a student at Palm Beach Junior High School and president of the Student Council; 2. Mary, born in West Palm Beach, January 30, 1947; 3. James, born in West Palm Beach, November 13, 1953.

SIDNEY C. WOOD

A member of the law firm of Sims and Wood, Sidney C. Wood was Municipal Judge of the community of Lake Clark Shores in the Palm Beach area, and is now vice-mayor.

He was born at Lake Worth July 26, 1922, son of Joseph H. and Edna (Clark) Wood. His mother died in 1953, his father in 1955. Joseph Wood was a caretaker and was formerly associated with the Everglades Drainage System.

Sidney Wood graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Georgia Military College at Milledgeville, Georgia. He entered the United States Army in 1942 and served in the Far East theater with the rank of First Lieutenant. He is now a Major in the Army Reserve and is a member and vice president of the Reserve Officers Association. After the war Mr. Wood attended the University of Florida, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954, and his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1951. Admitted to the Florida state bar in 1951, he became associated in law practice with Walter Travers of West Palm Beach and continued with him until 1957, when he joined Albert T. Sims in forming the law firm of Sims and Wood, with which he has been associated since then. Mr. Wood was appointed Municipal Judge of Lake Clark Shores in 1959.

He is a member of the Florida State and the Palm Beach County Bar Associations; is past District Vice-President of the University of Florida Alumni Association and a past president of the Palm Beach County Chapter; a member of Kappa Sigma, Phi Alpha Delta, and Alpha Kappa Psi fraternities; of Palm Lodge #327, F. and A.M., all Masonic bodies up to and including the 32nd degree, Scottish Rite, Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami, and the West Palm Beach Shrine Club; a member of American Legion Post #12, and of the Episcopal Church. For recreation he likes fishing, hunting, and tennis.

In Autaugaville, Alabama, on July 20, 1945, Sidney C. Wood married Lucy Elizabeth Fortner, daughter of John W. and Lucy (Gilmer) Fortner. Mrs. Wood attended the University of Alabama. She and Judge Wood are the parents of two children:

1. Deborah Susan, born May 6, 1949, now a student at Meadow Park School.
2. Joseph R. Wood, born November 14, 1955.

ALBERT T. SIMS

Since 1951 Albert T. Sims has been practicing law in West Palm Beach, and is a former Judge "ad litem" of that city. His grandfather, of the same name, homesteaded in Volusia, Florida, in the 1880s, farmed and ran a livery stable.

Mr. Sims was born in West Palm Beach September 10, 1922, son of Earl V. Sims, a retired member of the police force of Palm Beach. His mother was Nellie Quinn.

Graduating from Palm Beach High School, he entered the University of Florida where, in 1950, he received the degree Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and in 1951 his Bachelor's degree in Law. Meanwhile, from 1941 to 1946, he served in the United States Navy Aviation as a Machinist's Mate First Class. At present he is a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserve, assigned to Headquarters, Air Force Missile Technical Center, Patrick Air Force Base.

Admitted to practice law in Florida in 1951, Mr. Sims carried on a private practice in West Palm Beach until 1957, at which time the law firm of Sims and Wood was formed in partnership with Sidney C. Wood.

Mr. Sims is a member of the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association; of Kappa Sigma, Phi Alpha Delta, and Alpha Kappa Psi fraternities; of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of West Palm Beach, the Y.M.C.A., and the Flotilla Club. Shoating is his favorite sport.

In West Palm Beach on July 6, 1947, he married Anne Elizabeth Mandigo, daughter of Mabel and Francis Mandigo. Mr. and Mrs. Sims are the parents of two daughters:

1. Sheila Marie, born June 14, 1949, in Gainesville, Florida.
2. Sheryl Ann, born December 10, 1958, in West Palm Beach.

Mrs. Sims is a registered nurse and until the birth of Sheryl she was active in Palm Beach Chapter, American Red Cross. She is now active in the Reserve Officers Ladies Association.

F. THEODORE BROWN

For the first ten years of his career, F. Theodore (Ted) Brown, registered real estate broker of West Palm Beach, worked at his profession as electrical engineer. He has been in the real estate business since coming to Florida in 1925. A civic minded man, Mr. Brown served four years on the West Palm Beach City Commission and two years as Mayor, during which time West Palm Beach made the only municipal bond settlement of its kind, namely 75c on the dollar on principle and ten cents on the back interest. 93% of all outstanding bonds, amounting to nearly $20,000,000 in principal and interest, were settled this way.

He was born in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1892, son of Abraham G. and Clara (Eyer) Brown. His father, a native of Pennsylvania, was in the dairy and lumber business. Ted Brown graduated from Bucknell Academy in his home town in 1911 and from Bucknell University in 1915 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. During the next eight years he worked as an engineer for the Washington Terminal Company, Washington, D.C., Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States Shipping Board. From 1923 to 1925 he was production manager for Electrical Development and Machine Company of Philadelphia.

Coming to West Palm Beach in 1925 when the Florida real estate boom was at its peak, he entered that business and survived the depression that followed soon afterwards. In addition to the main office at 530 Northwood Road, West Palm Beach, he has branch offices at Jupiter and Juno Beach. He is a past president of the West Palm Beach Board of Realtors and past vice president of the Florida State Association of Realtors.

Elected to the City Commission in 1933, he served until 1939, with the exception of the two years when he was Mayor, 1935 to 1937. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, and the First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Brown was married in Washington, D.C., in June 1918 to Lorine Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keller. She died in February 1924. In January 1926 Mr. Brown married Florence Thiele of Washington at West Palm Beach. He has two daughters and a son.

1. Lorine, born in Washington, D.C., February 7, 1924, graduated from Palm Beach High School and from Florida State College in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She married Waldo H. Gibson of West Palm Beach, who attended Georgia School of Technology and is now a professional engineer, specializing in air conditioning and heating. They have two daughters: Florence, born September 15, 1956, in West Palm Beach, and Jennie Sue, born March 23, 1960.

2. Betty Ann, born in West Palm Beach August 11, 1927, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1945 and from Florida State College in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. In 1950 she married Theodore Shackley of West Palm Beach, a graduate of the University of Maryland.

3. F. Ted Brown, Jr., born in West Palm Beach January 22, 1929, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1946 and from the University of Florida in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He served in the Army Air Corps in the Korean War and is now Assistant Vice-President of the West Palm Beach Building and Loan Association. He is Vice-President of the West Palm Beach Board of Realtors, a director of the Kiwanis Club, and member of the First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach. He married Anne Leach of West Palm Beach (daughter of the late Charles Carr and Helen Henchey Leach) who also is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and Florida State College. They have four daughters, born in West Palm Beach in the following order: Ellen Anne, in 1954; Elizabeth Florence, 1956; Margaret, 1958; and Jane, in 1959.

FRED DICKERSON CALDER

An insurance agent in Lake Worth since 1946, Fred Dickerson (Dick) Calder recently came into the national spotlight as the first person in the Western Hemisphere to sight the Russian moon satellite, Lunik. He is a son of John Calder who owned the John Calder Stock Farm in North Henderson, Illinois, and became a national figure as a breeder of trotting and pacing horses. His father died in October, 1941. His mother, Ida Dickerson Calder, is living in Galesburg, Illinois.

Dick Calder was born in North Henderson, Illinois, and assisted his father on the farm until he graduated from Alexis High School. For the next few years he traveled extensively and was associated in various enterprises. Deciding to enter the insurance field, he took special extension courses at both the Maryland Casualty Company and the University of Florida, having come to Florida in 1939.

When World War II broke out he enlisted in the United States Navy and served for the duration. Because of a special knowledge of electronics and radar which he had acquired, he was transferred to Navy Aviation and became an aviation instrument specialist.

Returning to Lake Worth in 1946, Mr. Calder became associated with R. S. Erskine in his insurance agency as Erskine-Calder, Inc., and since Mr. Erskine's death in 1957 has carried on independently in the general insurance business.

He is a member of the American Legion, Elks Lodge #1530 of Lake Worth, the Kiwanis Club, and the Christian Science Church. On December 29, 1940, in Lake Worth he married Helen L. Fritch, daughter of Mrs. O. F. Breatt of Lake Worth, and a graduate of Lake Worth High School and Belle Isle College, West Palm Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Calder have two children: Fred D. Jr., born December 4, 1942, who is graduating this year (1960) from Lake Worth High School; and Frank Robert, born December 11, 1950.

Mr. Calder's hobby is electronics and science in general, also gem cutting. He is a member of the Palm Beach County Moonwatch Team, from whose headquarters on Carambola Road the satellite Lunik was sighted on November 2, 1959. The 614 pound satellite was 35,600 miles away when Calder's keen eyes caught sight of it through the telescope and followed the faint object across the sky. As what he saw tallied with other data, the sighting was officially confirmed by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and Mr. Calder received a telegram of congratulations from George Conant of that institution. Harold Burnham, leader of the Moonwatch Team, gave credit also to John Champlin, whose mathematics worked out exactly the proper position for sighting by telescopes. The local team, which is made up of volunteers, has had several important firsts to its credit. All equipment required is available at the team headquarters.

EDGAR S. WORTMAN

A prominent architect of Lake Worth, Edgar S. Wortman has been practicing his profession in Palm Beach County since 1936, excepting four years in military service, and has been architect for Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction for sixteen years, 1942 to 1960. He received two citations from the East Florida Chapter of the Association of General Contractors—one for his preparation, his clear and concise drawings and specifications; the other for his protection of the interests of the client and his equitable consideration of the general contractor and sub-contractor.

His father was Pearl A. Wortman, a professional engineer in the state of Ohio and former Mayor of Bellefontaine, Ohio, for several years, who died December 26, 1957. His mother was Mae Symonds. Both parents are buried in Bellefontaine, Ohio, where Edgar was born July 22, 1906. He graduated from Bellefontaine High School in 1925 and came to West Palm Beach, Florida, in that year; returning to Chicago Technical College, Chicago, to complete his education in the class of 1932. It was there he studied architecture.

He was admitted to practice his profession of architecture in the state of Ohio in 1934; in the state of Florida in 1935; and also was admitted to practice in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Mississippi. He established his private practice in West Palm Beach in 1936.

Mr. Wortman specializes in school and bank architecture. Among his works are: Lake Worth Library and Museum; Forest Hill High School, West Palm Beach; South Olive Elementary School, West Palm Beach; Seacrest High School, Delray Beach; The Bank of Palm Beach and Trust Company; Commerce Bank of Lake Worth; The First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lake Worth; and many other beautiful public buildings.

Mr. Wortman is a past president of the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and past president of the Florida Association of Architects. At present he is a member of the Board of Examiners

and Appeals of Lake Worth, and is a past City Commissioner, past member of Lake Worth Zoning Board, and past director of the Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce.

During World War II he served in the Army Engineer Corps. Entering in 1942 with the rank of Captain, he was promoted to Major and finally to Lieutenant Colonel. With the exception of twelve days traveling to and from ports, all of his time in service was spent in the European theater of operations. He was awarded the Bronze Star and a citation.

He is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge #1530 of Lake Worth, and the Calvary Methodist Church. In St. Augustine, Florida, on July 19, 1935, he married Kathryn McCully from his home town in Ohio, a graduate of Bellefontaine High School.

G. EARL QUATTLEBAUM

Among the younger funeral directors of West Palm Beach is G. Earl Quattlebaum, president of Quattlebaum-Holleman-Burse Funeral Home, Inc., which is located at 1201 South Olive Avenue.

Son of G. Earl, Sr. and Mildred C. (Douglas) Quattlebaum, he was born in Jacksonville, Florida, August 25, 1930. Both his parents are natives of Florida and are living in West Palm Beach. His father is a radio technician. The family having moved to West Palm Beach when he was a boy, he graduated from St. Ann's High School in that city.

Young Quattlebaum became an assistant at the Ferguson Funeral Home, West Palm Beach, as early as 1945. Deciding to make a career of this business, he studied at Worsham College of Mortuary Science, Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1952. In 1955 he and W. J. Holleman purchased the Ferguson Funeral Home. Mr. Holleman passed away the following year, and his place was taken by Mr. Aubrey Burse.

The firm employs seven people and has, in addition to the hearse and truck, two ambulances and four passenger cars.

Mr. Quattlebaum is a member of the Florida and the National Funeral Directors Association and of Delta Pi Epsilon fraternity of Worsham College. Active in civic, social and church affairs, he is a member of the Sheriffs' Association of Palm Beach County; the Elks Lodge #1352; the Flotilla Club of West Palm Beach; the Serra Club of Palm Beach County; Palm Beach Council #2075, Father Andrew Doherty General Assembly, Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree; and the Holy Name Society of St. Ann's Church, of which he is a member.

He was married at West Palm Beach December 2, 1950, to Phyllis Howley, daughter of Patrick J. and Lyde (Clemens) Howley of Lake Worth, who also is a graduate of St. Ann's High School. They have four children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Gale Marie, born September 10, 1951.
2. Gary Edward, born February 4, 1954.
3. Glenda Ellen, born November 20, 1955.
4. Grace Ella, born February 9, 1958.

F. RAYMOND BOYNTON

After twenty-five years with Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, F. Raymond Boynton came to Lake Worth, Florida, and purchased one of the oldest insurance and real estate firms in that locality, which had been established in 1912 as Basford and Nesbitt.

His father, John Titcomb Boynton, born in Winsted, Connecticut, was a pharmacist for over thirty years, registered in both Connecticut and Massachusetts, and during the last thirty-eight years of his life was also a chiropractor. He died in February 1956. Raymond's mother, the former Marie L. L'Heureux of St. Leo, Canada, died in 1952. Both parents are buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Norwich, Connecticut.

F. Raymond Boynton was born in Winsted, Connecticut, September 16, 1902. His family having moved to Iowa temporarily, he received his elementary education in the public schools of Davenport, Iowa, but graduated from Norwich Free Academy, Norwich, Connecticut, in 1923. From 1918 to 1923 he served in the Connecticut National Guard, #192 Field Artillery.

During the first four years out of school he was with Chandler and Palmer, civil engineers at Norwich, Connecticut, for one year; with Swift and Company's Norwich office for one year; and with Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company of Hartford, Connecticut, as manager for two years. His career with Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, began in 1927. Starting as a clerk in the Marine Department, he held various positions and finally was a special agent in that department, working in different states.

In 1952 he resigned his position with Aetna and, coming to Lake Worth, Florida, purchased the Basford and Perry insurance and real estate business, which he has been operating under his own name since then.

Mr. Boynton is a member of the state and national insurance agent associations; the state and national boards of realtors; the National Exchange Club of Lake Worth; the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International; St. John's Lodge #4, A. F. and A. M., of Hartford, Connecticut; Elks Lodge #1530 of Lake Worth; and the Presbyterian Church. His hobbies are boating, fishing, golf, and stamp collecting.

In Norwich, Connecticut, on September 24, 1924, he married Helen Gertrude Cochrane of Norwich, daughter of John Cochrane and Helen Bothwick Henderson, both from Scotland. Mrs. Boynton is a graduate of Norwich Free Academy. She and Mr. Boynton are the parents of three children: Roberta Louise, John Raymond, and Helen Emma.

Roberta Louise Boynton, born August 5, 1933, in Hartford, Connecticut, graduated from Lee High School in Jacksonville, Florida, attended Jacksonville Junior College and graduated from Massey's Business College, Jacksonville. She married Richard Waltz of Warm Springs, North Carolina, and they have a daughter, Julie, born in Lake Worth in 1958. Mr. Waltz has been in the Air Force for twelve years and is now a Flight Engineer. They are living in Oklahoma City.

John Raymond Boynton, born July 1, 1936, in Hartford, Connecticut, graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1954, attended Palm Beach Junior College, and served two years in the United States Navy on escort duty with the rating of Metalsmith 3rd class. After taking special courses in insurance at the University of Tampa and at the home office of Aetna Fire Insurance Company in Hartford, Connecticut, he joined his father in the insurance business.

Helen Emma Boynton ("Leni"—a name she acquired in school) was born February 20, 1941, in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1959 and is now a student at Palm Beach Junior College.

PHILLIP D. ANDERSON

Although still a young man, Phillip D. Anderson of the law firm of Anderson and Hope of Palm Beach has been practicing law there for ten years. Mr. Anderson is a native of West Palm Beach, son of Frank J. Anderson of Anderson and Carr, real estate brokers and appraisers, and of Mattie Mae (Doak) Anderson. His father came to West Palm Beach in 1918 from Omaha, Nebraska.

Born January 8, 1923, in West Palm Beach, Phillip D. Anderson graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1940 and from the University of Florida in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the United States Army in the Pacific theater of war with the rank of First Lieutenant. Following his military service he entered the University of Florida Law School and graduated cum laude in 1950 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. He was admitted to practice in Florida that same year and to practice in the United States Supreme Court in 1957.

Upon completing his studies and being admitted to practice in 1950, he returned home and has since formed a partnership with Frederick H. Hope under the name of Anderson and Hope, with offices at 230 Royal Palm Way in Palm Beach, where he has carried on a successful law practice. Mr. Anderson is also the secretary and a director of Florida Tile Industries, Inc., of Lakeland, Florida.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and is past president of the county association. At the University of Florida he became a member of Florida Blue Key and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, the Tuscawilla Club, the 99 Club, the American Legion, Elks Lodge #1352, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Golf and flying are his favorite recreations.

In West Palm Beach on December 23, 1950, Phillip D. Anderson married Patricia Ann Lewis, daughter of Walter D. and Beatrice (Edmonds) Lewis, a native of West Palm Beach and graduate of Palm Beach High School. They have three children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. James Phillip, born January 28, 1952.
2. William Dean, born September 18, 1954.
3. Sandra Louise, born June 19, 1957.

DEWITT C. HENRY

Previous to establishing his realty business in Palm Beach in 1952, DeWitt C. Henry was in the mortgage, banking and real estate business in Philadelphia for about six years. He is a member of the American Chapter of the International Real Estate Federation and was a United States delegate to the convention held in Madrid, Spain, in 1958.

Son of the late William J. Henry, a candy manufacturer in Philadelphia, DeWitt C. Henry was born in Philadelphia April 30, 1916. His mother was Ethel R. Hile. She died in 1951, the father in 1955, and both are buried in Philadelphia. The son graduated from Haverford High School and from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1938.

During the first five years of his business career DeWitt Henry was associated with his father in the candy business in Philadelphia. In 1943 he entered the United States Army and served as a corporal in the 88th Division, which was assigned to the Mediterranean theater of operations, until he was honorably discharged in 1946. On his return from military service he entered the mortgage, banking and real estate business in Philadelphia and was so occupied until he came to Palm Beach in 1952 and opened up a real estate office at 244 South County Road.

In addition to the international organization of realtors already mentioned, Mr. Henry is a member and past president of the Palm Beach Board of Realtors, and past president of the Palm Beach Realty Listing Bureau. At Cornell University he was admitted to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Golf and hunting are the recreations of his choice, and he is a member of the Breakers Golf Club of Palm Beach and the Islanders Club. His religious affiliation is with the Memorial Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach.

Mrs. Henry is the former Rita Marie Huston of Hot Springs, Arkansas, daughter of Donald G. Huston and Sara W. Hawkins. Of their three children the first two were born in Philadelphia, the third in West Palm Beach. They are:

1. DeWitt C. Henry, Jr., born March 6, 1943, now a student at Forest Hill High School, West Palm Beach.
2. Linda G., born November 2, 1951.
3. Clark R., born December 18, 1956.

PERCY I. HOPKINS, JR.

A successful candidate for the City Commission of West Palm Beach in the election of March 29, 1960, Percy I. Hopkins, Jr. was elected Mayor of the City by his fellow commissioners. Mr. Hopkins is president of the Palm Beach Abstract and Title Company of West Palm Beach, with which company he has been associated since 1946. He previously practiced law in Palm Beach and in Coral Gables.

Born at Clanton, Alabama, April 18, 1912, he is a son of Dr. Percy I. Hopkins, Sr., and Mamie (Latham) Hopkins. His father, a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, was an Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat specialist in Dothan, Alabama, where he died in April 1958. The Mayor's mother is living in Dothan.

He received his early education in the public schools of Dothan, Alabama, and DeKalb, Illinois; graduated from high school in DeKalb in 1930, and attended the University of Illinois, Northern Illinois State Teachers College, and Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1940. Admitted to practice law in the state of Florida in 1940, he opened his practice in Coral Gables.

From February 1941 to November 1945 Mr. Hopkins served in the United States Army Infantry in World War II, emerging with the rank of Second Lieutenant. Following his military service he came to West Palm Beach in 1945 and practiced law there with the firm of Williamson, Gunster and Baugher until April 1946, at which time he joined the Palm Beach Abstract and Title Company as vice president and manager. In 1953-54 he purchased the Brevard Title and Abstract Company of Titusville, but returned to the Palm Beach Abstract and Title Company in January 1955 as president.

Mr. Hopkins is a past president of the Florida Land Title Association; a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the American

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Bar Association. In the past he has served the City of West Palm Beach as a member of its Planning Board and Civil Service Board. He is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, and was a member and president of the Rotary Club at Titusville. He is past president and campaign manager of the West Palm Beach Community Chest; 1959-60 chairman of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross; past commander (1952) of Post #12 of the American Legion; a member of Elks Lodge #1352; Harmonia Lodge, F. and A. M., and all bodies up to the 32nd degree of the Scottish Rite; and a member of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach. Fishing and golf are his recreations.

He was married in West Palm Beach to Mary Helen Shelton, a graduate of Palm Beach High School, and they have two daughters:

1. Elaine, born at Fort Benning, Georgia, November 4, 1944, now a student at Palm Beach High School.
2. Terri Jean, born in West Palm Beach September 22, 1951, a student at Belvedere Elementary School.

GEORGE M. D. LEWIS, JR.

A realtor in Palm Beach since 1953, George M. D. Lewis, Jr. is the local representative of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers and a member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Association of Realtors, as well as a member and past president of the Palm Beach Board of Realtors. Mr. Lewis had achieved an executive position in another line of business before entering the field of real estate.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1921, he is a son of George M. D. Lewis, Sr. and Bertha (Harsch) Lewis, both natives of Pennsylvania. His father, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1916, is an architect in Scranton.

George Jr. graduated from the Hotchkiss Preparatory School in Lakeville, Connecticut, in 1939 and from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, in 1943 with an A.B. degree. At college he played varsity baseball and basketball and joined the Sigma Phi fraternity. World War II being in progress when he graduated from college, he entered the United States Air Force as a First Lieutenant and served for the duration of the war.

Back in civilian life in 1946, he became associated with Previews, Inc., first at their New York office, then in Philadelphia, until he was made manager of the new business department. In 1950 he came to Palm Beach to open an office for Previews, Inc. and remained as southern service manager until 1953, at which time he was vice president of the company. He then resigned from this position to establish his own business as George Lewis, Inc., Realtor. That he has been successful in the real estate business is evident from the positions of leadership which he holds in the national and state organizations already mentioned.

Mr. Lewis is a member of the Islanders Club of Palm Beach and of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. He was married in Arden, North Carolina, May 25, 1946, to Patricia Wingate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wingate, who is a graduate of Montreat Junior College, Montreat, North Carolina, and of Wellesley Academy, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have had four sons, the first two born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, the other two in West Palm Beach, Florida. They are:

1. George M. D. Lewis, III, born January 2, 1947, now a student at Palm Beach Junior High School.
2. James Wingate Lewis, born July 6, 1950.
3. Wingate Stanton Lewis, born September 2, 1953, died September 13, 1954.
4. Scott Phelps Lewis, born March 25, 1957.

BLAINE WEBB

A veteran real estate broker of Palm Beach is Blaine Webb, who has been in business there for more than forty years. He is a native of Springfield, Ohio, where he was born September 14, 1893, son of John Grover and Glenna Sherwood Webb. His father was born November 1, 1860; his mother on November 25, 1861. John Grover Webb was a builder and operator of electric railways and public utilities.

Blaine Webb graduated from Wittenburg Academy in Springfield, Ohio, in 1910, and spent the following year at the Horace Mann School in New York City. He was with the Conde Nast Publications in New York for three years. During World War I he served two years in the United States Army, including overseas duty. In September of 1919 he came to Palm Beach, Florida, and established his real estate business, which profited by the boom that followed and laid foundations sound enough to survive the ensuing depression.

Mr. Webb is a member and past president of the Palm Beach Board of Realtors; a member of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Board and of the Executive Committee of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross; a former Mason, now inactive; and a member of the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, in which he is Treasurer and a vestryman. In politics he is a registered Democrat. In social circles he is a member of the Metropolitan Club of New York City, the Bath and Tennis Club of Palm Beach, and the Everglades Club of Palm Beach, in which he serves on the Board of Governors.

On May 29, 1928, at Scandaga Park, New York, Blaine Webb married Cecil Elizabeth Hough, who was born in Bridger, Montana, October 6, 1901, daughter of George Gist and Anna Miller Hough. Her father was born in Kirkwood, Missouri, August 14, 1865; her mother in Gallatin, Missouri, November 15, 1872. Mrs. Webb is a graduate of Vassar College, class of 1923, and of Chandor School, New York City.

A daughter, Sheila Webb, was born November 6, 1930. She graduated from a Palm Beach private school in 1945, from Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Massachusetts, in 1948, and from Wellesley College in 1952. On June 28, 1951, she married George Rene Mathey, who graduated from Harvard College in 1951 with a B.A. degree and from Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1955 with an M.A. degree. They have three children:

1. Elisabeth Mathey, born in Littleton, New Hampshire, November 8, 1954.
2. Timothy Webb Mathey, born in Concord, Massachusetts, July 17, 1956.
3. George Glessner Mathey, born in Concord, Massachusetts, January 6, 1958.

W. JULIAN FIELD

Bessemer Properties, Inc. of Palm Beach, established and controlled by the Phipps family, is one of the larger financial groups in the United States. W. Julian

Field has been associated with this firm since 1938 and has been its General Manager since 1956.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, February 21, 1917, Mr. Field is a son of Fred T. and Lillie (Hackett) Field, both residents of Palm Beach. His father was a pioneer merchant and a partner in the department store business of Long and Field, which was established in Fort Lauderdale in 1930. He retired in 1948.

W. Julian Field graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School in 1934, attended the University of Cincinnati for one year, and the University of Florida two years, 1935-37. The following year he worked as an accountant with Ralph M. Hart, C.P.A., in West Palm Beach, until, in 1938, he joined the firm he has now served for more than twenty years, excepting four years in the United States Army during World War II. He entered as a private in 1942 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft Division, later transferred to the Adjutant General's Headquarters.

Mr. Field takes an active interest in civic affairs and community welfare programs. He is a director of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Rotary Club, treasurer of the Palm Beach Community Chest, director of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross, vice president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A., a past Commander of the American Legion Palm Beach Post #12, and a member of the First Baptist Church. For recreation he likes fishing, boating, and hunting.

He was married in West Palm Beach July 26, 1940, to Dorothy Hooker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Hooker. Mr. Hooker is a very prominent citizen and farmer of Belle Glade and is president of the Palm Beach County Zoning Board. Mr. and Mrs. Field have a daughter, Karen, born in Asheville, North Carolina, June 11, 1946; now a student at Conniston Junior High School in West Palm Beach.

LAWRENCE W. KELLOWAY

An electrical contractor in West Palm Beach, Lawrence W. Kelloway had long and varied experience in electrical engineering before opening his own office. He has been a resident of West Palm Beach since 1923 and has served as City Commissioner for three terms.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, March 25, 1900, he is a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Meeker) Kelloway. His father, a carpenter by trade, died in 1900 before the birth of his son.

Lawrence Kelloway received his education in the schools of Newark and West Palm Beach. Enlisting in the Navy in World War I, he served from 1917 to 1919 as Seaman 2nd class on a destroyer in the Atlantic.

From 1919 to 1923 he worked for the Union Switch and Signal Company at Jacksonville, Florida, and after that was with the Otis Elevator Company in service maintenance. Digressing from his regular line of work in 1938, he operated a candy and nut manufacturing and retail business in West Palm Beach for some eight years. In 1946 he returned to his work as electrician and was employed in various places, including Bethlehem Steel Corporation at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Equitable Life Assurance buildings, called The Golden Triangle, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and also worked for various local electrical contractors. He established his own electrical construction and engineering business in West Palm Beach in 1954, and is a past president of the Palm Beach County Electrical Contractors Association.

Active politically, Mr. Kelloway was elected City Commissioner of West Palm Beach three times. During the Democratic Convention in Chicago in 1956 he was the delegate to Senator Kefauver.

Mr. Kelloway is a life member of Harmonia Lodge, F. and A. M., and of Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami, being a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, also member of the York Rite, Knights Templar, and the Royal Order of Jesters. He is an Elk of Palm Beach Lodge #1352, and for thirty-five years a member of Post #12 of the American Legion.

In Tavares, Florida, on November 24, 1928, Mr. Kelloway married Mildred Page. He has two step-children: William Page Whitcomb and Virginia Stone.

WALTER DUTCH

Real estate broker, insurance agent, investment manager and civic leader of Boynton Beach, Walter Dutch was the subject of a write-up in two local newspapers within the past couple of years. One of these articles, the "You Should Know" series of the Boynton Beach News, winds up: "He has ability, insight, imagination, courage; he is idealistic, yet practical; and he is a person 'You Should Know'."

Born October 1, 1915, in New York City, when he was eleven months old his family moved to Huntington, Long Island. He received his early education in Huntington schools and during his high school career made a name for himself as an athlete, both in football and track.

Graduating from high school in 1933, when the depression was at its peak, he considered himself lucky to get a job as a soda jerker at eleven dollars a week. Not long afterwards he was one of the lucky three out of 150 applicants to be chosen by the nearby Coast Guard Station. He signed up for three years and took part in search and rescue missions and in "rum patrol." Following his term in the Coast Guard he worked in a retail clothing and shoe store, and then opened his own shoe store at East Hampton, Long Island.

World War II had begun in Europe; the United States was preparing, and Walter Dutch was highly eligible for the draft. Almost a year before Pearl Harbor, he re-enlisted in the Coast Guard, and was assigned to the USS Comanche, an ice breaker, which became the flagship of the first convoy of World War II, headed for Greenland. The next two years were rugged. Many days were spent forming protective escort for the convoys on the first lap of the Murmansk run; searching for and often rescuing crews of downed aircraft; establishing bases in Greenland for the aircraft shuttling service; and fighting the encroaching ice that threatened to lock them in. Walter was one of seventeen volunteers assigned to establish a weather station on an ice cap. Young and vigorous though he was at the outset, he finally succumbed to frostbite, pleurisy and pneumonia, and was shipped back to the States.

After a lengthy stay in the hospital, he was placed in the Intelligence Service in the Boston district. Through a lucky break he was transferred to the Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach area as a Coast Guard instructor, with headquarters in Miami. In the course of his duties there his Coast Guard "know how" came in

handy, resulting in the rescue of thirteen men from a burning oil tanker.

At Fort Lauderdale Walter Dutch met his future wife, Jean McGathen, who was visiting there with her parents from Detroit. They were married in 1943 and about the same time Walter was given a disability discharge. While stationed in Miami he had taken a series of aptitude tests at the University, which pointed him toward a business career. So, after his discharge from the Coast Guard, he became a licensed real estate operator and began his business career in Lake Worth, later moving to Lantana and finally to Boynton Beach. His business has grown with the town, developing new facets with the various phases in the community's progress. From a firm dealing strictly in real estate and insurance, he became a mortgage broker and finally added investment management to his list of services. Today this forms the greater part of his business, and he is the resident agent for three investment corporations.

About eight years ago (1952), at the instigation of the late George Christiansen, then Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Dutch organized a Civil Service board for the city employees of Boynton Beach and served as a member for six years. He is a past chairman of the Boynton Beach Planning Board; a past director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Resources Development Board; a past director of the Boynton Beach Bank; past director of the Rotary Club and of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Having been active in the Jaycees in Lake Worth, he organized the Boynton Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce and is an associate member. He was also instrumental in organizing the local Board of Realtors and is a past president of this board and a member of the Florida Association of Realtors. He is currently a member of the Public Relations Committee and the Membership Committee of Florida Association of Realtors and was on the State Forms Committee to draft real estate forms used by the Association. He has served on numerous state committees, has lectured at several seminars, and is a member of the Brokers Institute.

He is a member of American Legion Post #164, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5438, and a charter member of Boynton Beach Boat Club. The Dutch family are Unitarians and attend church in West Palm Beach, the nearest congregation of their faith.

Walter Dutch has a number of definite beliefs concerning the community and its governmental policies, also several unique and thought-provoking ideas concerning steps which should be taken to insure orderly growth and development in the years to come. "I have great faith in this area," he said, "and to back it up I have made most of my personal investments here."

Taking time for recreational pursuits as well as business and civic duties, he is an ardent hobbyist. He enjoys skeet shooting, hunting, collecting and using antique guns (the old muzzle loaders); likes to fish and swim, is a confirmed "rock hound," and has the most unusual hobby of gem cutting.

With his wife and two children, he makes his home at 501 West Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach. The children are:

1. Walter Wayne Dutch, born May 14, 1945.
2. Karen Kay Dutch, born April 12, 1946.

JUSTUS ("JOE") B. BATEMAN

The senior member of the C.P.A. firm of Bateman and Jeffries in Riviera Beach, "Joe" B. Bateman has made a career of accounting and has practiced his profession in Florida since 1945.

He is a son of Errol I. Bateman, retired mechanical engineer of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Annie (Fisher) Bateman, who died March 4, 1914, in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Joe was born on March 1, 1914. He graduated from Gulfport High School in Mississippi, attended Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, and Bowling Green Business University at Bowling Green, Kentucky; also took special courses in accounting at the University of Alabama.

From 1942 to 1943 he was an accountant for the United States Navy Shipbuilding Department at Pascagoula, Mississippi, and from 1943 to 1945 was a Second Officer (Marine) in the Army Transportation Service. For the next two years he was with the Intelligence Unit of the Treasury Department at Miami, Florida, and from 1947 to 1952 was associated with M. L. Coleman, Certified Public Accountant of Miami. He came to West Palm Beach in 1952 and for two years worked with W. A. Stockton as a C.P.A. In 1954, with William B. Jeffries, he organized the accounting firm of Bateman and Jeffries, located in Riviera Beach.

Mr. Bateman is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of C.P.A.'s; a member of Elks Lodge of Riviera Beach and of the Episcopal Church. For ten years following World War II he was an active member of the United States Navy Reserve. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

On April 14, 1940, Justus B. Bateman married Gypsy Harmon of Inez, Kentucky, daughter of Dan and Bertha Harmon. They have a daughter, Bette Jo Bateman, born February 1, 1941, who attended Palm Beach High School, graduated from Gulf Park College, Gulfport, Mississippi, and is now attending Moorehead State Teachers College, Moorehead, Kentucky.

ROBERT LEE CHASTAIN

Now owner of a large cattle ranch in Palm Beach County, Robert Lee Chastain was a leader in the early beginnings of mechanized agriculture in the Everglades. Mr. Chastain is also prominent in the banking and investment business and in the civic affairs of the county and state.

Born in Thomas County, Georgia, he is one of seven children of Thomas Mack and Mamie Susan (Barwick) Chastain, both natives of Thomas County, Georgia. His father was a planter and also operated in the timber and naval stores business.

Robert Lee Chastain graduated from Norman Junior College at Norman Park, Georgia, and from Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia. Between his school years, in the summer of 1922-23, he went to the Florida Everglades and worked for periods of three months each summer with what was then the Palm Beach Highway and Drainage District, which was engaged in drainage and engineering of development projects in the area. There were no hard roads then and transportation in this area was mainly by boat and on the canals.

After graduating from college Chastain returned to the Glades in September of 1929 and sold and handled farm products for growers as an employee of W. H. Vann, now deceased. In 1931 he became a fifty-fifty

R. L. Chastain

partner with Mr. Vann, operating under the name of Vann and Chastain. After a friendly dissolution of the partnership in 1935, he operated as an individual under his own name, R. L., or (as he was better known) "Sam" Chastain.

He had begun to accumulate land in 1932, and now added growing to his merchandising business. This agricultural operation was expanded annually and in 1939 he entered the cattle business also. Having continued to accumulate acreage in the area, at one time he owned 45,000 acres.

In the year 1947 he discontinued the growing of vegetables but continued in the marketing business through two corporations, Chastain Company, Inc. and Florida Brokerage Company, Inc., and carried on this operation through 1956, at which time he dissolved the corporations and retired from the marketing business. He changed his residence to Palm Beach in 1946 and has resided there since then.

During the administration of Spessard Holland as Governor of Florida, Mr. Chastain was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the then rather inactive Everglades Drainage District, which was founded in 1905. This commission—composed of Jim Beardsley of Clewiston, Dewey W. Hilsabeck of Miami, Jess Durrance of Highlands County, and Mr. Chastain—was the force working with the Federal Government for a number of years, through the United States Corps of Engineers, with the Legislature and the Governor of Florida and with the Federal Works and Appropriations Committees of the United States Senate, to bring to fruition what is now the vast Central and South Florida Flood Control and Conservation District. This activity consumed a period of approximately six years before the first appropriation by the Federal and State Governments.

Mr. Chastain is a member of the Florida State Cattlemen's Association, the Florida State and Palm Beach County Chambers of Commerce, and serves on the Zoning Board of the Town of Palm Beach. In 1942 he became a member of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic National Bank of West Palm Beach—a position he still holds—and is a member of the Trust Investment Committee.

Socially, he is a member of the Everglades Club and the Bath and Tennis Club, both of Palm Beach. He raises horses as a hobby and enjoys horseback riding, fishing and shooting.

He was twice married: first in Tifton, Georgia, in 1933, to Laura Smith Carson, daughter of Keith and Laura (Smith) Carson of Tifton County, Georgia. A son of this marriage, Thomas Mack Chastain, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1936. He is a 1960 graduate of Harvard College, where he majored in languages.

Mr. Chastain's second marriage took place in Palm Beach in August of 1955. His wife was Deborah Black, daughter of R. Clifford Black of New York City and Beatrice (Cluett) Black of Troy, New York.

JOHN PONDROES COCHRANE, JR.

A Certified Public Accountant in the Palm Beach area since 1946, John P. Cochrane, Jr. is the originator of the idea for the East Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, which includes the counties of Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee.

Mr. Cochrane was born in Jacksonville, Florida, August 19, 1913, a son of John Pondroes and Beulah (Reynolds) Cochrane. His father was born in Alabama and moved to Jacksonville in 1910; later to West Palm Beach. He also is a Certified Public Accountant.

J. P. Cochrane, Jr. graduated from the University of Florida in 1936 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, and from the Army Finance School, Duke University, in 1943. During World War II he served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946, rising through the ranks from private to First Lieutenant, and is now a Major in the Army Reserve. He is a member of the Reserve Officers Association and was one of two members from the Third Army area on the Army Affairs Committee of that Association.

For four years after completing his college course (1936-40), Mr. Cochrane was manager of the Howe Alumni Service at the Pennsylvania State College. From 1940 until he entered the Army in 1943, he worked as an accountant in his father's office in West Palm Beach. After returning from military service in 1946 he opened his own office as a Certified Public Accountant in West Palm Beach, and in 1950 moved his office to Palm Beach. He is a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Cochrane is also a director and president of Safety Guaranty Investment Corporation of West Palm Beach. He is a past president of the West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Rotary Club, member of the Executive Committee of the Palm Beach-Martin County Heart Association, a member and past president (1954) of the Islanders Club, and a member of the Wagg Memorial Methodist Church.

He was married September 3, 1934, to Anne Lucille Sowell, a native of Quincy, Florida, daughter of Charles Lewis and Jemmie (Lindsey) Sowell. Mrs. Cochrane is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and Belle Isles College, West Palm Beach, and was an AI student during her scholastic years.

JOHN B. NORA, JR.

General contractor John B. Nora, Jr., has been operating a successful business in the Palm Beach area since 1949.

Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, November 3, 1921, he came to West Palm Beach with his parents about 1925. His mother was Rose Braido. His father, John B. Nora, Sr., is a retired mason contractor.

John B. Nora, Jr., graduated from Palm Beach High School and from the University of Florida in the class of 1943 with a Bachelor of Science degree. From July 1943 to September 1946 he served in the United States Navy in World War II as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. Returning to the University of Florida after the war, he received a Bachelor's degree in Building Construction (B.B.C.) in 1949.

In April of 1949 he established the present building contracting business in association with his father, who is now more or less retired. Among the buildings constructed by Mr. Nora are the store at the southwest corner of Worth Avenue, Palm Beach; the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at Allendale Road, West Palm Beach; and a number of other outstanding buildings and residences.

Mr. Nora is treasurer and a member of the board of

directors of the East Coast Chapter of the Association of General Contractors of America, Inc. He is president of the Palm Beach Lions Club for the year ending in July 1960; is a member of the Islanders Club of Palm Beach, and a member of the Baptist Church. His favorite recreation is fishing.

In West Palm Beach on July 26, 1958, John B. Nora, Jr. married Barbara Ray, daughter of Carl and Betty Ray, and a graduate of Palm Beach High School. They have two daughters, Melanie and Nancy Nora, born in West Palm Beach.

SYLVAN B. BURDICK

A member of the law firm of Potter, Langbein and Burdick, Sylvan B. Burdick has carried on a general practice of law in West Palm Beach since 1949. He has served as a City Commissioner since 1958 and was re-elected for his second term in the spring of 1960.

Mr. Burdick was born in New York City January 28, 1922, son of Albert and Edith (Molly) Burdick. His father, a graduate of Fordham University Law School, was a practicing lawyer in New York City for forty years previous to his death in October 1959. He is buried in New York City.

Sylvan Burdick graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in New York City in 1939 and from Fordham University in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He also attended Fordham's Law School, studied at the University of Rochester, the Delhanty Institute, Columbia University, and at the University of Miami, where he received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1949. Meanwhile he served four years in the United States Marines in World War II as Sergeant.

Admitted to practice law in Florida in 1949, he came to West Palm Beach and joined the firm of Potter and Langbein, in which he subsequently became á member. Incidentally, Mr. Potter is now deceased.

Mr. Burdick is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida State Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association; also a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Civitans Club, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He was married at St. Joseph's Church in Bogota, New Jersey, on May 30, 1943, to Mary Meerbott, daughter of Mary and Joseph Meerbott. Mrs. Burdick is a graduate of Bogota High School and Bogota Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdick are the parents of five children:

1. Valerie Ann, born at Teaneck, New Jersey, March 6, 1944, now a student at Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach.

2. Pamela Mary, born at Teaneck, New Jersey, December 21, 1945; also a student at Rosarian Academy.

3. Geoffrey Charles, born March 6, 1948, at Coral Gables, Florida; a student at St. Ann's School.

4. Gregory Andrew, born May 26, 1951, at West Palm Beach; a student at St. Ann's School.

5. Abigail, born December 26, 1957, at West Palm Beach.

SAMUEL J. SCOBEE

The Scobee Funeral Home of Delray Beach and Boynton Beach is owned and operated by Samuel J. Scobee, who has made mortuary science and funeral directing his business since he came to Lake Worth in 1937 and served his apprenticeship at the Lake Worth Funeral Home.

He was born in LaGrange, Kentucky, May 5, 1911, son of Herbert Lee Scobee, a building contractor, who died in 1951, and of Ada (Callis) Scobee, who died in 1941. Both parents are buried in LaGrange, Kentucky.

Samuel Scobee graduated from LaGrange High School and not long afterwards came to Lake Worth, Florida, where he got his start in his present business. During World War II, from 1942 to 1945, he was a sergeant in the Army Air Corps, and after his return to civilian life took a course at St. Louis College of Mortuary Science, from which he graduated in 1946.

Returning to Lake Worth, he continued there another year, and in 1947 moved to Delray Beach to manage the branch of the Lake Worth Funeral Home that was there. In 1950 he established a funeral home in West Palm Beach and operated this for two years. In 1952 he purchased the Lake Worth Funeral Home and its Delray Beach Branch, and in 1953 moved back to Delray Beach, where he established the Scobee Funeral Home. He built a new establishment at Boynton Beach in 1959 and now operates both this and the Delray Beach Home. He operates the only crematory in Palm Beach County. In his two funeral homes he employs ten people.

Mr. Scobee is a member of the Florida State and the National Association of Funeral Directors. He is first vice-president of Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Rotary Club there, the American Legion Post, Elks Lodge #1770 of Delray Beach (in which he is an officer), and the First Baptist Church of Delray Beach. A high ranking Mason, he is a member of Delray Beach Lodge #171, all Scottish Rite bodies up to and including the 32nd degree, and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami. As recreation he enjoys sports in general.

Mr. Scobee was married in Lake Worth on April 8, 1939, to Nadine McIntosh, daughter of Hugh D. and Nellie (Petty) McIntosh. She graduated from Lake Worth High School and the University of Florida and taught school in Lake Worth for fifteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Scobee have a daughter, Ada Nelle Scobee, born October 4, 1945, in West Palm Beach, now a student at the Delray Beach Junior High School.

THEODORE BRUCE JENSON

A member of the engineering firm of Gee and Jenson in West Palm Beach since its formation, Theodore B. Jenson had extensive previous experience in engineering, including five years in the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 21, 1909, son of Theodore E. and Mattie (Bruce) Jenson. His mother, a native of Mankato, Minnesota, is living in Minneapolis. His father was born in Iowa and moved to Minneapolis as a young man. A pharmacist by profession, he later entered the field of politics and served as President of the Minneapolis City Council and as County Commissioner of Hennepin County. He died in December 1928.

Theodore B. Jenson graduated from South High School, Minneapolis, in 1925, and from the University of Minnesota in 1929 with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering. Remaining in Minneapolis, he became a member of the engineering departments of the twin cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, and continued in this dual position up to 1941, when he joined the United States Army Corps of Engineers and came to Jacksonville, Florida, as Chief of Design on war con-

struction projects. Many of the airports in postwar use throughout Florida were designed and constructed under Mr. Jenson's supervision.

He was commissioned a Captain in the Army in 1942 and for three years served in the Pacific theater of operations in World War II. During this interval he was promoted to Major and finally to Lieutenant Colonel, with which rank he was separated from the service in April 1946.

From then until May 1947 he served as Chief of Design in the Veterans Administration, Minneapolis region, on the post war hospital construction program, covering five states—Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota. In May of 1947 he became Director of Operations for the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and was there until February 1949, at which time he became General Manager of the Texas Housing Company at Dallas, Texas. He came to West Palm Beach, Florida, in September 1950, and joined Colonel Herbert C. Gee in forming the firm of Gee and Jenson, Consulting Engineers, Inc. The major activities of this firm during the past ten years are outlined in Colonel Gee's sketch.

Mr. Jenson is a member of the following professional organizations: The National Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of American Military Engineers, Florida Engineering Society, American Rocket Society, American Society of Testing Material, American Concrete Institute, American Water Works Association, and the Federation of Sewage Works Association. He is listed in "Who's Who in Engineering." In non-professional groups he is a member of Chi Epsilon fraternity, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Los Alamos Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and the Redeemer Lutheran Church of West Palm Beach. He holds many key positions in bowling administration affairs and is currently president of the Southeastern Bowling Conference. For recreation he likes bowling and golf.

Theodore B. Jenson was married in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 6, 1931, to Mildred Manthey, daughter of Arthur and Anna (Wagner) Manthey of Minneapolis. Mrs. Jenson graduated from South High School, Minneapolis, in 1929. They have one son, Theodore A. Jenson, born in Minneapolis August 19, 1932. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas, Texas, in 1950 and from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in 1957, and is now a research engineer for Milgo Electronics, Inc. of Miami. In January 1952 he married Mary Ann Zito of New Orleans, daughter of Mrs. Mercedes Zito. They have two daughters, born in Miami: Darlene Ann, born in 1953, and Sharon Lee, born in 1957.

DANIEL STEPHEN CARLTON, SR.

A member of the historic Carlton family of Florida, Daniel Stephen Carlton, Sr. was the first sheriff elected to office in St. Lucie County, in 1905, and served until May 22, 1915, when he was killed in the performance of his duty.

Born February 6, 1872, in DeSoto County, near Arcadia, he was a son of Reuben (born December 16, 1842, in Thomas County, Georgia; died September 12, 1917) and Elizabeth Crews Carlton (born at Crewsville, Manatee County, Florida, February 10, 1844; died in November, 1918). He received his education in the one-room country schools of the time, and as a child and young man helped his father with the cattle and on the farm. Grown to manhood, he naturally followed the traditional occupation of the family as cattleman and grove owner.

During the time he was Sheriff he lived at Fort Pierce. He was a man who was respected by everyone —absolutely fearless and a man of his word. The outlaw, John Ashley, whom everyone feared, said he would not give himself up to anyone but Dan Carlton, as he knew he would give him a fair deal. When the bones of an Indian Chief were found by a white man and sold to the Smithsonian Institute, it was Dan Carlton who saw to it that the bones were returned to the Indians, thereby averting war with the Indians. The Seminole Indian, Billy Bowlegs (a descendant of the original Billy, who was around at the time of Daniel's great-grandfather, Alderman Carlton) was a friend of Sheriff Carlton and used to visit the Carlton family in their home, in which the jail was located. The present Dan Carlton, son of the Sheriff, remembers sitting on the lap of Billy Bowlegs when he was a little fellow. During Sheriff Carlton's term of office there was a rough old character, a fisherman, called "Poggie Bill," whose name was William Collins. Whenever any of the fishermen got into trouble with the law, Poggie Bill would break up the Court at Okeechobee, saying he didn't want to be "tried out of a Sears Roebuck catalogue," but wanted to come to Fort Pierce where he could be tried in Sheriff Carlton's court.

In 1904 Daniel Stephen Carlton, Sr. married Theresa Molly Hilliard, daughter of Thomas B., a native of Georgia, and Mary Ann (Willingham) Hilliard of Fort Meade, Florida. The following is a copy of the obituary notice which appeared in a local newspaper at the time of Mrs. Hilliard's death in 1924:

"Mrs. Ann Hilliard, wife of Thomas B. Hilliard, for 20 years a resident of Ft. Pierce and well known through the county, passed away 7:48 A.M. September 3 at the home of Mrs. Eliza Waldron, 622 McDonald Street, Waycross, Georgia, where she had gone in August for medical treatment by the family physician. Funeral services were held at the residence September 5, members of the family, one sister and a number of friends attending. Many pretty floral offerings attested the high esteem in which the departed was held. The body was laid to rest in the family plot in the Kettle Creek cemetery.

"The deceased was born June 3, 1855, at Fort Meade, Florida, being 69 years and 3 months of age at the time of her death. She was married October 15, 1873, to Thomas B. Hilliard in Ft. Meade and lived happily with him. After residing in Ft. Meade for a few years they moved to Waycross, Georgia, later to Jacksonville, to the west coast of Florida, then to Ft. Pierce, at which latter place they made their home for 20 years.

"The departed was a member of the Methodist church, was a devout Christian with a sweet disposition, and a devoted wife and mother.

"She is survived by her husband, Thomas B. Hilliard of Ft. Pierce; by eight children, Will H. Hilliard and Cuyler W. Hilliard of Ft. Pierce, Thomas B. Hilliard, Jr. of Sparks, Georgia, Abraham B. Hilliard of Ft. Pierce, Mrs. Theresa M. Carlton of Ft. Pierce, Roy G. Hilliard of Ft. Pierce, Mrs. Maud M. Raulerson of Ft. Pierce and Cicero A. Hilliard of Ft. Pierce; by three sisters, Mrs. Matilda Waters of White City, Mrs. Serena Hancock of Ft. Meade, and Mrs. Ellen Parker of Ft. Pierce. In addition, many other relatives and friends will mourn her departure."

Mrs. Carlton was born at Wildwood, Florida, May 2, 1884, and died August 12, 1958, at Fort Pierce. She and Mr. Carlton had two children: Daniel S., Jr., born July 21, 1905, and Louise Carlton, born November 11, 1907. Both were born at Fort Pierce.

Louise is now the wife of James Whitice, and they have two daughters: Theresa Dawn, born January 9, 1936, and Flora Diane, born June 19, 1937. By an earlier marriage Louise has a son, Daniel Wallace Maund, born November 21, 1927.

Daniel S. Carlton, Jr. lives at Ten Mile Creek and has groves and cattle, carrying on the tradition of the Carlton family. As a cattleman he started out as a child with calves given him by his father. He is a member of Florida Cattlemen's Association, Florida Citrus Mutual, Moose Lodge #248 of Fort Pierce, and coached the first Babe Ruth League team for the lodge. He married Virginia Barnes, born in Jackson, Georgia, and they have three children: Sally Ann, born June 5, 1939; Daniel S., III, born February 6, 1943; and Carolyn Lorraine, born August 29, 1947. Sally Ann is married to Kenneth A. Breaux and they have a son, Kenneth, Jr., born July 12, 1959.

Each year in the historical pageant held in Fort Pierce Dan Carlton, Jr. takes the part of Sheriff Carlton and wears the solid gold badge inscribed with the state seal that he wore during his term as sheriff. This pageant, called "Along These Waters," is produced under the auspices of the St. Lucie County Historical Society.

WRIGHT W. CARLTON

Among the earliest pioneer families of Florida are the Carltons, a name that may be found in any history of the state. Traditionally the family have been cattlemen, and Wright W. Carlton of Fort Pierce is no exception. He has always had cattle. When he was a small boy he was given a few calves of his own, as was customary in the families of cattlemen, and now has large herds and extensive acreage, owning approximately 20,000 acres south of Okeechobee Road, outside the Drainage District, near Fort Pierce.

Wright W. Carlton was born near Arcadia January 29, 1874, son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Crewes) Carlton. Reuben Carlton came to Florida before the Civil War and went first to Fort Ogden, where his father, Daniel Carlton, was living. The original pioneer of the family was Daniel's father, Alderman Carlton, who came to Florida about 1850 and was killed by the Seminole Indians in the war of 1856-58.

Reuben Carlton settled first on the shores of the Caloosahatchee River near LaBelle, and from there moved up the river, settling near Okeechobee. That fork of the river was named for the family, the Carlton Branch. They lived there two years and then moved to Ten Mile Creek, where they spent the next two years, and finally moved into Fort Pierce. Wright Carlton was about seven years old then. There were just a few families in that locality at the time: the Hoags, who ran a store; the Bells, who lived on Taylor Creek; the Hendrys, on Ten Mile Creek; the Paynes of St. Lucie, and Jim Russell. All navigation was by sail boat. Captain Hoag used to haul a load of turtles to Jacksonville by sail boat and return to Fort Pierce with a load of supplies. He also traded with the Indians.

Wright Carlton's father built their home at Fort Pierce on the site where the Fort Pierce Hotel now stands. The children (there were six boys and two girls) were taught their lessons by a lady teacher who was brought along with them and lived with the family. The first County school teacher, Ella Brown, used the Carlton's living room for a classroom. The first schoolhouse, built where the Fort Pierce Cemetery is now located, was a log cabin without ceiling or windows. On cold days it was warmer outside in the sun, and the class moved out. The second schoolhouse was built on property belonging to Wright's mother.

From the time he was large enough to ride, Wright Carlton worked as a cowboy, riding for his father and later for Judge Payne. He also worked as a cowhand for Archie Hendry, one of the biggest cattlemen of those days, who had lived at Fort Pierce before the Carltons came there and had a large herd. Wright received fifty cents a day for his work—a good wage for a cowhand in those days. There were no fenced-in pastures, and the cattle roamed wherever there was grass to eat.

When he was fifteen or sixteen, Wright worked on the pineapple plantations in and around Fort Pierce. His father was a farmer as well as cattleman. He raised tomatoes and beans at Ten Mile Creek, packed them in boxes crudely made by hand, and shipped them by steamboat to Philadelphia. Wright and his brother Reuben built the first block building in Fort Pierce.

Mr. Carlton is one of two men who have the distinction of having been awarded a plaque for fifty years of membership in the Florida Cattlemen's Association. He is a member of the Elks Lodge in Fort Pierce. Like his father and most of the cattlemen along the East Coast in the early days, he is a Republican, and always has been. His father and two of his brothers fought on both sides in the Civil War. Drafted into the Confederate Army, they ran away to join the Union Army.

In Kissimmee on October 4, 1906, Wright W. Carlton married Annie Waters, daughter of Tom and Mathilda (Willingham) Waters, who was born at Fort Meade January 22, 1888. Mrs. Carlton is a member of the Methodist Church. A daughter, Ruby Fay, born at Ten Mile Creek August 16, 1907, married on June 8, 1927, Robert Elmer Teague, born March 21, 1902, in Blairsville, Georgia. Mr. Teague also is in the cattle business. Ruby and Elmer Teague have five children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Edna Lynn Teague, born October 19, 1929, married on April 30, 1953, Leo Joseph Guettler, Jr., also born in Fort Pierce, on December 22, 1927. Their children are:
   1) Leo Joseph Guettler, III, born May 16, 1954.
   2) Rose Marie Guettler, born October 27, 1957.
   3) Matthew Wright Guettler, born March 11, 1960.
2. Joseph Wright Teague, born March 17, 1932, married on November 1, 1952, Portia Lucille Huffman, born April 14, 1934, in Arcadia, Florida. Their children are:
   1) William Wright Teague, born December 28, 1953.
   2) Cindy Jean Teague, born September 5, 1956.
3. Robert Elmer Teague, Jr., born October 25, 1935, married on June 23, 1956, Virginia Lee Shuflin, born December 26, 1934, in Miami. Their daughter, Jo-Ann Teague, was born September 16, 1959, in Coral Gables, Florida.
4. Patricia Ann Teague, born October 22, 1940, married April 3, 1958, Richard Roger Modine, born May

W. W. Carlton

Bonnie G. Carlton

28, 1936, in New Haven, Connecticut. Their son, Richard Roger Modine, Jr., was born May 18, 1959.
5. Rebecca Teague, born March 30, 1944.

All were married in Fort Pierce except Robert Elmer, Jr., who was married in Miami. His daughter, Jo-Ann, is the only one of the grandchildren (great-grandchildren of W. W. Carlton) not born in Fort Pierce.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright W. Carlton, Sidney Wright Carlton, was born November 19, 1911, and died August 6, 1953. He was married twice. By his first marriage, to Eula Bryan of Fort Pierce, he had three children; and by his second marriage, to Jacqueline Huckanhull of Atlanta, he had two children, Walter and Joanne.

The deceased brothers and sisters of Wright Carlton are: Charlotte, Lindley L., Dan, Stephen, Reuben, Charley, and Albert, who died in infancy. Still living at this writing besides Wright are Sallie and Perry.

WILLIAM EMORY KEEN

A pioneer in education and accounting in West Palm Beach, William Emory Keen organized the commercial department of the Palm Beach High School in 1914 and was one of the first certified public accountants in this area.

A son of George R. and Mary Ann (Russell) Keen, who came from Harrison County, Indiana, to West Palm Beach about 1915, William E. Keen was born in Elizabeth, Indiana, March 26, 1881. Graduating from Marion Normal College, Marion, Indiana, in 1903, with a B.S. degree, he was appointed principal of a township high school. The next summer he returned to Marion Normal College to prepare himself for teaching commercial subjects and then secured a position in the Vincennes High School, Vincennes, Indiana, where he remained two years.

His next move was to go to Panama as bookkeeper in the office of the superintendent of construction in connection with the building of the Panama Canal. In 1908 he went to Washington, D.C., having been appointed an examiner for the United States Civil Service Commission. After two years in this position he became head of the commercial department at the Haskill Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, where for the next two years he taught commercial subjects to American Indians.

On July 15, 1912, he came to West Palm Beach to assist George C. Currie in organizing the Farmers' Bank and Trust Company, which opened early in 1913 with Mr. Keen as secretary. A year later a change in stock ownership resulted in his being replaced by a relative of the owner of the majority stock. Mr. Keen worked for a local newspaper until the school session began in the fall of 1914, when at the request of the school board he organized the commercial department of Palm Beach High School and remained in charge of that department for four years. At the end of that time, in 1918, he was elected County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Following his term as County Superintendent, Mr. Keen opened an accounting office in West Palm Beach, and in 1927 took the examination for his C.P.A. certificate. He was the fourth man in the history of Florida to pass that examination on the first trial. From that time until April 1958, when the partnership of Keen and Lynch was formed, Mr. Keen carried on a private practice as Certified Public Accountant.

He was a member of the American Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Association of Certified Public Accountants and served as treasurer and vice president of the Florida Institute of Accountants; a member of the Union Congregational Church; a former member of the Elks and the Oddfellows, and a 32nd degree Mason of the York Rite bodies and the Shrine.

In Wabash, Indiana, on December 23, 1906, William E. Keen married Etta L. Smith, daughter of Leonard A. and Mary Ann (Spencer) Smith. They had a son, Warren Leslie Keen, who died in January 1954; and a daughter, Mrs. Marion Easter, who is now living in Washington, D.C.

Following a short illness, Mr. Keen died in West Palm Beach September 5, 1960, aged 79.

SIDNEY WRIGHT CARLTON

Son and grandson of Florida pioneers, Sidney Wright Carlton, like his father and most of the Carltons, was a cattleman from start to finish.

A son of Wright W. and Annie (Waters) Carlton (whose story precedes), he was born at Ten Mile (now Eleven Mile Road), Fort Pierce, November 19, 1911, and was educated in St. Lucie County Elementary and High School. From his early childhood he grew up with cattle, it being the custom of the Carltons to mark calves for each child with his own brand, which was Circle I. By the time he was grown to manhood he had a herd of 200 or more. He was a good calf spotter.

Until 1949 the family cattle were run together on Wright Carlton's land and Sid managed the ranch. At that time both Sid and his sister Ruby purchased land from their father, each buying eight sections, re-fenced and began their own operations. However, Sid continued to manage his father's ranch as well as his own. At one time Sid and his father went to Texas and purchased a couple of carloads of purebred Brahma bulls to improve the herd. They also began improving their pastures, experimenting with different grasses. It was their ambition to make a show place out of the scrub lands.

Mr. Carlton had a small acreage in citrus and some local business interests, in addition to his cattle business. He was a lover of horses and raised quarter horses as a hobby. He was a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association and the St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association, a past president of the latter. At one time he ran for County Commissioner and came within 125 votes of winning. During World War II he served in the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in the First Company, Tank Division, and was honorably discharged on October 13, 1945. He was a member of the American Legion, the local Elks Club and the Pelican Yacht Club.

In Atlanta, Georgia, on December 26, 1937, Sidney Wright Carlton married Jacqueline Victoria Hockenhull, who was born in Atlanta February 25, 1920. Her father, Walter Lee Hockenhull, born in Cumming, Georgia, died in Atlanta February 27, 1926. Her mother, Daisy Alma (Lipscomb), born in Belton, Georgia, died January 6, 1960. After the death of her first husband, Mr. Hockenhull, she had married Joseph Norton in 1927.

Two children were born to Sidney and Jacqueline Carlton in Fort Pierce: Walter Lee, on January 12, 1941; Joanne Elizabeth, on May 13, 1952. Walter now

E W Carlton

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works on the ranch. He, too, has his own brand of cattle (Brand Is) and so does his sister, Joanne, (77), and each has one-third interest in Circle I.

By an earlier marriage, to Eula Bryan in Fort Pierce, who was born December 20, 1912, at Louisburg, Kansas, Sidney Carlton had an older son, Richard Carlton, born August 18, 1935, at Fort Pierce. He married Barbara Campbell Renz of Seattle, Washington, November 20, 1959, at Kaneohe Marine Base Chapel, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii.

Sidney Wright Carlton died prematurely of a heart attack on August 6, 1953, about three months short of his 42nd birthday. Burial was in the Carlton family cemetery at Ten Mile Creek. On June 27, 1959, Jacqueline H. Carlton married A. M. Remmerswaal.

WAREING T. MILLER

Continuing the legal practice established by his father in West Palm Beach in 1925, Wareing T. Miller has been practicing law there for the past twenty years, and at present is senior member of the firm which includes the names of Al J. Cone, William C. Owen, Ward Wagner, Jr. and Charles A. Nugent, Jr.

Wareing T. Miller was born in Kokomo, Indiana, September 8, 1916, son of Newman T. Miller and Frances Lee Wareing, who through her mother was a second cousin of Woodrow Wilson. She died in 1949.

Newman T. Miller, born in Wabash County, Indiana, in 1884, died in West Palm Beach in 1951. He had a Bachelor of Science degree from Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, in 1905 and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, in 1910. Admitted to the bar in Indiana in 1910, he practiced law there until 1925, and during that time was State Deputy Attorney General, represented Howard County in the Indiana State Legislature for two terms, and was attorney for the State Fire Marshal's Department for eight and a half years. Coming to West Palm Beach in 1925, he engaged in private practice of law there until his son joined him in 1940, and continued active in his profession until his death in 1951. He served as attorney for many municipalities in the Palm Beach district. He was a Mason and Shriner of Murat Temple, Indianapolis, past Exalted Ruler of the Elks at Lake Worth, and past president of the Lions Club of the Palm Beaches.

Wareing T. Miller graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1932 and spent one year at Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1938 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from that university's Law School in 1940 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the Florida bar in 1940, he was associated with his father in practice for a year and a half, then took a post graduate course at Columbia University.

Enlisting in the United States Army in February 1942, he served as a Second Lieutenant in the Third Army, 87th Infantry Division, in the European theater of war, participating in three important campaigns (Ardennes, Central Europe, and the Battle of the Bulge) and came out of the Army with the rank of Major in February 1946. After the war he resumed his practice of law with his father until the latter's death.

Mr. Miller is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and was president of the county association in 1947. He is a member of the board of directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of West Palm Beach, and a past chairman (1948) of the Civil Service Board of West Palm Beach; a past commander of Post #12 of the American Legion and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, belonging to different bodies and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; a member of the Florida Blue Key Society, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi fraternities of the University of Florida, and a member of the Methodist Church. He played football both in high school and in college. In politics he is a Democrat, and his hobby is stamp collecting.

In Fayetteville, North Carolina, on August 2, 1945, Wareing T. Miller married Frances Martin, daughter of Hosea W. and Lydia (Culter) Martin. She was born in Washington, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Wareing T., Jr., born February 9, 1947.
2. Gwendolyn Frances, born March 21, 1948.
3. April Lee, born April 20, 1950.
4. Martin Newman, born February 12, 1952.

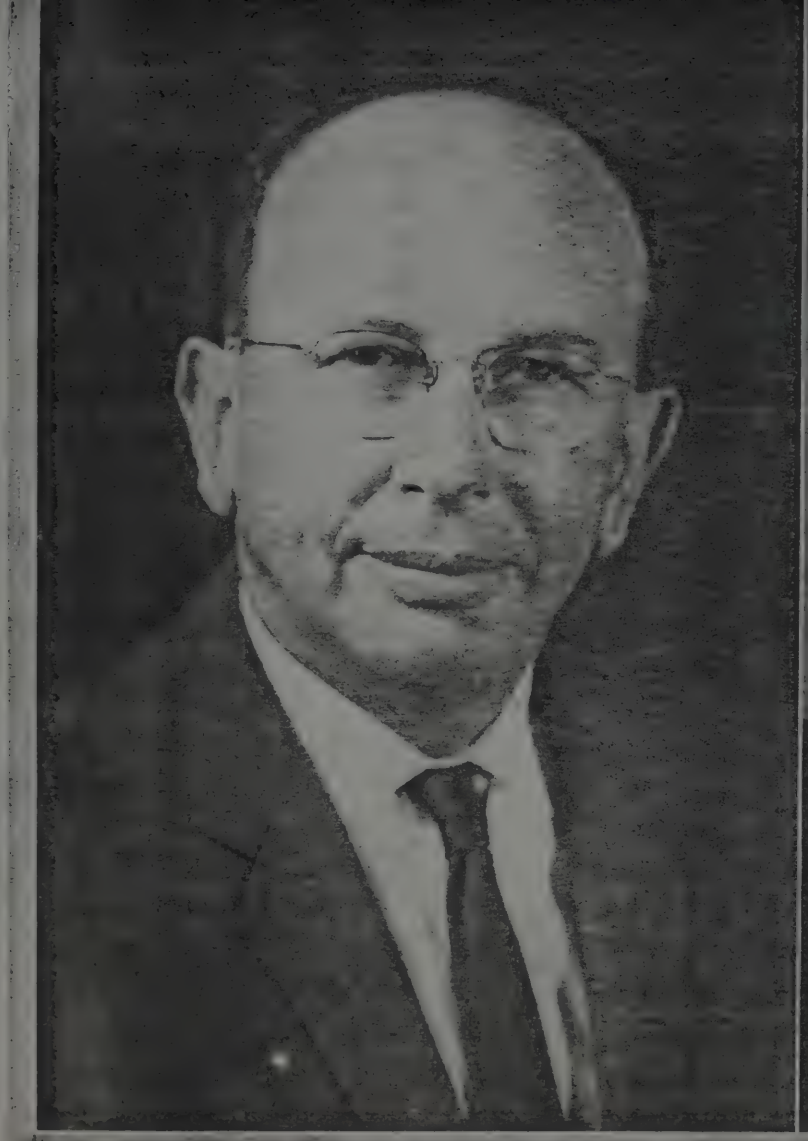
THADDEUS HUDSON CARLTON

The Carlton family, well known in Florida's political circles, is one whose name is tied up with the history of the state, past and present. The great-great grandfather of Thaddeus Hudson Carlton, Alderman Carlton, came originally from Virginia to the Carolinas, thence to Georgia and finally into Florida about the late 1830's. As Lieutenant Carlton he was killed in a skirmish with the Seminole Indians on the Peace River in the year 1856. In the Civil War Thad's grandfather, Reuben Carlton, served with the Union forces, while his two younger brothers were in the Confederate Army. They fought on opposite sides at Gettysburg. In the Confederate Army also was Richard Vickers, Thad Carlton's maternal grandfather.

Born in St. Lucie County February 28, 1906, he is a son of Charles and Rhoda (Vickers) Carlton. His father was born March 16, 1878, in Brevard County, now Okeechobee County, and died at Fort Pierce on October 31, 1930. He was a cattleman and citrus grower in St. Lucie County. Rhoda Vickers Carlton was born in DeSoto County, Florida, August 19, 1886, and died at Fort Pierce October 17, 1959.

Mr. Carlton was educated in the public schools of St. Lucie County, graduating from the County High School in 1925, and at the University of Florida, from which he was graduated in 1930 with an LL.B. degree. As soon as he was out of law school he came to Fort Pierce and opened an office in the Raulerson Building, Second Street and Avenue A.

During the years of his legal practice Mr. Carlton has had several associates. From 1938 to 1940 he was with Wallace Sample; from 1941 to 1950 with T. B. Ellis, Jr., and from 1945 to 1950 Ralph Wilson was associated with them and the firm was Carlton, Ellis and Wilson. For the next eight years he practiced alone, until in 1958 he was joined by David L. McCain, who became a partner in 1959, and the firm name became Carlton and McCain. The firm represents American National Growers, Arvida Fruit Company, Arvida Groves Company, Davison Chemical Company, DiGiorgio Fruit Company, Florida Bank at Fort Pierce, of which Mr. Carlton is a director, and the Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation.



Mad H. Horton

June Pinson Carlton

From 1939 to 1940 Mr. Carlton was a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District. In 1940 Governor Cone appointed him Circuit Judge of the Ninth Circuit of Florida, and he served one year in that office. He also served as Representative from St. Lucie County in the State Legislature in the 1943 session, and was assistant to the State Attorney from 1943 to 1955. He is past president of St. Lucie County Bar Association, a member of the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association.

Like other members of the Carlton family, past and present, Thad Carlton is interested in cattle. He has a ranch in Glades County and one in Hendry County and recently sold a 5,000-acre ranch in St. Lucie County. His herd is a commercial crossbreed of Hereford, Red Angus and Brahman. He is a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association and past president of the St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association.

Mr. Carlton is also a past president of Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club; past Exalted Ruler of Fort Pierce Elks Lodge #1520, of which he is a member; a member of Fort Pierce Woodmen of the World; and a member of the Indian Hills Country Club and the Pelican Yacht Club. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing.

On April 19, 1932, in Fort Pierce, Thaddeus Hudson Carlton married Alka June Pinson, daughter of the late Dr. Van Buren and Virginia (Hackney) Pinson, both natives of Kentucky. June Pinson was born in Elkhorn City, Kentucky, March 25, 1910, graduated from Cumberland High School in that city and from Morehead State College, Morehead, Kentucky, and taught elementary school in Elkhorn City for two years. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hackney, had come to Fort Pierce, Florida, in 1913. She herself came in 1930 and was secretary to the president and vice president of the old Fort Pierce Bank for about a year and a half before she was married.

Mrs. Carlton is a member of the Baptist Church; the Cora Stickney Harper Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; the Capron Trail Garden Club, which is now under the Federated Garden Clubs of Fort Pierce, and is a co-chairman of the Exhibit Committee. She is one of eight charter members of the Tuesday Bridge Club, which has been in existence for twenty-eight years. She has been a Red Cross worker in Fort Pierce for years; also on Mental Health, and was co-chairman with Mrs. J. E. Nobles, Jr. for the residential group during one of the drives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Carlton have a son, Charles Thaddeus Carlton, born November 7, 1935, at Fort Pierce, who served as First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve on active duty with the Sixth Marine Division at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina from December 1957 to December 1, 1960. He is now a law student at Stetson University in St. Petersburg, Florida. On June 10, 1960, he married Louise Jeanne Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Palmer of St. Lucie, who was born in Stuart, Florida, November 15, 1938.

HERBERT C. GEE

After fifteen years in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Colonel Herbert C. Gee resigned his commission in 1950 to practice his profession as a consulting engineer, and chose West Palm Beach as his headquarters. In 1951, with Theodore B. Jenson, he formed the firm of Gee and Jenson, Consulting Engineers, Inc., of which he is president, and since then has engaged in a number of large scale engineering projects throughout Florida. He is now serving as consulting engineer to the United States Senate Select Committee on National Water Resources.

Herbert C. Gee was born in Ketchie, Louisiana, November 5, 1910, son of Herbert Haines and Mabel (Lacey) Gee, both natives of Iowa. His mother died in 1958 and is buried in Columbus City, Iowa. The family moved to Ketchie, Louisiana, in 1909, and his father managed a large peach orchard there. After World War I he returned to Iowa and became an agent in the life insurance business at Anamosa, Iowa. In 1942 he was appointed auditor for the Iowa Tax Division at Des Moines, which position he held until he retired in 1958. He now resides in Des Moines.

The younger Herbert Gee graduated from Anamosa High School, Anamosa, Iowa, in 1926 and from the University of Iowa with an A.B. degree in 1930. Entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, he graduated in 1935 with a B.S. degree; and in 1938 received an M.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California. His commissioned service in the United States Army Corps of Engineers began with his graduation from West Point, and during the ensuing years he rose through all commissioned grades from Second Lieutenant to Colonel.

For twenty years, starting in 1938, he studied beach erosion and stabilization under Dr. M. P. O'Brien, a civilian member of the United States Beach Erosion Board. He was assistant to the District Engineer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on work involving the harbors of Lake Michigan and related coastal engineering problems. In 1942 and '43 he was District Engineer in Jacksonville, Florida, and issued all permits for construction on the beaches and in the navigable waters of Florida. During 1946 he was Director of Military Operations in the Manhattan Project for Bikini Atomic Bomb tests, during which important ocean wave studies were made. In 1946-47 he was Commanding Officer at the Los Alamos Laboratory for the Manhattan Project and Atomic Energy Commission. During the next three years he was Officer in Charge of the National Flood Control Program.

Since entering the private practice of engineering Mr. Gee has done work for the ports of St. Augustine, Canaveral, Palm Beach and Port Everglades. He has made a special report on the behavior of Biscayne Bay during severe hurricanes; a study and report on beach protection and stabilization from the Jupiter Inlet to the Lake Worth Inlet in Palm Beach County; and has been consultant to the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, the Lake County Water Conservation Authority, the Florida Inland Navigation District, various drainage districts and numerous private clients.

He was a member of a five-man committee to review all reports on the sea-level Panama Canal and make recommendations on this four billion dollar project to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and the Congress of the United States. He represented the Port of Palm Beach in a cooperative project to construct a sand transfer pumping installation across the entrance channel of the Port of Palm Beach, which was done in 1957-58. He also cooperated with the University of Florida in a model study of entrance channel and adjoining lake areas at the Port.

In addition to being a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida, Mr. Gee is registered

with the National Association of State Boards of Engineering Examiners. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of its Committee on Coastal Engineering, and chairman of the Subcommittee on Coastal Structures; a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Society of American Military Engineers, a Fellow of the Florida Engineering Society (president in 1956), and a life member of the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses. His biography appears in "Who's Who in Engineering."

In other than professional circles, he is a member of the American Legion West Palm Beach Post #12, the Sons of the American Revolution (through his mother's side of the family), and is a deacon in the Memorial Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

At Marion, Iowa, on March 7, 1930, Herbert C. Gee married Ruth Crew, daughter of Dr. Arthur E. and Mrs. Bertha (Ives) Crew of Marion. She is a graduate of Marion High School and of the University of Iowa, class of 1933, with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education. Before her marriage she taught Physical Education in the public schools of Iowa.

Colonel and Mrs. Gee have two children:

1. Philip C. Gee, born January 12, 1944, in Kansas City, Missouri, who is a student at Forest Hills High School, West Palm Beach;

2. Nancy Gee, born November 27, 1948, at Washington, D.C., now a student at Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach.

HARVEY E. OYER, JR.

The present Mayor of Boynton Beach, Harvey E. Oyer, Jr., is a descendant of pioneers of this area. His great-grandfather, H. D. Pierce, homesteaded on Hypoluxo Island in the early 1870's and was the first postmaster of Hypoluxo. His son, Charles Pierce, was a "barefoot mailman" and for many years postmaster at Boynton Beach. He was succeeded by his widow, Ethel Pierce.

The Mayor's grandfather, Captain F. C. Voss, operated boats carrying supplies from Titusville to the Palm Beach area, and also on Lake Worth. He was a farmer, grove owner and dairyman, and during the 1920's, with Captain Walter Moore, cousin of Mrs. Voss, owned and operated the yacht "Donagill" between Palm Beach and New York. Captain Voss's wife was Lilly Pierce, the first white girl to be born in what is now Palm Beach County. Harvey Oyer's mother, Lillian Frederika Voss, is a daughter of Captain and Lilly Pierce Voss.

His father, Harvey E. Oyer, Sr., came to the Boynton area before World War I as a farmer, and after service in France in the 78th Division returned to this area. He later entered the construction field as a carpenter and is presently the only living charter member of the local union of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He is now retired.

Born in Boynton Beach March 31, 1926, Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. graduated from Boynton High School in 1944, and was valedictorian of his class. After serving in the United States Army in World War II, he entered the University of Florida and graduated with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1950. In college he was received into the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity. From 1951 to 1953 Mr. Oyer served again in the United States Army in Germany, and is now a Captain in the Artillery of the United States Army Reserve and a member of the Reserve Officers Association.

After his second return to civilian life, Mr. Oyer established his own real estate and insurance firm in Boynton Beach. He is a member of the Southeast Palm Beach County Association of Insurance Agents and of the state and national associations of insurance agents; also a member of the Boynton Beach Board of Realtors and the state and national boards.

Active and interested in civic affairs, statewide as well as local, Mr. Oyer has been a member of the City Council of Boynton Beach since 1957, is Mayor for 1960, and was twice a candidate for the House of Representatives from Group 1, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Oyer is a past president of the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce and charter member of the Junior Chamber; past president of the Boynton Beach Kiwanis Club; was first president of the United Fund of Boynton Beach and is a director of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a member of the Gulf Stream Hospital Association, the Florida Historical Society, the Palm Beach County Historical Society, Lake Worth Pioneer Picnic Association, and the University of Florida Alumni Association; a charter member of American Legion Post #164, chairman of the Official Board of the Methodist Church and a former superintendent of Sunday School.

Mayor Oyer has two sisters. Lois Patricia Oyer graduated from the University of Florida, College of Education, in 1951, and is presently an elementary school teacher in Tucson, Arizona. Charlotte Anne Oyer graduated with honors from the University of Florida, College of Education, in 1952, and is now Deputy Clerk of the Court of Crimes, Broward County, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

BEN HERR

A consulting engineer on Florida's East Coast since 1925, Ben Herr of Palm Beach was associated with the Okeechobee Flood Control program as an engineer for twenty years, 1929 to 1949. Since then he has been in private practice as a consultant in drainage and irrigation work on large tracts of land.

He was born in Kansas City, Missouri, September 25, 1901, son of Benjamin Barr Herr, a merchant and farmer, now deceased, and Fannie (Landis) Herr, who is living in Sterling, Illinois. Ben graduated from Sterling High School in 1918 and from the University of Illinois in 1925 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. While in college he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Upon completing his formal education Mr. Herr came to Vero Beach, Florida, and established himself there as a consulting engineer. He moved to Palm Beach in 1929.

He is a member of the Florida Engineering Society, the F. and A. M. Lodge and the Episcopal Church of West Palm Beach. At Daytona Beach on December 17, 1927, he married Clara Jane Duncan of Vero Beach, daughter of Walter and Lulu (Stansbury) Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. Herr have two daughters and two grandchildren. They are:

1. Billye Barr Herr, born in Vero Beach, who graduated from West Palm Beach High School and Duke University, and married James A. Beymer of Palm Beach. They now have two sons, James Lee and Richard Russell.

2. Bettye Jo Herr, born in West Palm Beach.

THOMAS LEGGETT BAILEY, JR.

A resident of Palm Beach County since 1929, Thomas L. Bailey, Jr. has been a practicing attorney in West Palm Beach since 1949 and has had diversified experience in both civil and criminal courts.

Born in Madisonville, Kentucky, July 23, 1923, he is a son of Thomas L. Bailey, M.D., who died in 1928, and Eula (Plaine) Bailey, now Mrs. William C. Hatfield of Lake Worth. His father, an Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat specialist, was a graduate of the University of Louisville and post graduate of Brooklyn Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, also of Ochsner Clinic, Vienna, Austria.

Young Tom Bailey was six years old when his parents moved to Lake Worth, Florida. He graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1941, from Duke University in 1945 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and from the University of Florida Law School in September 1949 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. He also studied at the University of California, Los Angeles, and at Columbia University, New York City. During his college career he became a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity at Duke University and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity at the University of Florida.

Admitted to practice law in Florida in 1949, Mr. Bailey is a member of the Florida Bar and is also admitted to practice before the United States District Court in Miami. He has carried on a private practice in West Palm Beach since 1949. In addition he served as Prosecuting Attorney in the Municipal Court from 1954 to October 1960, and was Assistant City Attorney of West Palm Beach from February 1954 to October 1957, during which time he represented the city in many types of court trials and prepared many of the city ordinances. He has prepared legislative acts for the city and attended the Legislature in Tallahassee on behalf of the city; also attended three State Traffic Court conferences as representative of West Palm Beach, in order to learn more about traffic problems and what a municipal court should do to help solve them.

Mr. Bailey's political affiliation is Democratic. His civic and fraternal memberships include the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge #1352, and the Parent-Teacher Association. He was formerly active in the Southside Lions Club. He and his family are members of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach.

He was married in Lake Worth on September 18, 1949, to Hazel Ryan, daughter of Elzie Ryan (deceased) and Norma (Holder) Ryan, natives of Lake Butler, Florida. Mrs. Bailey graduated from Union County High School, Lake Butler, and attended the University of Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of three children, born in West Palm Beach as follows:

1. Thomas L., III, on February 10, 1951;
2. Susan Lorraine, on September 9, 1953;
3. Stephen William, on December 21, 1954.

The Baileys' home is at 129 Santa Lucia Drive, West Palm Beach.

LAWRENCE SPENCER FAVILLE

A member of the firm of Mizell, Faville and Zern, Funeral Directors of West Palm Beach, Lawrence Spencer Faville has been a resident of that city since 1921 and is prominent in civic and Masonic affairs.

He was born in Texico, New Mexico, February 8, 1911, son of Spencer C. and Bessie Ada (Lambert) Faville. His father, who was a farmer and general contractor, was a native of Iowa, and the family moved from New Mexico to Waterloo, Iowa, in 1912. Lawrence's mother died in 1934, his father in 1958. He came to West Palm Beach with his mother in 1921, attended grade school and Palm Beach High School, and proceeded to Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Virginia.

On February 6, 1932, he began his apprenticeship with Mr. N. W. Mizell, pioneer funeral director of West Palm Beach. He took the state board examination for his license as an embalmer and funeral director in 1937, and continued to work with Mr. Mizell and his partner, Mr. Simon, becoming an official member of the firm in 1945, when the name of the firm became Mizell, Simon and Faville. Mr. Simon died in 1950, and in December 1959 Mr. Zern became a member of the firm.

Mr. Faville is a member of his professional associations and of the following organizations: West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, past director; West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club, past president, 1953; Executive Club of the Palm Beaches, director; Y.M.C.A. of The Palm Beaches, past director; B.P.O.E. Lodge #1352, West Palm Beach; Harmonia Lodge, F. and A. M., #138, West Palm Beach; Lake Worth Consistory; 32nd degree, Scottish Rite bodies; Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; Palm Beach Shrine Club; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, and a member of the vestry. His favorite recreation is fishing.

He was married in West Palm Beach August 2, 1936, to Margaret A. Senden, daughter of William and Ida (Bruns) Senden of St. Charles, Missouri. She is a graduate of St. Charles High School and of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing at St. Louis, Missouri. She came to Florida in December 1934 and was attached to the nursing staff at Good Samaritan Hospital, West Palm Beach, as a registered nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Faville have two daughters, born in West Palm Beach.

1. Bessie Jean, born January 7, 1938, graduated from Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach, and attended Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri.

2. Lois Ann, born October 16, 1940, graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. On August 1, 1959, she married William N. Kelley of West Palm Beach, a medical student at Emory University.

THOMAS E. COCHRANE

Since 1945 Thomas E. Cochrane has been associated with his father in what is one of the outstanding Certified Public Accountant firms on the East Coast of Florida. Mr. Cochrane is also very active in civic work and has served as Mayor of the township of Golf View for two terms, from 1949 to 1953.

He was born in Jacksonville, Florida, October 12, 1919, son of John P. and Beulah (Reynolds) Cochrane. His father was born in Alabama and came to Jacksonville in 1910, later moving to West Palm Beach.

Thomas Cochrane graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1937 and from the University of Florida in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He served in the Army Air Corps as a Technical Sergeant from July 1941 through June 1945, and was overseas in the southwest Pacific from January 1942 to September 1944 with the 49th Fighter

Group, which unit received the Presidential Citation. After his return from the service he joined his father as a Certified Public Accountant. He is a member of the American and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Cochrane is one of the originators and a director and secretary-treasurer of the Good Government Association of West Palm Beach, and is treasurer of Palm Beach County Democrats, Inc. He is a past president and life member of West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, past state director and vice president of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the West Palm Beach and the Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Resources and Development Board and of the East Coast Estate Planning Council; president of Iris Lakes Development Corporation and Iris Lakes Country Club; secretary-treasurer of Golf View Hotel, Inc., which owns the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach. He belongs to Post #12 of the American Legion, Kappa Sigma national fraternity at the University of Florida, and the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach. Golf, fishing, hunting and all sports are his sources of recreation.

On April 12, 1947, Thomas E. Cochrane married Rebecca Fuller, daughter of Hugh and Blanche (Pinson) Fuller of Greenwood, South Carolina. She graduated from Greenwood High School in 1938 and from Lander College, Greenwood, in 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Mrs. Cochrane is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, deriving her right of membership from both the Fullers and the Pinsons. Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane have three sons, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Thomas E., Jr., born March 19, 1948, now a student at Golf View Junior High School;
2. Joel Fuller, born August 13, 1957;
3. Reynolds John, born October 18, 1958.

EFFIE LAWRENCE MARSHALL

Author of eight books, world traveler and lecturer and a former associate of such social crusaders as Susan B. Anthony, Frances E. Willard, Carrie Nation and Carrie Chapman Catt, our Effie Lawrence Marshall spends her time between her residence in Coral Gables, Florida, and her summer home in Rockport, Maine—that is, when she is not on one of her tours.

Born near Hiawatha in the northeast corner of Kansas on March 1, 1873, she is a daughter of George Goodson Stumbo and Harriet Ann Johnston, both born in Marion, Ohio, in 1853; her mother on April 9th and her father on October 18th. During the Civil War her father served four years in the Border Cavalry of the Union Army. He was a miller and a rancher.

Effie Stumbo attended country schools through the early grades, Falls City High School, Nebraska, the Normal School and University at Salina, Kansas, Phelps Union and Classical School, New York, and Cortland Teachers College, New York. The greater part of her education came through many planned study courses, majoring in literary studies. At the age of sixteen she began teaching on her father's ranch in Gove County, Kansas, continuing her own education during the summer and winter vacations.

When she was twenty-four she began a ten-year tour as itinerant lecturer which led her into every state in the Union and into twelve European countries. Interested in various social reform movements, she joined the ranks of Frances E. Willard and Susan B. Anthony in their far flung campaigns for home protection and woman suffrage. At a later period she was, for seven years, a member of the Board of the Women's Reformatory in the State of Maine, appointed by the Governor of Maine, and in that capacity helped to select a farm, plan the institutional buildings, organize the work, hire the officials, and oversee and guide the work. One of the other three members was the late Congressman Clyde Smith, husband of the United States Senator Margaret Chase Smith.

Effie began writing at the age of fourteen, when she sold a story of a prank she played on her brother to the Toledo Blade for one dollar—the biggest dollar she ever saw! It settled her determination to be an author, and she continued to write short stories and poems. Her first published book was a book-length poem called "Leaves on the Current." She then began to write a series of novelizations of great women of the Bible: "Ruth, The World's Most Famous Love Story"; "Queen Esther, The Woman Who Saved Her People"; "Mary of Bethany, The Woman Whom Christ Immortalized"; and "Deborah, The Prophetess". "Out of the Manger Cradle, a Christmas Story" followed; then "Sunflower Gold, a Story of the Kansas Pioneer"; and, finally "Illuminated Men", a story in support of the American plan for the more abundant life instead of mass murder and destruction.

An observant traveler, Mrs. Marshall has toured America many times, spent a winter in Mexico and a summer in Alaska, and had four sojourns in Europe. In one world tour she visited Bermuda, Great Britain, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Arabia, Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia and the South Sea Islands, including Fiji and Tahiti, returning via Panama. She has visited the Caribbean islands many times. Her latest schedule includes Hawaii, Japan, the Philippine Islands, Sumatra, India, Palestine, and several South American countries.

Mrs. Marshall is a member of the National League of American Pen Women (past president of the Miami branch), the Laramore Rader Poetry Group, the Poetry Society of Great Britain and America, the Scribblers Club in Maine, and various Home and Foreign Missionary Societies in the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is a charter member of the Bryan Memorial Methodist Church in Coconut Grove, Florida, and is licensed to preach by the Free Baptist Church. She is listed in Who's Who in Maine and in the Miami Social Register, and has had introductions all over America from the press, pulpit and platform.

In April 1912 Effie Stumbo married Edward Mark Lawrence of Lubec, Maine, at her parental home in Seneca Castle, New York. He died in 1940. In 1944 she married Dr. Harry I. Marshall, a world traveler and author of note and a retired Baptist missionary to Burma. He died in 1952. Her only child, Frances Elizabeth, died soon after birth, but each marriage gave her five step-children.

Referred to in a recent Miami newspaper write-up as the "dynamic senior citizen with a youthful outlook on life," Mrs. Marshall was one of the weekly winners in the "Wise Worlds" contest sponsored by

Effie Laurence Marshall

the Junior League of Miami, and as such was a candidate for the grand prize, a trip to Guatemala! Away on a trip at the time, she was probably not aware that her name had been entered in the contest by a friend.

PHILLIP D. O'CONNELL

Serving as State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit for more than twenty years now, Phillip D. O'Connell is among the most prominent attorneys of the Palm Beach area.

He was born October 1, 1907, at Macon, Georgia, son of Daniel J. and Lenora (McKenna) O'Connell, both deceased. His father was a farmer who also raised and bred horses for sulky racing.

Phillip O'Connell attended public schools at Macon, Georgia, and West Palm Beach, Florida, graduating from Lanier High School in Macon in 1925 and from the University of Florida in 1931 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. At the University of Florida he was a member of the Blue Key honor society and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He was Southern Conference boxing champion in 1929-30, captain of the boxing team in 1930, coach in 1930-31, and boxed professionally for two years.

Mr. O'Connell established his legal practice in West Palm Beach in 1931. Elected Municipal Judge of West Palm Beach, he served in this office from April 1932 to 1936; as Assistant State Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit from June 9, 1937, to 1939; and on July 1, 1939, became State Attorney, which office he still holds.

Mr. O'Connell handled the investigation and solution of the disappearance and death of Judge and Mrs. Curtis E. Chillingworth from June 15, 1955, and also handled the prosecution and conviction of Floyd A. Holzapfel and Joseph A. Peel for their participation in the death of Judge Chillingworth. These cases are still pending in the courts and are being pressed to their ultimate conclusion.

Mr. O'Connell entered the United States Army as a First Lieutenant on March 1, 1942, and was released January 26, 1946, as Lieutenant Colonel. He served overseas in the European theater and received the Bronze Star medal, the French Croix de Guerre, and two Battle Stars. He is now a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve Infantry.

In addition to his membership in the local, state, and national bar associations, Mr. O'Connell is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a past president of the Florida Prosecuting Officers Association, the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club; vice president of the Palm Beach County Blood Bank; a trustee of St. Mary's Hospital; past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Reflecting his interest in sports, he is a past president of the Florida Federation of Boxing Boards and of the Florida International Baseball League (1948-53); a past director of the Orange Bowl Committee (1941-56), now honorary life director.

On June 14, 1939, Phillip D. O'Connell married Perry-Belle Walton, daughter of E. B. Walton, Sr. and Julia (Hall) Walton of Palm Beach. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell have four children:

1. Phillip, Jr., born April 5, 1940;
2. Daniel, born June 24, 1941;
3. Julia, born October 14, 1943;
4. Michael, born April 27, 1949.

Phillip and Daniel graduated from St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach, and are now attending the University of Florida. Julia is a student at Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach, and Michael is a student at St. Ann's.

JUDGE F. A. CURRIE

Judge of the Small Claims Court in Palm Beach County since this court was created in 1951, F. A. Currie is the son of a pioneer attorney, real estate developer, banker, poet, and outstanding citizen of West Palm Beach. Like his father, the Judge has an artistic talent, his gift being for music. During his college years he organized and directed a dance orchestra, and for a number of years played the saxophone and clarinet on tours through the United States, especially in North and South Carolina and Georgia, and in parts of Europe.

He was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, October 17, 1907, son of George Graham and Lulu Marian (Angevine) Currie. His mother was born at Mendon, Michigan. She came to Florida in 1896 and was the second school teacher connected with the West Palm Beach schools, in which she taught for ten years. She is still living at the age of 88.

Judge Currie's father, George Graham Currie, was born in Montreal, Quebec, in 1867. He came to West Palm Beach in 1894, practiced law for many years, and was interested in real estate developments. One of his projects was Bethesda Park, a portion of which is now called Currie Park, and he also started the first subdivision for colored people in West Palm Beach. Notably civic minded, he was elected Mayor of West Palm Beach and also served as County Treasurer of Dade County, which then included the present Palm Beach County. Mr. Currie wrote a great deal of poetry and was intensely interested in Florida history. He died in 1926 at the age of 59.

Brought to Florida in infancy, F. A. Currie received his early education in the schools of West Palm Beach and graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1926. At the University of Florida he earned his Bachelor of Laws degree, which he received in 1932.

Admitted to the Florida bar, he began a general practice of law in West Palm Beach. In 1936 he was appointed Judge ad litem of the Municipal Court, and served in that capacity until 1943. From December 1942 to April 1943 he served in the United States Army Infantry in World War II. On his return he resumed the practice of law and was elected Judge of the Municipal Court of West Palm Beach, in which office he served two years, 1944 to 1946. As already indicated, he was the first judge to serve in the newly created Small Claims Court in Palm Beach County. Appointed in 1951, he was elected without opposition in 1952 for a four-year term and has twice been re-elected since then.

Judge Currie is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the American Bar Association; also of the Elks Lodge, the Kiwanis Club, American Legion, Sigma Chi fraternity, and the Episcopal Church, in which he has served on the vestry.

In West Palm Beach on August 19, 1958, F. A. Currie married Reese J. Tumbin Vermilya, widow of Webb H. Vermilya and daughter of W. N. Tumbin of Atlanta, Georgia, and Sara Lou (Arnwine) Tumbin. Mrs. Currie

graduated from Girls High School, Atlanta, and from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

To some of his friends Judge Currie is known by the nickname of "Banzai," a name given him in his infancy by a Japanese nurse. Judge and Mrs. Currie reside at their home, 200 Rugby Road, West Palm Beach.

ROBERT F. BURNS

Carrying on in the business which his father established in West Palm Beach, Robert F. Burns is president of O. D. Burns, Inc., plumbing and heating contractors, who also sell appliances and fuel oil.

Son of O. D. and Laura (Fremd) Burns, he was born in West Palm Beach May 28, 1923. His grandparents moved to West Palm Beach in 1910, and his father grew up there, attending the public schools through high school. He served his apprenticeship in the plumbing and heating business with Alexander Orr, member of a well known family of contractors, and in 1925 established his own firm. O. D. Burns died in March of 1952. His widow, Robert's mother, is living in West Palm Beach.

Robert Burns graduated from Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Georgia, in 1942 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in December of that year. He served in the Pacific theater of operations in World War II until January of 1946, and was promoted from private to sergeant.

Returning to his father's firm, Mr. Burns completed his apprenticeship in the plumbing and heating business and received his journeyman's card in 1949. He then took a course in refrigeration, heating and air conditioning at the Milwaukee School of Engineering and graduated from this school in March of 1950. Following the death of his father in 1952, Robert Burns took his place as president of O. D. Burns, Inc.

Mr. Burns is also 1960 president of the Associated Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors of West Palm Beach, treasurer of the state association, and a past committeeman of the national A. P. and M. C.

On December 10, 1945, Robert Burns married Mary Huff of West Palm Beach, daughter of William O. and Ruth (Howe) Huff. Mrs. Burns is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and Southern Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, New Orleans, Louisiana, and is a Registered Nurse. Three children have been born to Robert and Mary Burns:

1. Frances G., born September 27, 1950;
2. Barbara Sue, born September 6, 1953;
3. Robert Daniel, born August 25, 1957.

WILLIAM R. ZERN, JR.

The junior member of the firm of Mizell, Faville and Zern, Funeral Directors of West Palm Beach, William R. Zern, Jr., is very active in civic, social and welfare groups in his community.

A son of William R. and Nettie (Young) Zern, he was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1917. His father is a retired life insurance manager. The family moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, in 1940.

William R. Zern, Jr., graduated from Altoona High School in Pennsylvania and from Pennsylvania State University in the class of 1939 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. For the next three years he was associated with his father in the life insurance business at Altoona, Pennsylvania, after which he served one year in the Army Air Force as a corporal. Since 1943 he has been associated with N. W. Mizell and L. S. Faville in the funeral directing business, and became a member of the firm in December 1959. At the beginning of this association Mr. Zern attended the University of Minnesota School of Applied Mortuary Science, from which he graduated in 1947. He is a member of the Florida Funeral Directors Association.

In civic life he is a member of the West Palm Beach Rotary Club and was on its board of directors in 1959; is chairman of the 1960 Red Cross fund raising drive of West Palm Beach; a member of the Y.M.C.A., Boy Scout Troop #146, and the American Legion Post #12 of Palm Beach. He belongs to the Sigma Chi fraternity; is a member of Harmonia Lodge #138, F. and A. M., West Palm Beach; a member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing of America; and a trustee, elder and choir member of the First Presbyterian Church. Tennis and swimming are his preferred recreations.

On September 4, 1946, in West Palm Beach, William R. Zern, Jr. married Eileen Davis, daughter of Joseph and Mildred (Reed) Davis. Mrs. Zern is a graduate of Palm Beach High School, Palm Beach Junior College, and Florida State University. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Zern in West Palm Beach. They are:

1. Michael, born September 29, 1948;
2. James Kenneth, born December 8, 1950;
3. Carol, born January 14, 1952;
4. Marsha, born February 6, 1959.

GEORGE LEONARD PINK

Conducting a general practice of law in West Palm Beach since 1949, George Leonard Pink has made his home in Florida since 1945, when he came here following his service in the Army in World War II and took up the study of law at the University of Florida, where he met his wife, a native of West Palm Beach. Mr. Pink, a Republican, is a candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives of the Florida State Legislature, representing Group One of Palm Beach County. He was appointed a United States Commissioner in 1958.

Georg L. Pink was born in Superior, Wisconsin, May 20, 1918. His father, Ralph J. Pink, a native of Wisconsin, now deceased, was an engineer for the Great Northern Railroad. His mother, Edna LeBlanc Pink, is living in Superior, Wisconsin. George graduated from Superior Central High School in 1938 and from the University of Wisconsin in 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. From October, 1942, to April, 1945, he served in the United States Army Transportation Corps, entering as a private and leaving with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Coming to Florida after the war, he entered the Law School of the University of Florida and received his LL.B. degree in 1949. He was admitted to the Florida bar that year and opened his office in West Palm Beach. He is a member of the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association and a past secretary-treasure of the latter group.

During his college career Mr. Pink became a member of the Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity and Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, and is a past president of the Palm Beach County chapter of the University of Florida Alumni Association and a past district vice-president

of the Alumni. In local civic and social circles he is a member of the board of directors and was chairman of the professional division of the Community Chest; is vice-president of the Executive Club of South West Palm Beach, a past president of the South West Palm Beach Exchange Club, a member of the American Legion Post of Lake Worth, the South Olive Parent-Teacher Association, the Flotilla Club, and the Episcopal Church. For recreation he likes golf, baseball and all sports.

In Fernandina, Florida, on September 2, 1945, George L. Pink married Helen Ross, daughter of Gus and Sarah (Greene) Ross of West Palm Beach. She graduated from Fernandina High School in 1942 and from the Florida State University in 1945 with a Bachelor of Science degree, then proceeded to earn a Master of Arts degree from the University of Florida, which she received in 1949. Her Master's thesis, now at the University of Florida, with a copy at Fort Clinch Historical Museum, Fernandina, has for its subject the history of Amelia Island, Florida. Mrs. Pink is now an instructor at Forest Hill High School and is past president of the United States Panhellenic Society of West Palm Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Pink have three children:

1. Peggy Jo Ann, born September 5, 1948, in Jacksonville.
2. George I., II, born January 24, 1951, in West Palm Beach.
3. Deborah Jayne, born August 31, 1954, in West Palm Beach.

In connection with his candidacy for the State Legislature, Mr. Pink is a strong advocate of reapportionment of representation, based on population, and of the necessary revision of the State Constitution to accomplish this end. He would call for continued increase in state road funds, based on the needs of the county, and especially for funds for new roads to Belle Glade and Pahokee from West Palm Beach. He would support the creation and establishment of a state university at Boca Raton; stricter laws governing the purchase of fire arms; and a Conciliation Court to help save marriages.

ROBERT CLIFTON BECKS

A member of the firm of Northwood Funeral Home since its inception in 1955 and serving as its secretary-treasurer since then, Robert Clifton Becks was formerly with the Mizell, Simon and Faville Funeral Home in West Palm Beach.

Born in Daytona Beach, Florida, April 17, 1924, he is the third generation of native Floridians in his family. His paternal great-grandfather, Rev. Berrien W. Becks, a Baptist minister and native of Scotland, settled in Palatka, Florida, and preached there most of his life. He married Esther Wethersly, a native of South Carolina. Robert Lee Becks, father of Robert Clifton, was born in Palatka April 23, 1866, and died at Daytona Beach in 1941. He was a general contractor and was very active in the Florida Carpenters' Union. An ardent Mason, he helped found two Masonic lodges. He married Effie Dora Clifton, who was born in Clifton, Florida, July 22, 1886. Her father, Henry J. Clifton, was born in Baldwin, Florida, in 1846. He served in Company H, Second Florida Cavalry, in the Civil War, and in his time was the largest rancher in North Florida. His wife, Effie's mother, was Martha Blackwelder, who was born in Clifton, Florida, in 1857.

Robert Clifton Becks attended the North Ridgewood Grammar School and Mainland High School, both in Daytona Beach; Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania; Stetson University at DeLand, Florida; and the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science at Dallas, Texas. During World War II he was a tail gunner on a B-17 in the Army Air Corps with the rank of corporal.

Starting when he graduated from college, he worked as an assistant with Mizell, Simon and Faville until 1955, when the Northwood Funeral Home was opened at 5608 Broadway in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Becks is a member of the American and the Florida Funeral Directors Association and is now vice president of the Palm Beach County Funeral Directors Association.

Actively participating in the civic and social life of his community, he is a member and past director of the Riviera Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member and past president of the Riviera Beach Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Retarded Children's Association, a member of the Florida Sheriffs' Association, and of the following social groups: B.P.O.E. Lodge #1352 of West Palm Beach, American Legion Post #268 of Riviera Beach, Pi Kappa Phi college fraternity, North Palm Beach Country Club, the Flotilla Club (now on the House Committee), the Baptist Church and its Finance Committee. He is interested in all sports.

On October 4, 1947, at Daytona Beach, Florida, Robert Clifton Becks married Glory R. Newcomb, daughter of William Lee and Gladys (Barnum) Newcomb of Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Becks was born in Buffalo January 13, 1925, and graduated from Clarence High School in 1942. General Henry Barnum of the Union Army in the Civil War was her great-grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Becks are the parents of three children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Robert Lee Becks, born July 10, 1952.
2. Stacy Ray Becks (a girl), born June 9, 1954.
3. Gary Martin York Becks, born March 11, 1958.

ROBERT ALISON KELLY

A Certified Public Accountant by profession and a teacher of Accounting, Robert Alison Kelly of Boynton Beach is also something of a musician. He plays a tenor saxophone in a professional dance orchestra.

Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1919, he is a son of Charles Peck Kelly and Alice (Eager) Kelly, both living; his father in Birmingham, Alabama, his mother in Philadelphia. His father, a welder by trade, writes by avocation and is the author of a scientific book concerning the phenomenon of sleep which will shortly appear on the book stands.

Robert Kelly graduated from high school in Bristol, Tennessee, in 1937, attended Hampden-Sydney College at Hampden, Virginia, for two years (1938-40), and the University of Virginia (1940-42), from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. He studied Accounting through the University of Chicago's LaSalle Extension, graduating in 1950, and continued his study at the Baltimore College of Commerce, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1951. In February 1952 he received his Maryland C.P.A. certificate. From 1953 to 1955 he taught Dale Carnegie courses at the Baltimore Institute.

It was in 1955 that he came to Florida, settling at Boynton Beach, and now resides at 130 Northwest Fifth

Robert A. Kelly

Avenue. He got his Florida C.P.A. certificate by reciprocity in 1958 and opened a private practice of Accounting in Boynton Beach in November of 1959. In February, 1960, he began teaching Accounting in the evening courses at the Palm Beach Junior College.

Mr. Kelly is a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; a charter member and second president of the Palm Beach Chapter of the National Office Management Association; a member of the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce; the East Coast Estate Planning Council; the Boynton Methodist Church; the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing and the Society of Musical Enthusiasts.

He was married at Baltimore, Maryland, March 30, 1945, to Barbara Jane Shackley, daughter of Brooks and Myrtle (Davis) Shackley. The Kellys have a daughter, Suzanne Lucinda, born June 21, 1950; and a son, Robert Brooks Kelly, born October 2, 1959.

WILLIAM G. LASSITER, JR.

Vice president of William G. Lassiter Co., Inc., general contractors in West Palm Beach, William G. Lassiter, Jr. is continuing in the business with his father, which was established here in 1946.

The senior William G. Lassiter was born in Hartford, Alabama. After serving his apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade, he came to West Palm Beach in 1928 and for eighteen years worked as Maintenance Superintendent for the Flagler System at the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida. He then went into business for himself as a general contractor. The firm was incorporated in 1958 when Mr. Lassiter's son entered the business.

William G. Lassiter, Jr. was born in West Palm Beach November 16, 1929. His mother was Avalon Woodham Lassiter, a native of Ozark, Alabama. William Jr. graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1947, attended the University of Tennessee two years, and graduated from the University of Florida in 1951 with a B.B.C. degree (Bachelor of Building Construction). From 1951 through 1955 he was employed by the Construction Division of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours company at the Savannah River plant in Georgia. From 1955 to July of 1958 he was General Superintendent of Construction for John A. Robbins Co., Inc., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, building shopping centers. He joined his father as vice president of W. G. Lassiter Co., Inc., in July, 1958.

Mr. Lassiter, Jr., is a director of the National Home Builders Association and of the Association of General Contractors, East Coast Chapter, and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He did military service in the Army Reserve Corps from 1950 to 1958, with the rank of Sergeant first class. In Aiken, South Carolina, he joined Alepha Lodge #156, F. and A. M., and is a member of all Masonic bodies up to and including the 32nd degree of the Scottish Rite at Columbia, South Carolina. He is a member of the Southside Kiwanis Club and a deacon of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach. Golf is his recreation.

In West Palm Beach on May 30, 1952, William G. Lassiter, Jr., married Priscilla Goehring, daughter of Oscar J. and Lilly (Maier) Goehring of Aurora, Illinois, where she was born. She is a graduate of Palm Beach High School. The Lassiters now have three children:

1. Lori Ann, born June 1, 1954, at Aiken, South Carolina.
2. Patti Kay, born August 22, 1958, at Aiken, S.C.
3. Deborah Lynn, born November 12, 1959, at West Palm Beach.

HAROLD T. GOFFE

Harold T. Goffe, realtor of Palm Beach, has roots in pioneer Florida. He is a third generation resident of the state and a second generation native. His father, John Allen Goffe, who died in 1940, was a native of Lemon Bay, above Charlotte Harbor on the west coast of Florida, where he was a wholesale fish dealer. John Allen's father, William Goffe, was born in Georgia but spent 85 years of his long span of life on the West coast of Florida. He was a pioneer rancher there. Bertha Dancy Goffe, Harold's mother, was born in Arlington, Georgia, and came to Florida with her father, who was a merchant on the west coast, where he settled in 1896.

Harold Goffe was born at Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, December 9, 1916. He graduated from Oceanside Junior College, Oceanside, California, and attended the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., for two years. Enlisting in the United States Marine Corps June 8, 1938, he was discharged as a Master Sergeant in October 1945, having served in the South Pacific with the Marine assault troops in the capture of the Marshall Islands.

Following his discharge from the Marine Corps after the termination of World War II, Mr. Goffe served in the police force at Sanford, Florida, for one year, then at Belle Glade and Pahokee for two years, and was a member of the Palm Beach Police Department from 1948 to 1952. In 1952 he entered the real estate business in Palm Beach, with his office at 361 South County Road, and has carried on a successful business in this field since then. He specializes in investment properties, vacant commercial property and acreage.

He is a member of the Palm Beach Board of Realtors, the Palm Beach Realty Listing Bureau, Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach Executives Club, the Islanders Club, and the Baptist Church.

Mr. Goffe married Bonnie West of Eaton, Ohio. There are four children:

1. Nancy Diane, born in 1948 at Fort Pierce, Florida.
2. Harold T., Jr., born in 1949 at Pahokee, Florida.
3. Randy LeRoy, born in 1955 at West Palm Beach.
4. Kenneth Allen, born in 1957 at West Palm Beach.

LEWIS E. KELLER

The founder and president of Keller Construction Company of Palm Beach, Lewis E. Keller seems to be a young man with the Midas touch. Although he came to this state only three years ago (1957), his construction company is big business, with several sizeable jobs completed and at least two large-scale ones under way. Mr. Keller is also president of Bishop and Coll Lumber Company, formerly of New York, now located in Palm Beach; a director of M. A. Gesner Insurance Company of West Palm Beach, a subsidiary of Flynn, Harrison and Conroy of New York City; and owner of a farm at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

He was born in Norfolk, Virginia, January 31, 1923, son of Roscoe J. Keller, a retired United States Government employee, and Augusta (McClean) Keller, who died in March 1958. Lewis graduated from Maury

High School in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1942, and attended Duke University, completing a course in Business Administration there in 1946. Meanwhile he served in the United States Navy V-12 Program from 1943 to 1945. From 1945 to 1950 he was employed by the John W. McGrath Corporation of New York City (the largest stevedore company in the world) as assistant manager at their ports of Norfolk, Virginia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1950 Lewis Keller purchased an interest in Bishop and Coll Lumber Company of New York, a wholesale lumber company, and later purchased the remaining interests of this company. In 1952, with his associate John Aragona, he established himself in the general construction business in Norfolk, Virginia, where his company, the Norfolk United Builders, erected 4,000 homes.

Looking for greener fields, he came to Palm Beach in 1957 and formed the Keller Construction Company. His first major project was the development of Gun Club Estates, three miles west of West Palm Beach. Nine months after the start of this project every one of the 268 homes was completed and sold.

This success brought Lewis's older brother, Albert, to join him as general manager of the company in 1958. Albert had received a degree in Business Administration from Duke University in 1935 and had gone on to get a Master's degree and a degree from a theological school. Ideally equipped by training and temperament for personnel work, he had served, among other firms, the Fairchild Aircraft Company and the National City Bank of New York.

Together Lewis and Albert successfully developed Seminole Manor at Lantana and Delray Manor. They are now engaged in the construction of 1,000 homes in a development near Orlando, and are building the first 1,000 homes in the modern self-contained city being created by Lefcourt Realty Corporation, called Royal Palm Beach, located west of West Palm Beach and near the Sunshine State Parkway. The homes in this development represent maximum quality at a minimum cost, and took some figuring on the part of the Keller brothers. They are proud of what they have achieved. Their skill has brought them state and national awards.

Lewis Keller is a member of White Sulphur Springs Golf Club at Greenbrier, West Virginia; the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club of Virginia Beach, Virginia; the Winged Foot Golf and Country Club of Mamaroneck, New York; the Seminole Club, the Everglades Club, and the Coral Beach Club of Palm Beach; Kappa Alpha college fraternity, and the Episcopal Church. His recreation is golf.

At Williamsburg, Virginia, on October 2, 1951, Lewis E. Keller married Rosalie J. Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Jenkins of Norfolk, Virginia. She is a graduate of Maury High School of Norfolk, Virginia, and of the Norfolk branch of William and Mary College. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have two sons, both born in White Plains, New York:

1. Lewis E. Keller, Jr., born April 7, 1952.
2. John Frederick Keller, born December 13, 1954.

NORMAN NUGENT ROBSON

Practicing his profession as an architect in West Palm Beach since 1952, Norman Nugent Robson, partner in the firm of Robson and Gesbocker, is active in professional and civic groups in his community.

He was born in Coshocton, Ohio, January 12, 1925, son of a manufacturer, Harry D. Robson, and Phedora (Timmons) Robson. He graduated from Willoughby High School in Willoughby, Ohio, in 1941, and attended the Case Institute, studying engineering. In 1943 he enlisted in the United States Army, was commissioned a lieutenant, and served as commanding officer in an Engineers Port Construction and Repair group in the Pacific theater of operations. During a part of his three years in the Army he attended the Louisiana State University Engineering School, and when out of the Army, in June of 1946, returned to the Case Institute to continue his studies in Engineering for another year. From September 1947 to January 1948 he took a Liberal Arts course at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, and starting in January 1948 spent two years at the Western Reserve University School of Architecture. From 1950 to 1952 he was employed by the National Broadcasting Company, New York City, as a scenic designer.

He came to West Palm Beach in 1952 and for the next three years was associated with various architects in Palm Beach County. In 1955 he opened a private practice in Architecture in West Palm Beach and in November 1959 formed the partnership with John B. Gesbocker.

Mr. Robson is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Florida Association of Architects; the National Association of Home Builders; a director and charter member of South West Palm Beach Rotary Club; member of West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce; former member of Palm Beach County Resources and Development Board; and a member of the First Unitarian Church. He plays golf for recreation and is a sports car racing enthusiast and former racing driver.

Mr. Robson was married in West Palm Beach in November 1953 to Margaret Wood Doty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Doty of Oelwein, Iowa. Mrs. Doty's maiden name is Wood. Margaret Doty graduated from Oelwin High School and from Iowa State Teachers College in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She taught in the public schools of West Palm Beach prior to her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Robson have three children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Ann Wood Robson, born October 6, 1954.
2. Marilyn Dean Robson, born May 26, 1958.
3. John Dever Robson, born January 14, 1960.

GEORGE O. WRIGHT

Chairman of the Board of Wright and Seaton, Inc., of West Palm Beach, whose business is general insurance and bonds, George O. Wright came to this city in 1924.

He was born in Fort Valley, Georgia, March 30, 1894, son of William C. Wright and Helen M. Mathews, both natives of Fort Valley, where his father was a fruit grower and druggist.

George graduated from Fort Valley High School in 1910 and from Emory College, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1914. For ten years following his graduation from college (excepting his time in military service) he was associated with his father in the fruit growing business. During the first World War he served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps, from 1917 to 1918, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. In 1924 he came to West

Palm Beach, Florida, and entered the insurance field. With Mr. Clyde Seaton, who is now president, he formed the firm of Wright and Seaton in 1935.

Mr. Wright is a trustee and member of the official board of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach. He is a director of the Security Exchange Bank of West Palm Beach, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, and a director of the Y.M.C.A. of that city. He has been a member of the American Legion for forty years, and of Post #12 since coming to West Palm Beach. He also holds membership in Fort Valley Lodge #110, F. and A. M., all York Rite bodies of Masonry up to and including the Knights Templar, and in the Temple Shrine of Macon, Georgia.

At Dayton, Tennessee, on January 28, 1918, George O. Wright married Patsy Hoyal, who graduated from Sayre College, Lexington, Kentucky, took post graduate studies at Columbia University and the University of Chicago, and taught school at Fort Valley, Georgia, before she was married.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have two children:

1. Barbara Hoyal Wright, born at Fort Valley, Georgia, graduated from Palm Beach High School and from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. degree. She married William D. Keliehor of Texas on October 22, 1959, at Gainesville, Florida. Mr. Keliehor is a graduate of Columbia University and did postgraduate work in several universities in Europe. He served in the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific theater during World War II.

2. George W. Wright, born October 10, 1924, at Fort Valley, Georgia, graduated from Palm Beach High School, from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, with a B.S. degree in Business Administration, and is now president of Arnold and Wright, Inc., general contractors of Gainesville, Florida. He married Ann Chillingworth of West Palm Beach, daughter of Judge and Mrs. C. E. Chillingworth, on March 17, 1950. They have four children:

1) Gail, born November 2, 1951, at Tampa, Florida.

2) William, born December 4, 1952, at St. Petersburg, Florida.

3) Jo Ann, born July 30, 1954, at St. Petersburg, Florida.

4) Scott, born October 14, 1955, at Gainesville, Florida.

WILLIAM AMES BENNETT

Prominent in the field of Architecture in Palm Beach, William Ames Bennett is a native of Florida, as are also his parents. His grandfather, William Ames, was tax collector of Leon County in 1895. His mother, Virginia W. Ames, was born in Tallahassee; his father, Samuel (Sam) D. Bennett, in Gainesville. Sam Bennett has been district distributor for Sealtest Milk products at Fort Pierce for the past ten years. Previously he owned and operated an outdoor movie theater at Fort Pierce. Now 71 years old, he has been active in the civic and social life of Fort Pierce since 1924. He is a veteran of World War I and formerly served as Vice Commander of the Fifth District of the American Legion, Department of Florida.

William Ames Bennett, who is known by his second name, was born in Tallahasee February 14, 1921. He attended high school at Fort Pierce; then, from 1939 to 1941, the Marion Institute at Marion, Alabama; from 1941 to 1943, the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; and finally the University of Florida, where in 1950 he received the degree of Bachelor of Architecture. Meanwhile he served in the United States Navy during World War II and is a retired lieutenant (j.g.) in the Civil Engineers Corps.

Mr. Bennett began his career as an architect as assistant to Paul E. Kohlef, Jr., in Palm Beach in 1950, and remained with Mr. Kohler for two years. During 1952-53 he was associated with Edgar S. Wortman until, in 1953, he opened his own practice in Palm Beach.

Among Mr. Bennett's principal works are:

The Edward Merrick Apartment Building, Lake Worth (1953); The Walker Residence, Palm Beach (1954); F. W. Woolworth Shopping Center, Fort Pierce (1956); The First Church of God, West Palm Beach—Church and Sunday School Building (1957); D. & C. Packing Corporation—tomato packing and processing plant, near Lantana (1957); Lake Shore High School, Belle Glade—plant includes cafeteria, gymnasium, classrooms, music building, industrial arts, etc. (1958); Republic Carloading & Distributing Company Warehouse, West Palm Beach (1958); Arthur Pincourt Residence, Palm Beach (1959); Enid Haupt Residence, Palm Beach (1959).

Mr. Bennett is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Florida Institute of Architects, and is listed in the American Architects Directory. In civic and social activities he is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Palm Beach (1960 secretary), The Islanders Club, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, where he teaches eighth grade Sunday School. He is interested in all sports and is a member of the Youth Baseball Association of the Palm Beaches. In the summer he serves as coach of the Worth Avenue Little League baseball team and manager of the Alfar Pony League.

In West Palm Beach on August 29, 1944, William Ames Bennett married Margaret Elizabeth ("Bettye") Myers, daughter of Zed and Pearle Oliver Myers. A graduate of Palm Beach High School, Mrs. Bennett also attended the Sullins School at Bristol, Tennessee, and before her marriage was a very talented ballet dancer. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are the parents of five children:

1. Lucy Lee, born November 20, 1945, now attending Central Junior High School, West Palm Beach.

2. Zed Myers Bennett, born February 25, 1948.

3. William (Bill) Ames Bennett, Jr., born August 28, 1953.

4. Margaret Elizabeth ("Monnie"), born May 7, 1956.

5. Richard Lauchlin, born December 29, 1957.

All the children were born in Palm Beach.

JOHN ROY NORVELL

The Sheriff of St. Lucie County, now in his second term in that office, has been in law enforcement since 1938, when he joined the Fort Pierce Police Department as a patrolman. He raises cattle and quarter horses as a hobby and has a nice collection of rifles.

John Roy Norvell was born in Henderson, North Carolina, August 15, 1900. His father, Hugh Ladd Norvell, was born in Mechlinburg County, Virginia, in 1857, and died at Henderson, North Carolina, September 6, 1920. His family had been slave owners in Virginia and he owned a plantation and fought in the Confed-

Estelle P. Norvell

erate Army. John Roy's mother was Minnie Melvin Durham. She died in Henderson in 1958.

John received his education in the public schools of his home town and at Horner College there, which he attended for four years, and then worked in a drug store in Henderson. He came to Jensen, Florida, in 1924 and operated a filling station and tourist quarters there with the late W. G. Padrick, Sr. In 1928 he moved to Fort Pierce, and he and Mr. Padrick operated Padrick's Tourist Court and Padrick's Filling Station on the new highway U.S.I., north of Fort Pierce, where Padrick Chevrolet is located today.

Having joined the police force in 1938, Norvell was Assistant Chief in 1947 and for six years thereafter served as Acting Police Chief. Under Civil Service his rank was Captain. He resigned in 1952 to run for the office of Sheriff, to which he was elected, and was re-elected in 1956 for another four-year term.

It was in 1938 that Mr. Norvell became interested in cattle and began keeping a herd on leased land, which he still does. His cattle are a commercial herd of a mixed Brahman type. He is a member of St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association and Florida Catlemen's Association.

Sheriff Norvell is a member of the National Sheriffs' Association and the Florida Sheriffs' Association, and is now director of the Boys Ranch maintained by the Florida Sheriffs' Association at Live Oak. He is a member of Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge #1520, Moose Lodge of Fort Pierce, the Oddfellows of Fort Pierce, Masonic Lodge #87, Lake Worth Consistory and Mahi Temple Shrine at Miami. He is also a member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce, in which his wife has taught Sunday School for about twenty-five years.

At Newbern, North Carolina, on November 3, 1922, John Roy Norvell married Vivian Estelle Padrick, who was born at Kinston, North Carolina, August 28, 1899. They have six children:

1. Charles Lanie, born August 10, 1923, at Henderson, N.C.
2. John R. Jr., born June 9, 1926 at Jensen, Florida.
3. Ann, born February 25, 1932 at Ft. Pierce, Florida.
3. Pat, born November 30, 1933 at Ft. Pierce.
4. William Grayson, born April 25, 1936 at Ft. Pierce.
6. Kathrine Joy, born January 20, 1943 at Ft. Pierce.

His three sons all played football for St. Lucie County High School, from which they graduated. The oldest son, whose hobby is golf, is his Chief Deputy Sheriff.

ERNEST "BEN" WALTON, JR.

In the construction and real estate development business in Palm Beach since 1925, E. B. Walton, Inc., was established by E. B. Walton, Sr., who is still president of the firm. His son, E. Ben Jr., has been vice president since 1945.

Born in Glens Falls, New York, July 31, 1920, Ernest Benjamin Walton, Jr. was brought to Florida as a young child. His mother was Julia Hall. He graduated from the Bolles School in Jacksonville in 1939 and attended Davidson College at Davidson, North Carolina, for two years. From 1941 to 1945 he served in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II.

Upon his return to civilian life in 1945, he entered his father's business as vice president of the firm. Since then he has had the management of the Construction and Property Management Division of E. B. Walton, Inc. He has under his direct management 45 offices and a number of commercial properties. In the past eight years he has supervised the construction of seven motels, three office buildings, many fine residences, store buildings, and a sizeable volume of repair work. The volume of construction work supervised by him during this eight-year period runs into the millions. He also operates and supervises three automobile parking lots.

Mr. Walton is a member of the Association of General Contractors. In civic work he is a member of the Rotary Club of Palm Beach, which he served as president in 1960-61; is secretary of the Palm Beach Playground Commission for the Town of Palm Beach; a member of the Finance Committee and a vestryman of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of West Palm Beach; and has been active in Boy Scout work for many years. His hobby is golf.

He was married at West Palm Beach on October 29, 1947, to Josephine McNeil, who was born in Southport, Connecticut, daughter of R. C. and Mildred (Hermann) McNeil. Mrs. Walton graduated from Palm Beach High School and from Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Virginia, in the class of 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ben Walton, Jr., are the parents of six children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Susan, born in October, 1948.
2. Josephine ("Dede"), born in July, 1950.
3. E. Ben III (Ben), born May 9, 1952.
4. Robert (Bob), born March 17, 1954.
5. Nancy, born January 23, 1957.
6. Stephen (Steve), born April 23, 1959.

WILLIAM P. WALTON

Working with his father and older brother as a member of the construction firm of E. B. Walton, Inc., of Palm Beach, William P. Walton supervises the operation of a chain of motor lodges in Florida and two in North Carolina.

Son of E. B. and Julia (Hall) Walton, he was born July 31, 1927, in Glens Falls, N.Y., and graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1945. After serving two years in the Navy he entered the University of Florida and was graduated in 1951 with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering.

During his childhood and youth his summers were spent at Glenburnie Club and Cottages on Lake George, New York, where his father owned and operated a summer hotel and resort. Here Bill Walton acquired his first knowledge of the hotel business.

The first, original Mt. Vernon Motor Lodge was built by E. B. Walton, Inc. in 1941. While in high school and during the summer while attending college, Bill worked as a bell boy, maintenance man, yard man, clerk and assistant manager of the Mt. Vernon Motor Lodge in West Palm Beach and Daytona, thus acquiring a thorough knowledge of the operational end of the motel business.

From 1952 to 1954 he worked as sales trainee and field engineer with the Florida Ford Tractor Company of Jacksonville. In 1954 he joined his father's firm as secretary. During the construction of the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge at Fayetteville, North Carolina, in 1954, Bill worked with the foreman on the job and after its completion took charge of the opening of the lodge and the training of the manager and staff. Since then he has supervised the operation of six motor lodges built by E. B. Walton, Inc., including one in

Miami, the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Ocala, completed in 1957, the Jacksonville Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, which was opened in April of 1960, and the Heart of Palm Beach Motor Hotel, opened in February, 1961.

Mr. Walton is now chairman of Howard Johnson's National Motor Lodge Council, representing 112 motor lodges, and is past president of Florida Motel Association, representing 5,500 motels in Florida. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Florida Motel Association, Palm Beach County Chapter; a member of the American Motor Hotel Association, the National and Florida Hotel Association, the Hotel Sales Management Association, and the Advisory Council of the Hotel and Restaurant Commission of the State of Florida. He was formerly a director of Superior Courts United.

Active in the civic and social life of his community, he is on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club and the Board of Directors of the YMCA; a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the Masons and Elks, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of West Palm Beach, and is a Boy Scout leader.

William P. Walton was married June 9, 1950, to La Rosa Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vaughn. Mr. and Mrs. Walton are the parents of two children:

1. William P. Walton, Jr.
2. James Vaughn Walton.

E. ELLIOTT GROSS

The president of E. Elliott Gross and Associates, Inc., registered civil engineers and land surveyors, has been successfully carrying on his own engineering business for the past twenty years in West Palm Beach. His family are among the oldest residents of that city, having moved there in 1890.

Son of Edward Gross and Kate Elliott, he was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, August 2, 1904. His mother was born in Sheffield, England, on July 8, 1876, and died at West Palm Beach. His father, born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, is residing in West Palm Beach. An accountant, he is still practicing his profession and plays golf every day. Mrs. Gross, Elliott's mother, was a Christian Science practitioner.

E. Elliott Gross graduated from Palm Beach Central High School in the class of 1923 and attended the University of Florida for two and a half years. From 1923 to 1927 he was employed in the engineering department of the City of West Palm Beach, and from 1927 to 1940, when he established his own firm, was associated with various engineering firms in West Palm Beach. He now serves as City Engineer of Pahokee, Florida.

Mr. Gross is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society, the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge #1352, Moore Haven Lodge #61, F. and A.M., Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Mahi Temple, and the Episcopal Church. He served in the National Guard from 1920 to 1928. Swimming is his favorite recreation.

He was married in Jacksonville, Florida, August 2, 1923, to Imogene Anthony, daughter of Mrs. Ida (Windham) Anthony of Reynolds, Georgia. Mrs. Gross graduated from Reynolds High School in Georgia, from Georgia State College at Milledgeville with a B.A. degree, and earned an M.A. degree at Johns Hopkins University. She is now head of the science department of the Graham-Eckes School in Palm Beach and is a retired science professor from Palm Beach Junior College, where she taught science when the school was first organized.

A daughter, Evelyn Elliott Gross, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gross in West Palm Beach December 7, 1924. She graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Goucher College at Baltimore, Maryland. On November 6, 1942, she married James D. Carlton of Cumberland, Maryland. Mr. Carlton is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, in the class of 1948, with a B.E. degree. He served in the Army in World War II, from July 1942 to 1946, in the Chemical Warfare Service in the European theater; was promoted from private to captain, and awarded the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Ribbon. He is now associated with Mr. Gross in the engineering business, and is Town Engineer of the Town of Juno and Lake Clarke Shores. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society, and the West Palm Beach Rotary Club. Bowling and swimming are his hobbies.

The Carltons have two children:

1. Kathryn Gene, born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 17, 1944. She is now Mrs. Richard L. Porter. She and her husband live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
2. James Elliott Carlton, born in West Palm Beach October 1, 1947.

EDGAR GLENN HAMILTON

Trial lawyer of West Palm Beach, Edgar Glenn Hamilton has been practicing law in that city continuously since 1934, excepting his time in military service. His practice has taken him into more than half of the states in the Union and into a number of foreign countries. Mr. Hamilton is prominent in legal circles in Florida and has been interested in and a part of almost every phase of Florida development.

He was born in Abbeville, Wilcox County, Georgia, January 2, 1911, son of Dolphin Davis Hamilton, a native of Butler, Georgia, now retired, and Rachel Elizabeth (Mauldin) Hamilton, who was born in Irwinville, Irwin County, Georgia, March 27, 1885, and died August 19, 1959.

Edgar Hamilton attended elementary school in Abbeville, Georgia, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1928, and received his legal education in law offices. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1934, the Florida District Courts in 1936, and the United States Supreme Court in 1937. He was attorney for the Town of Lake Park, Florida, and for ten years served as Special Counsel for the Commissioner of Revenue and as Associate to the Attorney General of Florida.

A member of the Palm Beach County Bar, the Florida Bar, the Federal Bar, and the American Bar Association, he is Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and a member of the Public Relations Committee of the Florida Bar Association. He is also on the Speakers Committee of the Florida Bar Association and is a lecturer on Trial Techniques and other subjects.

His interest in other than legal affairs includes the developing of citrus groves, cattle ranches, farming, water control, land development and ramie. He is now president of the East Coast Land and Cattle Company, Inc., and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pierce Florida Ramie, Inc.

During World War II Mr. Hamilton served in the

United States Marine Corps Reserve from November 11, 1942, to January 15, 1946. His political affiliation is Democratic, and he is a member of the Northwood Baptist Church and the Coral Beach Club of Palm Beach.

In West Palm Beach on March 17, 1934, Edgar Glenn Hamilton married Iva Leone Carroll, who was born September 7, 1913, in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana. Her father, Delamere Northrup Carroll, was born in Door Village, Indiana, and died ten years ago at the age of 79. Her mother, Gertrude Belle Carroll, was born in Indiana September 6, 1888.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are the parents of two sons and, at the present time, two grandsons. They are:

1. David Jan Hamilton, born in West Palm Beach September 21, 1936. He graduated from Palm Beach High School, attended Stetson University, and is now plantation foreman at Pierce Florida Ramie, Inc. His son, Edgar Jan Hamilton, was born October 16, 1956, in Ocala, Florida.

2. Glenn Chrystie Hamilton, born December 7, 1939, in West Palm Beach. He graduated from Palm Beach High School and Palm Beach Junior College. Glenn Chrystie, Jr., was born in West Palm Beach March 1, 1958.

VINCENT J. O'HARA, JR.

Since it is true that, from time immemorial, wines and liquors have been considered an essential part of gracious living, it is not unfitting that the fine homes of Palm Beach should have a source of supply in their vicinity. Filling such a need is the establishment of Vincent J. O'Hara, who came to Palm Beach in 1944 and opened his store there on July 1st of that year. Since the retirement of his father in 1955, Vincent J. O'Hara, Jr. has continued its operation.

Son of Vincent J., Sr. and Beatrice A. (Houlihan) O'Hara, he was born in Binghamton, New York, on July 6, 1922. He attended the Union Endicott High School in Endicott, New York, the Vestal Central School in Vestal, New York, and Niagara University at Niagara Falls, New York, from which he was graduated in the class of 1944. Meanwhile, from 1942 to 1945, he served as a radar instructor in the United States Army with the rank of corporal. After the termination of World War II he joined his father in business in Palm Beach.

Mr. O'Hara is treasurer of the Palm Beach Rotary Club for 1960-61, a member of the Islanders Club, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Edward's Catholic Church.

At Vestal, New York, on February 14, 1942, he married Marjorie McWilliams of that town, daughter of William and Genevieve (Carrigg) McWilliams. She also is a graduate of Union Endicott High School of Endicott, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara are the parents of seven children, the oldest born in Binghamton, New York, the other six in West Palm Beach. They are:

1. Judith Margaret.
2. Susan Joyce.
3. Diane Mary
4. Vincent J., III
5. Timothy John.
6. Michael Patrick
7. Kevin William

ROBERT LEE EARNEST

Robert Lee Earnest has practiced law continuously in his office on the seventh floor of the Guaranty Building, West Palm Beach, since 1924. Mr. Earnest, who was chosen as the outstanding citizen of West Palm Beach for the year 1932, comes from old Florida stock. His grandfather, Edward Earnest, settled in Kissimmee in 1867, and his mother's father settled in Naples in 1885.

He was born in Punta Gorda, Florida, June 9, 1898, son of R. L. Earnest and Leonora Gertrude (Ehney) Earnest. His mother died October 28, 1926; his father on October 2, 1927. R. L. Earnest was a merchant in West Palm Beach, where he moved with his family in 1921.

Robert Lee Earnest graduated from Putnam High School, Palatka, in 1915, attended Stetson University in 1915-16, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1922 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1924. He was president of the student body in 1923-24, first president of the Florida Blue Key (1923-24), a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi honorary scholastic fraternity, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Alpha Phi Epsilon, and the Literary and Debating Society of the University of Florida.

Admitted to practice law in Florida May 28 1924, he has carried on a general practice since then and is now senior member of the law firm of Earnest, Pruitt, Newell and Schulle. From November 1, 1929, to November 1, 1945, he served as United States Commissioner, and since 1950 has served continuously as chairman of the Draft Board. He is a member of the American, the Florida State, and the Palm Beach County Bar Associations, past vice president of the latter, and is also a member and past vice president of the International Association of Insurance Counsels.

Mr. Earnest served as a lieutenant in the Infantry of the United States Army in World War I and is a member of the American Legion Post #12 of West Palm Beach; also a member of Elks Lodge #1352, the West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club, the Tuscawilla Club, the Tequesta Country Club, and the Baptist Church.

He was married in Smithfield, North Carolina, June 9, 1927, to Lucy Virginia Turnage, daughter of Bert and Lula (Talton) Turnage. Mrs. Earnest was born in Smithfield, North Carolina, and graduated from Oxford College, Oxford, North Carolina. A daughter and a son were born to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest in West Palm Beach.

Virginia Allen Earnest, born January 27, 1929, attended Stuart Hall, a preparatory school for girls at Staunton, Virginia, Brenau College at Gainesville, Georgia, and the University of Florida, from which she graduated with a B.A. degree in 1951. On June 5, 1953, she married William H. Pruitt, a law partner of her father. He had his pre-law education at the University of Florida and received his LL.B. degree from the University of Miami. He served in the United States Marine Corps in the Korean War and is at present a captain in the Marine Reserve. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt have two children: William Earnest Pruitt, born in September 1954, and Virginia Lucy, born in December 1957.

Robert Lee Earnest, III, was born September 14, 1934, graduated from Palm Beach High School, attended the University of Florida three years, and is now

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with Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. He married Ann Taylor of Lake Worth on March 7, 1959, and they have a son, Robert Lee Earnest, IV, born January 15, 1960.

ROBERT H. FIELD

After twenty-seven years with Montgomery Ward Company in various managerial positions all over the country, Robert H. Field came to West Palm Beach, Florida, to settle down, and purchased the Grant Furniture Company, one of the largest and finest firms of its kind in the State of Florida. He is Chairman of the Board of this firm and of the Field Investment Corporation of Palm Beach Shores, and a member of the Board of Palm Beach Apartments, Inc., Palm Beach Shores.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, December 25, 1903, he is a son of Dennis and Emma (Seick) Field, both natives of Ohio. His father, who died in 1947, was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in its Communication Division over a period of forty-seven years. His mother died in 1952.

Robert Field graduated from Grandview High School, Columbus, Ohio, in 1918 and attended Ohio State University for three years. From 1922 to 1924 he served as secretary to the Superintendent of the Dining Car Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and from 1924 to 1927 as secretary to the Superintendent of Freight of the Hocking Valley Railroad. From 1927 to 1928 he was with S. S. Kresge Company at Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a trainee.

His long association with Montgomery Ward Company began in 1928 as a trainee. During that year he lived in Zanesville, Ohio, Elkhart Indiana, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Chariton, Iowa. In 1929 he was appointed Store Manager at Lebanon, Indiana; in 1933, made Manager at Burlington, Iowa; in 1935, Manager at Clinton, Iowa; in 1936, Manager at LaCrosse, Wisconsin; 1937, Assistant District Manager at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 1938, District Manager at Grand Island, Nebraska; 1939, District Manager at St. Paul, Minnesota; 1940, Regional Operating Manager for the Northwest Region; 1941, Regional Personnel Manager with headquarters in New York City; 1943, Retail Sales Manager at the New York buying office; 1946, Regional Manager of the Southwest Territory, and moved to Kansas City; 1951, moved to New York City as East Coast Regional Manager. After four years in this last named position he resigned from the Montgomery Ward Company and came to Florida, only to begin a new career.

Mr. Field is a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Retail Furniture Dealers Association and the Board of Directors of the Retail Merchants Division of Palm Beach County; a member of West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club, North Palm Beach Country Club, and the White Temple Christian Church.

He was married in Covington, Kentucky, in September of 1921, to Margaret Higbee, daughter of Charles E. Higbee and Maude Major of Chicago. Mrs. Field is a graduate of Lebanon High School, Lebanon, Indiana, and of Butler University of Indianapolis, Indiana. A daughter, Margaret (Peggy) Jayne Field, born in Lebanon, Indiana, in September 1922, graduated from Summit High School at Summit, New Jersey, attended Cedarcrest School for Girls at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the University of Missouri. She married Charles R. Willits of Kansas City, Missouri, who also is a graduate of the University of Missouri. He served as a Navy Pilot in World War II. They have four children: Robert, Susan, Richard, and Lyle.

P. CARLTON LISSENDEN

The founder and president of P. C. Lissenden Company, Inc., General Contractors, West Palm Beach, comes from a family of shipbuilders and in his youth became a full fledged shipwright. He was engaged in the construction business for seventeen years before coming to Florida in 1940.

Born in Mariner's Harbor, New York, January 23, 1898, P. Carlton Lissenden is a son of Jesse H. and Mary Catherine (Mott) Lissenden, both of whom were born on Staten Island, New York. His mother died in 1933; his father in 1938. The father and his ancestors spent most of their lives in the shipbuilding industry.

P. C. Lissenden graduated from Curtis High School, New York City, in 1915. After serving as a landsman in the quartermaster department of the Navy in World War I, honorably discharged in March 1919, he attended the Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, New Jersey, for two years. As a young man he worked at various occupations. He was a clerk for Muller Schall Company, brokers in New York, and for Guaranty Trust Company, New York. His apprenticeship in the shipwright trade he served at Brewer Dry Dock Company, New York, and obtained a journeyman's rating.

In 1923-24 he worked with the Lehigh Valley Railway survey crew in the construction of the railway's ore terminal at Jersey City harbor. At that time he became associated with Elliot C. Brown, Engineer and Contractor, New York City, as general superintendent of construction, and remained with that concern until he came to Florida in 1940.

In November of 1940 Mr. Lissenden came to West Palm Beach to take charge of the original construction of Morrison Field air base for Cleary Brothers Construction Company and Watt and Sinclair Company. In July 1941 he became general superintendent for Cleary Brothers Construction Company in the construction of Hendrick's Field at Sebring. Following that job he took part in the construction of Camp Murphy at Jupiter and was general superintendent for the construction of the Boca Raton air field, still working with Cleary Brothers.

In October 1941 he organized his own firm of general contractors, which was incorporated in 1946. The following is a partial list of outstanding jobs that P. C. Lissenden Company has handled:

1. Carlton Hotel, Palm Beach.
2. Palm Beach Crippled Children's Society Building.
3. Palm Beach Private School Auditorium.
4. First Baptist Church of Fort Myers, Florida.
5. Walgreen's Drug Store, West Palm Beach.
6. Surf Theater, West Palm Beach.
7. Riviera Theater, Riviera Beach.
8. Remodeling Palm Beach County Court House.

During World War II Mr. Lissenden did construction work for the United States Government all over South Florida. In 1952 he was president of the Florida East Coast Chapter of the Association of General Contractors of America. He was president of the West Palm Beach Rotary Club in 1956-57 and is a member of the West Palm Beach and Jupiter Chambers of

Commerce. He has been a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church for nine years, and is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Boating is his recreation.

Mr. Lissenden was married at Naples, New York, on December 27, 1924, to Augusta Tyler, daughter of Charles M. and Mary (Luther) Tyler. Mrs. Lissenden graduated from Naples High School, attended the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, and graduated from the Juilliard School of Music, New York. She was employed as Director of Music in the schools of Lafayette, Alabama, for two years; in Scarsdale, New York, for two years; and in New York City for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lissenden are the parents of two children.

1. John Carlton Lissenden, born March 27, 1926, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1944 and from the University of Florida in 1950 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. He served in the Army in World War II as a Technician 4th Class, from 1944 to 1946, in the Pacific theater. He is now associated with his father in business as assistant secretary of the firm.

On September 25, 1955, at Avondale Estates, Georgia, he married Billie Lewis Lyons, daughter of E. M. and Maye (Allen) Lewis. She is a graduate of Edison High School, Miami. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lissenden have three daughters: Diane, Dona, and Kathy.

2. Mary Lou Lissenden, born November 16, 1929, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1947 and from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Before her marriage she devoted her time to Girl Scout Administration.

On September 5, 1952, she married Oliver L. Young, Jr., of West Palm Beach. Mr. Young is a graduate of Riverside Military Academy, Jacksonville, and attended Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, and the University of Florida. During the second World War he served in the Military Police in the Mediterranean theater.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have three children:

1. Margaret Susan, born March 22, 1954.
2. Carlton Earl, born December 15, 1956.
3. John David, born September 16, 1957.

Margaret Susan and John David were born in Highlands, North Carolina, where the family resides. Carlton Earl was born in West Palm Beach, Florida.

CLIFFORD JESSE LISSENDEN

Like his brother Carlton, Clifford Jesse Lissenden, secretary-treasurer of P. C. Lissenden Company, Inc., had considerable experience in construction work before coming to Florida, including twelve years at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyards, where he was head Naval architect.

He was born at Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, New York, on October 25, 1905, son of Jesse H. Lissenden and Mary Catherine Mott. He graduated from Curtis High School in 1922, from the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture, New York, in 1926, and from the University of Michigan in 1928 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. For the next three years he was assistant construction superintendent for Elliot C. Brown Company, New York, and from 1931 to 1933 was construction superintendent for Oliver Brothers Construction Company of Oyster Bay, New York. His connection with the Bureau of Ships at Philadelphia Naval Shipyards, where he held various engineering positions and was head Naval architect, began in 1934 and continued until 1946. In September of 1946 he came to West Palm Beach and entered his brother's contracting business.

He is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society, the Exchange Club of West Palm Beach, and the First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach. Swimming and boating are his favorite recreations.

On June 29, 1929, he married Nellie E. Warren of Staten Island, New York, daughter of James W. and Nellie (Musselman) Warren. She is a graduate of Curtis High School, New York, Maxwell Training School for Teachers, New York City, and the Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, North Carolina, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Education in 1959. Mrs. Lissenden now teaches in the West Palm Beach City school system.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lissenden are the parents of four children:

1. Janice Bothwell Lissenden, born May 22, 1930, at Syosset, Long Island, New York, graduated from Woodbury High School, New Jersey, and Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Science degree. She married Raymond J. Impara of Yonkers, New York, and they have two children: James Vincent, born in 1956, and Peter Clifford, born in 1958.

2. Clifford Jesse Lissenden, Jr., born May 10, 1935, at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, graduated from Palm Beach High School and from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, and is now with Allis Chalmers Corporation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On February 6, 1960, he married Barbara Haugh of West Palm Beach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haugh.

3. James Warren Lissenden, born June 20, 1939, at Woodbury, New Jersey, graduated from Palm Beach High School, Palm Beach Junior College, and is now attending the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

4. Laurel Anne, born July 19, 1940, at Woodbury, New Jersey, graduated from Palm Beach High School and is now attending the College Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio. She married Thomas J. Widlar of Cleveland, Ohio, on April 9, 1960.

GILES ANTHONY PRENDERGAST

The President of Grant Furniture Company of West Palm Beach, Giles Anthony Prendergast, served his apprenticeship in the merchandising of furniture in Chicago, starting at the age of eighteen. Subsequently he was with Montgomery Ward Company in many locations across the country for a period of seventeen years. In 1955, in association with Mr. Robert H. Field, he purchased the Grant Furniture Store and has been President of the company since then. Mr. Prendergast has been active in the civic affairs of his community, here and elsewhere.

He was born July 30, 1906, on the family farm in Streeter, Illinois, where his ancestors on both sides of the family had settled. His mother, Elizabeth Cane Prendergast, now eighty-four, is living in Chicago with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Quillan. His father, Richard G. Prendergast, died in 1944. He was a farmer in his earlier years and later ran a Pop manufacturing

business in Streeter, Illinois, under the name of Marilla Spring Water and Pop Company.

Giles Anthony Prendergast graduated from Rock Island High School in 1924 and began serving his apprenticeship in the furniture business in Chicago. Five years later, in 1929, he became Manager of the Aurora, Illinois, branch store of Hartman Furniture Company, and remained there until 1933, when he resigned to accept a position with Montgomery Ward Company. After a short training period he was assigned as Manager of the branch store at Valley City, North Dakota; later promoted to Manager at Mason City and Des Moines, Iowa. In 1938 he was made District Manager for Montgomery Ward in the St. Paul District, covering Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the upper peninsula of Michigan. In 1945 he was appointed Assistant Regional Manager for the New York Region in charge of merchandise, with headquarters at New York City. In 1947 he became General Personnel Manager at New York, and finally General Manager of the New York City store. He resigned from the Montgomery Ward Company in 1950 to become President of the Grand Leader Department Store at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and remained there until he came to Florida in 1955 and joined Mr. Field in purchasing the Grant Furniture Company.

Mr. Prendergast is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club; president of the 1961 Community Chest and chairman of the Community Chest Drive for 1960. In Fort Wayne, Indiana, he was president of the Downtown Merchants Association and a member of the lay board of St. Joseph's Hospital. He is a member of St. Juliana Catholic Church in West Palm Beach. Golf is his hobby.

Mr. Prendergast was married in Chicago October 6, 1928, to Mildred Fisher, daughter of William and Mary Frye Fisher. She received her education through high school in the public schools of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Prendergast are the parents of two daughters and a son.

1. Mary Ann Prendergast, born in Aurora, Illinois, February 22, 1931, graduated from Oak Knoll Academy, Summit, New Jersey; attended Hofstra College, Long Island, New York, and the College of St. Theresa at Winona, Minnesota. She is a graduate X-Ray technician. Mary Ann married Gervais Herman in 1954 at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and they have three children: Stephen, Sandra, and Judith.

2. Richard Prendergast, born in Des Moines, Iowa, November 22, 1934, graduated from Central Catholic High School at Fort Wayne and from the University of Indiana in 1955 with a degree in Business Administration. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He served his training period at Marshall Fields department store in Chicago and became associated with the Grant Furniture Company in 1958. As a part of his training, he attended the Art Institute in Chicago, taking a course in Interior Decorating. Richard married Sophie Regas in Chicago. She also is a graduate of the University of Indiana. They have a son, Michael, born in West Palm Beach.

3. Paula Prendergast, born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 8, 1943, has been attending St. Ann's High School in West Palm Beach.

SAMUEL D. PHILLIPS, JR.

A partner in the law firm of Phillips and Hathaway, Samuel D. Phillips, Jr., has been successfully conducting a general practice of law in West Palm Beach since 1948. His father, Samuel D., Sr., is a realtor and builder in Lake Worth, where he brought his family from Ohio in 1924. Sam Jr.'s mother, the former Blanche Harris, died in 1936 and is buried in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Sam Phillips, Jr. was born in Akron, Ohio, May 8, 1920. He graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1937, attended Palm Beach Junior College in 1939-40, and finally, after his military service, graduated from the University of Florida in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law degree. He was admitted to the practice of law in the state of Florida the same year. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the Army Air Forces in Europe and America, with the rank of Captain on leaving the service.

Mr. Phillips is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association; past president of the Lake Worth Exchange Club, a member of American Legion Post #12 and of the Methodist Church. He finds relaxation in a variety of sports.

In West Palm Beach on September 15, 1951, Samuel D. Phillips, Jr. married Lois Garland of West Palm Beach, daughter of Perry and Billie (Jennison) Garland. She graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Stetson University. Sam and Lois Phillips are the parents of two daughters, born in West Palm Beach: Caroline, on June 17, 1957; Patricia, on May 29, 1959.

EDWARD C. PETERS

The former owner, president and treasurer of E. C. Peters, Inc. of West Palm Beach, manufacturers of reconstructed and ornamental stone and stone products, has been with this business (formerly Mizner Products, Inc.) since he came to Florida in 1925.

Edward C. Peters was born February 19, 1902, at Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, son of Albert E. and Mary A. (Goodwin) Peters. His mother died in 1948. His father, a former gardener, long retired, is living in West Palm Beach.

Edward attended public school in Manchester-by-the-Sea and graduated from Burnett's Business College, Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1919. For the next five years he was a clerk for a Boston stockbroker, Tucker Anthony and Son.

Coming to West Palm Beach in 1925, he was employed by Mizner Products, Inc. as plant manager and later became treasurer of the firm. In 1945 he purchased the interests of this company and changed the name to E. C. Peters, Inc.

On July 1, 1960, the company was sold to Hubert String but continues to operate under the name of E. C. Peters, Inc. Mr. Peters is vice-president of the newly organized firm, which employs about forty people.

He is a member of the Associated General Contractors of America; the United States Chamber of Commerce, Florida State Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach County and West Palm Beach Chambers of Commerce. He is a charter member and a member of the board of directors of the West Palm Beach South Rotary Club; a member of Elks Lodge #1352, the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and United Commercial Travelers of West Palm Beach. Amateur photography is his hobby.

E. C. Peters

Mr. Peters was married in Beverly, Massachusetts, June 24, 1925, to Ruth Scott, daugher of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, and a graduate of the public schools of Manchester-by-the-Sea. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have a daughter and two grandchildren. Their daughter, Virginia Arnold (Peters) McNair, was born in West Palm Beach November 15, 1926. She graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1944, from Palm Beach Junior College in 1946, and married David McNair of West Palm Beach in October 1953. Mr. McNair served in the Army Air Force in World War II as a Flight Officer and pilot of a B-29. The two children of Virginia and David McNair are: Robert Andrew, born March 19, 1949, in Fort Lauderdale; Judy Beth, born February 24, 1955, in Palm Beach, Florida.

ROBERT H. ZIMMER

The president and general manager of Zimmer Advertising, Inc. of West Palm Beach, Robert H. Zimmer, is a go-getter type of young man with an unusual record of awards for activities of a public service nature.

Born in Lakewood, Ohio, August 2, 1928, he is the son of a retired advertising executive, John A. Zimmer, and his wife, Adelia (Hermann) Zimmer.

Bob Zimmer graduated from Lakewood High School in the class of 1946 and from Yale University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950. During his first six years out of college he was treasurer of Central Outdoor Advertising Company, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio. He came to West Palm Beach in 1956 and established Zimmer Advertising, Inc., which has been the medium of much of his public service.

A member of the Florida State and West Palm Beach Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce, he received the Certificate of Accomplishment from the Junior Chamber in October 1959 and was its Jaycee of the Month for February, 1950. He also received the Award of the Year from the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce in April 1960. In addition he has received certificates of achievement in recognition of outstanding services from the United States Army Recruiting Service, the United States Marine Corps, and the Florida National Guard; and his advertising company received an award and citation of merit from the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc.

Mr. Zimmer is a member of the Advertising Federation of America, the Palm Beach County Resources and Development Board, the West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club, and is a director of the Y.M.C.A. and Community Chest of West Palm Beach. He is of the Lutheran faith, and as yet unmarried.

JAMES T. WADSWORTH

Operating an insurance agency in West Palm Beach since 1951 and a real estate brokerage since 1954, James T. Wadsworth first came to Florida in 1947, visiting his mother-in-law in Hollywood, and was so favorably impressed by the state that he sold his real estate interests in Connecticut and moved to Florida.

Mr. Wadsworth was born in the Bronx, New York City, June 10, 1909, son of Eugene M., an interior decorator, who died in 1920, and Laura Ann (Archer) Wadsworth, who died in September 1953. He graduated from Richmond Hill High School, Long Island, New York, in 1926. From 1927 to 1931 he was a runner on Wall Street, a stock board operator for C. L. Manson, Inc., and was with Chase National Bank. During the depression, from 1931 to 1936, he worked on various jobs, such as home maintenance and repairs, painting and decorating—anything to make an honest living during that difficult period.

In 1936 he moved to Clinton, Connecticut, and worked for Pond's, the cosmetic company, in various capacities, including manufacturing chemist. In 1940 he moved to Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he was employed by Pratt and Whitney, serving as a supervisor and group leader in the manufacturing division and later transferred to the experimental department with a specialist's rating in hand and bench operations.

While working for Pratt and Whitney Mr. Wadsworth made his start in the real estate business in East Hartford, Connecticut, as a side line, and in 1944 resigned from the company to become a full time real estate broker. As already mentioned, after his visit to Hollywood, Florida, in 1947 he sold his business in Connecticut and moved to Hollywood, where he passed the examination and met other requirements to operate as a real estate salesman and general insurance agent.

In 1951 he sold his Hollywood interests and moved to West Palm Beach to establish an insurance agency there, at the same time operating in the real estate field as sales manager for Ross Consruction Company, Belvedere Homes Subdivision, and sold several hundred homes for that development. Sales management for other builders followed and eventually, in 1954, he established his own private business as a realtor and general insurance agent. Mrs. Wadsworth is also a licensed insurance agent, including life, health and accident insurance. The Wadsworths have been district managers for the North American Assurance Society of Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Wadsworth is a member of the Florida and West Palm Beach Real Estate Boards, a charter member of the Independent Mutual Insurance Association, and a member of the Florida Association of Mutual Insurance Agents. He belongs to the Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and St. Juliana's Catholic Church of West Palm Beach.

On July 7, 1937, in the Bronx, New York, James T. Wadsworth married Elizabeth A. Donohoe, daughter of Walter and Mary (Sheehan) Donohoe. They have three sons:

1. James T. Wadsworth, Jr., born in Clinton, Connecticut, May 12, 1938. He graduated from St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach, attended Palm Beach Junior College, and served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He is a licensed electrician, plumber and general contractor and is engaged in the general contracting business in Palm Beach County. He married Joyce Benton of West Palm Beach, a graduate of Palm Beach High School, and they have a daughter, Laura Lee, born June 27, 1959.

2. Walter Emory Wadsworth, born in Hartford, Connecticut, September 17, 1941. He graduated from St. Ann's High School and attended Palm Beach Junior College, interrupted by his enlistment in the Marine Corps Reserve Training Program at Parris Island, from which he graduated April 22, 1960. After another six weeks with the Marines he returned to Palm Beach Junior College to continue his education as an architectural engineer and commercial artist.

3. Joel Stuart Wadsworth, born in Hartford, Connecticut, January 26, 1948. He is a graduate of Holy Name Parochial School, West Palm Beach, entering St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach.

ALAN J. HUNTER

In the general contracting business in the Palm Beach area since 1946, Alan J. Hunter is a native of Louisville, Kentucky, where he was born April 1, 1924, son of Paul A. Hunter, a retired manufacturer, and Mahala (Knoechelmann) Hunter.

He attended Dupont Manual High School at Louisville in the class of 1942 and entered the United States Navy, in which he served as an Aviation Fire Controlman first class in the Pacific theater of operations in World War II, and was honorably discharged in November 1945.

The following February, 1946, he came to West Palm Beach, Florida, and entered the general contracting business, in which he has been increasingly successful. He now has an office in the Armour Building, 205 Worth Avenue, Palm Beach. His company has built schools, stores and warehouses in Palm Beach County, and his most recent job is the construction of the Minneapolis Honeywell engineering plant at West Palm Beach.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post #12, and the First Church of God in West Palm Beach.

He was married at Klamath Falls, Oregon, April 28, 1945, to Juanita Florence, daughter of Albert and Pearl (Thurman) Florence, and a graduate of Ahrens Trade School, Louisville, Kentucky. They have three sons, born in West Palm Beach:

1. Gregory, born February 25, 1948.
2. Jeffrey, October 22, 1950.
3. Durwood, April 22, 1954.

ROBERT L. NESBITT

The president of the South Florida Bottling Company, Inc. of West Palm Beach, Robert L. Nesbitt, has a distinguished background.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1926, he is a son of William Proctor Nesbitt, a native of Kentucky, who was a general contractor in Chicago prior to his death in 1939; and of Dr. Marjorie Rodgers Nesbitt, a native of Chicago and a practicing physician there. His mother received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northwestern University in 1926 and her M.D. degree from Loyola University Medical School in 1932, and interned at the American Hospital in Chicago. She specializes in Psychiatry and is a member of the American Board of Psychiatrists. Dr. Nesbitt intends to move to Coral Gables, Florida, and to take the Florida State Medical Board examination to practice her profession in Florida.

Robert L. Nesbitt graduated from the exclusive Groton School in Groton, Massachusetts (a school for which students must be registered at birth and which has former Presidents of the United States among its alumni). He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Massachusets Institute of Technology in 1949 and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard University Business School in 1951. During World War II he served in the United States Army on an Alaskan assignment.

Coming to West Palm Beach in 1951, he purchased the Orange Crush Bottling Company, which with expanding business became, in 1953, the South Florida Bottling Company, Inc.

Mr. Nesbitt is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of West Palm Beach, Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and the Sons of the American Revolution, to which he is entitled through his father's ancestry. He attends the Lutheran Church.

He was married in West Palm Beach December 31, 1952, to Carolyn Klain, daughter of Dr. Jules and Edith (Siedel) Klain of Philadelphia. Mrs. Nesbitt attended Syracuse University and Miami University. The Nesbitts now have three children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Marjorie Eve, born November 17, 1954.
2. Karen Maria, born November, 1956.
3. William Proctor, born March 1, 1960.

HAROLD J. POWERS

A business and tax consultant in West Palm Beach since 1948, and an Internal Revenue Service enrollee, Harold ("Hal") J. Powers was born on a farm in Eaton County, Michigan, March 11, 1905, son of Earl J. Powers, a farmer, and Nancy Mae (Parker) Powers. Both parents are deceased.

He attended Crewe High School in Crewe, Virginia, and graduated from Mount Dora High School in Mount Dora, Florida, where he won a Lincoln Essay award and a scholarship to Rollins College. His family had moved to Florida in 1922. From 1924 to 1926 he attended Rollins College at Winter Park, Florida, and became a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity there.

During the depression years that followed, Mr. Powers did various jobs, and in 1932 established a laundry and dry cleaner brokerage business in Sanford, remaining in that town until 1941. At the outbreak of World War II he moved his family to Sebring, where he enlisted in the Army Air Force, served from October 1941 to July 1945, and was discharged with the rank of staff sergeant.

Immediately following his discharge from the Army he accepted a position in Civil Service at Sebring as an instructor in accounting systems. In November 1945 he was transferred to Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, where he remained as Administrative Assistant in Air Installation until this unit was de-activated in March of 1948. At that time he established his present business. He was auditor for the town of Lake Park from 1948 to 1952.

Mr. Powers has devoted a great part of his life to civic activities. He is a member of West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Sanford, Florida, past director of the Resources Development Board of Palm Beach County, a past director of the Red Cross of Palm Beach County, president of the West Palm Beach Downtown Lions Club (1961-62), and since 1948 has been treasurer of Lions Industries for the Blind. He is a past commander of the Flotilla Club, a member of American Legion Post #12 since 1945, a member of Elks Lodge #1352, and of the Union Congregational Church of West Palm Beach since 1932. His recreation is fishing.

In June 1933, at Sanford, Florida, Harold J. Powers married Theodora Louisa Miller, daughter of Dr. Oliver J. Miller, a prominent surgeon of Sanford, and Jessie (MacDonald) Miller. The Powers have two children, Theodore and Elizabeth, and seven grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Powers reside in their own home at 3830 Eastview Avenue, West Palm Beach.

W. NORMAN BELL

Bellhouse Aluminum Windows, Inc., manufacturers of louver windows of various types and sliding glass doors, located in West Palm Beach, was established in 1952 in a two-car garage with a capital of $11,000. Today the business occupies four buildings with a floor space of 72,000 feet, employs over 100 persons, and is worth close to a million dollars.

One of the founders, W. Norman Bell, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, May 31, 1911, son of Warner H. Bell, who died in 1957, and Lena Rice Cogswell Bell, who died in 1949. The family moved to West Palm Beach in 1925, and Norman graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1930.

For the next fifteen years he was a mechanic in engineering and building-construction work, and during World War II was pre-flight maintenance engineer at Boca Raton. After the war he served an apprenticeship in the manufacture of aluminum windows and doors until he was ready to establish his own business in 1952.

Mr. Bell is a member of the Aluminum Window and Door Manufacturers Association of Florida, Associated General Contractors, Florida Homebuilders Association and National Homebuilders Association; the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Florida State Chamber of Commerce; the West Palm Beach Exchange Club; and Unity Church of the Palm Beaches. Swimming is his recreation.

In Fort Pierce on August 30, 1932, W. Norman Bell married E. Frances Jordan, daughter of William M. Jordan, a farmer of Huntsville, Alabama, where she was born, and of Jessie (Mallett) Jordan. Frances Jordan graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1931. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are the parents of the following ten children:

1) William N. 2) Francis J. 3) James L. 4) Charla E. 5) Thomas W. 6) Jay M. 7) Burton C. 8) Norma Jean 9) Jessie Frances 10) Linda.

Francis J. and Charla E. were born in Huntsville, Alabama, the rest in West Palm Beach. William, Francis, James, Charla, Thomas, and Jay graduated from Palm Beach High School and all of these except Thomas also graduated from Palm Beach Junior College. William, Francis, and James attended the University of Florida. All the sons and Charla are associated with their father's business at the present time. William, James, and Charla are married and there are three grandchildren so far: Brian Bell, Norma Lynn and Donna Jean Bell.

WILLIE UHLFELDER

The president of Willie's Transfer and Storage and Palm Beach Window Cleaning Company, Willie Uhlfelder is also, with his brother Martin, owner of Home Care Inc. Mr. Uhlfelder actively participates in local government and public service organizations.

Born in Erlangen, Germany, March 13, 1916, he is a son of Joseph and Frcida (Flink) Uhlfelder, both victims of the concentration camps of World War II in Germany.

Educated in the public schools of Germany, he came to the United States in 1934 and attended night school at Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, while employed in the stock room of Rich's Department Store. From 1937 to 1939 he was on the road as a furniture salesman, and from 1939 to 1941 was manager of the men's shoe department of the Surprise Stores, Inc. in Tallahassee.

He came to West Palm Beach in 1941 and worked in Gruner's Department Store as a salesman until he entered the United States Army in 1942. For the duration of the war he served in the Intelligence Department and was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of sergeant.

Returning to West Palm Beach, he established Willie's Transfer and Storage in 1946. In 1952 he purchased the Palm Beach Window Cleaning Company, which had been established in 1930, and in 1956 he and his brother opened Home Care Service.

In 1958 Mr. Uhlfelder was appointed as a member of the West Palm Beach Traffic Committee and, having been re-appointed, is presently chairman of the committee. He served as a city commissioner by appointment from January 1st to April 1960.

As a member of the Lions Club of the Palm Beaches, he received an Achievement plaque for 1955 and 1956. He is also a member of the Palm Beach and West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of West Palm Beach, the Southeastern Warehouse and Movers Association, the Movers and Warehousemen's Association of America, the American Legion Post #12 of West Palm Beach, the Traffic Club of Palm Beach County and West Palm Beach Police Department.

He is president of Temple Israel of West Palm Beach and a member of its board of directors since 1952; vice president of the Southeastern Reform Hebrew Congregation since 1959; vice president of the South Florida Council of the Reform Hebrew Congregation; and a member of B'nai B'rith. Fishing is his recreation.

On January 1, 1942, at West Palm Beach Willie Uhlfelder married Selma Held Schloss, daughter of Solomon and Johanna (Held) Schloss of West Palm Beach. She is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and attended Florida State University at Tallahassee. Mr. and Mrs. Uhlfelder have three children, born in West Palm Beach:

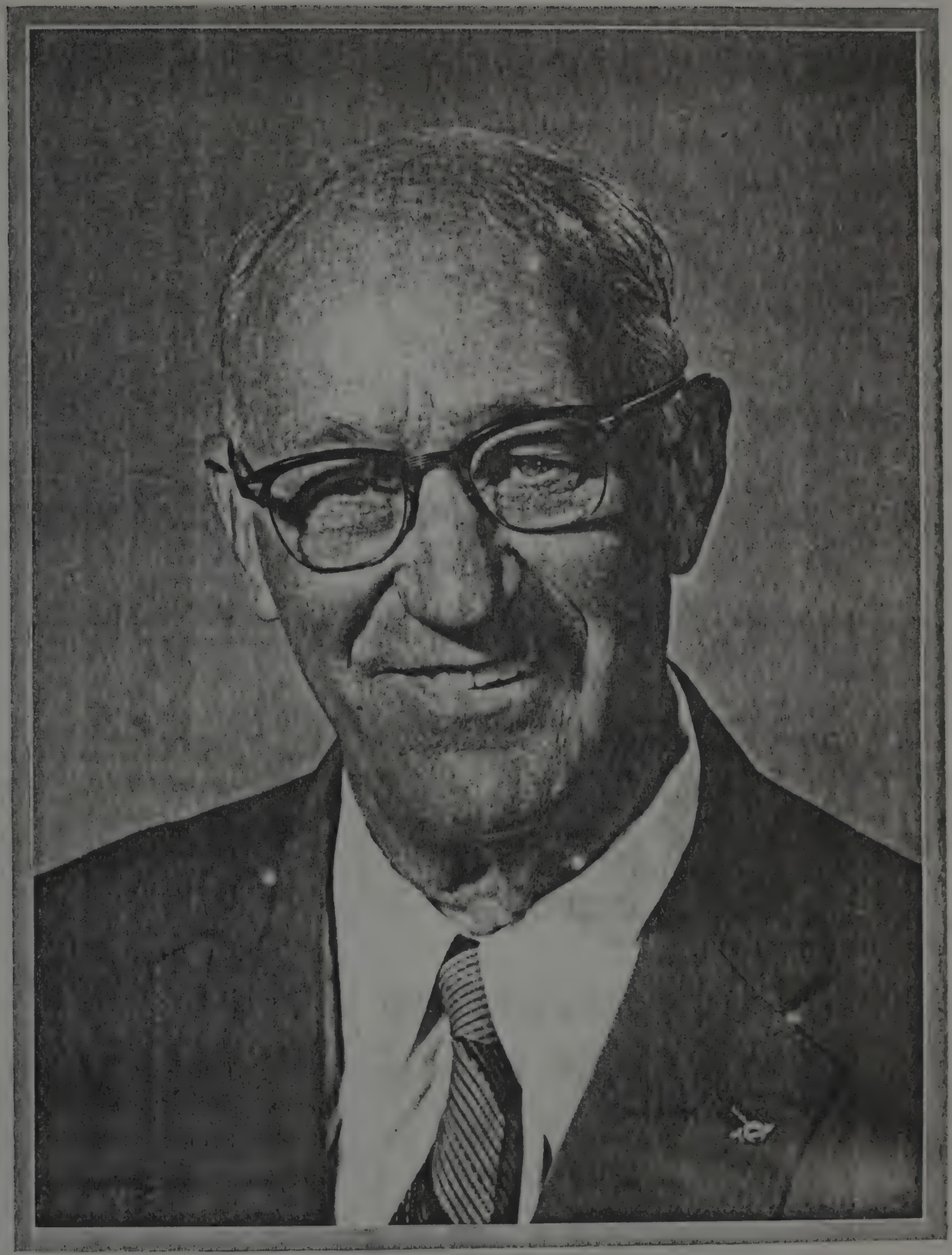
1. Steven Joel, born May 20, 1946; a student at Forest Hill High School.
2. Helene Frances, born June 15, 1948; a student at Conniston Junior High School.
3. David Martin, born April 21, 1951; a student at Southboro Elementary School.

JUDGE E. B. DONNELL

Former Circuit Court Judge E. B. Donnell has been a familiar figure around West Palm Beach for more than forty years. During that period of time in addition to serving on the judicial bench for five years he was a city commissioner for five years and mayor of West Palm Beach for two years. Now in his 80th year, the venerable jurist is still active in his profession.

Son of a Tennessee farmer, James P. Donnell, and his wife, who was Mary Frances Bass, he was born in Wilson County, Tennessee, March 11, 1881. Being 17 years old when the Spanish American War broke in Cuba, he served in that war from 1898 to 1900 and was a corporal on discharge.

He graduated from Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1904 with a Bachelor's degree in Education. A husky six-foot-three 200-pounder, he played football while in college. From 1905 to 1911 he taught school



E B Donnelly

in Louisiana at St. Martinsville and Abbeville and was Superintendent of Schools at Baton Rouge during the last two years of that period.

Coming to Florida in 1911, he entered the University of Florida to study law, received his Bachelor's degree in 1912, and was admitted to practice the same year. For the next five years he practiced law in Jacksonville. In 1917 he was appointed Circuit Judge of the 15th District of the State of Florida, covering Palm Beach County, and held that position until 1922, when he resigned to enter the private practice of law in West Palm Beach.

Judge Donnell, as he is still called, served as city commissioner of West Palm Beach from 1932 to 1937 and as mayor from 1937 to 1939. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and a former lieutenant governor and member of Kiwanis International. He served as Chairman of the State Democratic Committee, 1952-56.

He is a past Master of Barnett Masonic Lodge, Jacksonville, past Potentate of Mahi Temple in Miami, and past Exalted Ruler of the Elks. His church is the Methodist.

In July 1909 at Nashville, Tennessee, E. B. Donnell married Lena Roberts, daughter of Martin S. and Fedonia (Kirby) Roberts. Mrs. Donnell graduated from Peabody College, Nashville, in 1905, and studied art in New York City under Mr. Henri and Mr. Chase, the two most prominent artists in New York during that period.

Judge and Mrs. Donnell are the parents of four and the grandparents of thirteen children.

1. Freda Donnell, born in Baton Rouge in February, 1911, graduated from Palm Beach High School and Vanderbilt University and married Richard L. Gibson of Huntington, West Virginia. Mr. Gibson also is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and was a Commander in the Navy in World War II. They have three children: Alan, now a student at Vanderbilt; Linda, graduating from Palm Beach High School; and Carol, now age seven.

2. Ballard R. Donnell, born in Jacksonville July 17, 1913, graduated from Palm Beach High School and from the University of Florida in 1935 with an LL.B. degree and is now a member of his father's law firm. From 1943 to 1954 he served as vice-consul for the United States Government at London, Burma, Naples and Manila. He married Sonia Cardoso, daughter of the Brazilian minister to Liverpool, England. They have two children, both born in West Palm Beach: Mark, in 1956, and Gezelle, in 1959.

3. Elizabeth Donnell, born in Jacksonville in 1916, graduated from Palm Beach High School and from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. degree. She married Frank Hobson, a graduate of Peabody College with an M.A. degree. They are living in West Palm Beach and have three children: Don, Joe and Beth.

4. Rena Donnell, born in West Palm Beach in July 1917, also graduated from Palm Beach High School and from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. degree, and married Clyde A. Canipe of Charlotte, North Carolina in 1944. Mr. Canipe is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and was a captain in the United States Infantry in World War II. Rena and Clyde have five children: Judy, Kay, Wayne, Sandy and Cindy, the last two twins.

IRVING E. FERRIN

More than forty years in the sign business in West Palm Beach is the record of Irving E. Ferrin, president of Ferrin Signs, Inc.

He was born in Brockport, New York, August 23, 1896, son of Emery E. and Eliza L. (Vickery) Ferrin, his mother still living in Lake Worth at this writing, age 82. His father, who before his retirement was in the shoe manufacturing industry, died in 1954 at the age of 83. The family moved to West Palm Beach in 1914.

Irving Ferrin attended elementary school in Auburn, New York, and high school in Concord, New Hampshire, where he was in the junior class when his family moved to Florida. Starting in 1915, he served an apprenticeship in the sign business with Clarence E. Whipple of West Palm Beach, and was there until he entered the United States Marine Corps as a private in World War I. He was honorably discharged in February of 1919, returned to West Palm Beach, and on July 1st of that year established his own business under the name of Ferrin Sign Service.

Taking an active interest in civic and community affairs, Mr. Ferrin is a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce, the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, American Legion Post #12, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

He was married in West Palm Beach on December 27, 1919, to Estelle Cook, daughter of William and Estelle (Moore) Cook, and a native of Georgia who moved to Tampa, Florida, as a child and received her education in that city's public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrin have four children and ten grandchildren. Their children are:

1. Kathryn, born March 21, 1921.

2. Jean, born November 13, 1922.

3 and 4. Howard and William (twins), born September 17, 1924.

All graduated from Palm Beach High School. Howard served in the Army Air Force and William served in the Infantry in World War II.

ALBERT G. GODFREY

Associated with the electrical contracting business in West Palm Beach since 1945, Albert G. Godfrey established his own firm in 1954. His father was in the nursery business in Lake Worth, where the family moved from California in 1924. Albert G. was born in San Bernardino, California, January 25, 1921, son of Albert W. (died 1942) and Anna M. (Manion) Godfrey.

Growing up in Lake Worth, Albert G. Godfrey graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1939 and entered the United States Navy on August 15th of that year. There followed six years in the Navy, during which time he served in the American, North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific theaters of operation in World War II and was discharged October 20, 1945, with the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

For the next two years Mr. Godfrey worked in the electrical contracting business with his father-in-law, J. C. McMullin, acquiring experience, and then for one year was with J. R. Hime, another electrical contractor. In 1948 he purchased a half interest in his father-in-law's firm and continued this partnership until November 1, 1954, when he established an electrical contracting business under his own name.

He is a member of Associated General Contractors,

Florida Association of Electrical Contractors, the National Electrical Contractors Association, the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, and National Home Builders; also of West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, St. Juliana's Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. Boating and hunting are his favorite recreations.

In Brooklyn, New York, on December 14, 1942, Albert G. Godfrey married Margaret D. McMullin, daughter of J. C. and Mary E. (Owen) McMullin. Mrs. Godfrey is a graduate of St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach, and of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, Jacksonville, and is a registered nurse. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey in West Palm Beach. They are:

1. Albert G., Jr., born August 1, 1945, a student at St. Ann's High School.

2. Joseph C., born October 23, 1948, a student at Holy Name School.

3. Martha Claire, born April 5, 1951, a student at Holy Name School.

4. Mary Margaret, born September 22, 1956.

5. Delores Ann, born August 5, 1958.

CHARLES D. AKES, M.D.

Conducting a general practice of medicine and surgery in Boynton Beach since 1952, Dr. Charles D. Akes has not limited his interest to this field of service, and in November 1959 was a successful candidate for a seat on the Boynton Beach City Council.

A son of Bert and Clela (Wescott) Akes, he was born in Xenia, Illinois, June 18, 1919, and spent his early life on his father's farm in southern Illinois. Both his parents are living on the old homestead in Xenia.

Following his graduation from high school in Flora, Illinois, in 1937, he went to Teachers College at Charleston, Illinois, where he received a B.A. degree in Education in 1947, his education having been interrupted by World War II, during which he spent five years in the United States Air Force. After returning from military service and completing his course at Teachers College, he continued his education at the University of Illinois, where he received a B.S. degree in Chemistry and his M.D. degree in 1951. There followed a year of internship at the Tampa Municipal Hospital in Tampa, Florida, before he came to Boynton Beach in 1952 to start his practice. He is an active member of the Palm Beach County and the Florida Medical Society and is on the staff of Bethesda Memorial Hospital and Palm Beach General Hospital at Lake Worth.

Dr. Akes took no previous part in politics but has been active in civic affairs. He served as chairman of the local TB X-Ray drive, chairman of the local Blood Bank drive, and for three years was chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee of the Kiwanis Club. He is presently a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks, the Chamber of Commerce, the Volunteer Fire Department, the Country Club of Florida, and the Methodist Church. His favorite recreation is golf.

Mrs. Akes, who was Margaret (Peggy) Dodds, daughter of Allen and Ada (Peck) Dodds of Vermont, is also active in civic affairs and is a member of the local Business and Professional Women's Club. She is a former nurse. Dr. and Mrs. Akes are the parents of two children: Terry, and Andy. Dr. Akes has two other children, Danny and Linda, by a previous marriage.

JAMES D. TAYLOR

After twenty years in the savings and loan business in North Carolina, James D. Taylor came to Florida and opened a similar business in Riviera Beach, where he now presides over several financial operations.

Mr. Taylor was born in Williamston, North Carolina, August 29, 1899, son of William J. Taylor, a native of North Carolina who was a farmer and sawmill operator, and of Martha Mizell Taylor, who is still living in Williamston.

James Taylor graduated from Belhaven High School in 1916, and the following year went to work for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company at Atlanta, Georgia, as an office boy. He was with Southern Bell for eighteen years and during the course of that time rose to the position of traveling auditor for the company in the state of Louisiana.

In 1935 he entered the savings and loan business as State Examiner for the state of North Carolina, continuing in that capacity until 1950, when he was Chief Examiner. In 1950 he entered the First Savings and Loan Association of Mebane, North Carolina, as secretary-treasurer, and when he left there in 1955 he was executive vice president.

Coming to Riviera Beach in 1955, Mr. Taylor opened the Community Federal Savings and Loan Association there and served as president until he retired in 1959, retaining his position as a director of the business. In January of 1960 he organized the Riviera Securities and Loan Corporation, Palm Beach Associates, Inc., and the Riviera Insurance Agency, and now serves as president of these corporations. He is also a director of the Home Owners Life Insurance Company of Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Taylor is a member and past director of the Riviera Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Exchange Club, of Elks Lodge #2069 of Riviera Beach, and the Methodist Church. Fishing and travel are his hobbies.

He was married at Raleigh, North Carolina, March 29, 1941, to Clara Cross, daughter of Henry S. and Laura A. (Hillburn) Cross, both deceased. Mrs. Taylor graduated from Freeport High School and Kings Business College at Freeport, Louisiana.

JOHN ADAIR, JR.

The owner and president of John Adair, Jr. and Associates, Civil Engineers and Surveyors of Lake Worth, has had some valuable experience in engineering during the past ten years and is a registered engineer in the states of Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida, as well as a registered land surveyor in Florida.

Born at Lake Worth June 21, 1927, he is a son of John Adair, Sr., a bricklayer by trade, and Madeline (Duval) Adair, both living in Lake Worth. He graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1945 and from the University of Florida in 1950 with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree.

From 1950 to 1952 he was an engineer with the Tennessee Valley Authority at Knoxville, Tennessee, and from 1952 to 1955 was engineer for S. T. Franklin, a prominent architect of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Returning to West Palm Beach in 1957, he was employed

by Brockway, Weber and Brockway, Civil Engineers and Surveyors, and in 1958 succeeded Chester F. Wright at Lake Worth as engineer and surveyor.

Mr. Adair is a member of the Florida Engineering Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Florida Society of Professional Land Surveyors. He is also a member of Lake Worth Civitan Club and is a Blue Lodge Mason of Palm Lodge, West Palm Beach, and member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite up to and including the 32nd degree.

In Miami on December 23, 1950, he married Marilyn Oxtoby, daughter of T. V. and Opal (Whiteman) Oxtoby of Miami, her birthplace. She graduated from high school in Miami in 1948 and attended the Florida State University. Mr. and Mrs. Adair now have four children:

1. Donald Scott, born April 29, 1952.
2. Cindy Sue, born June 14, 1954.
3. Laurie Jean, born December 7, 1955.
4. Michael John, born September 9, 1958.

CLARENCE CHARLES COSTON

The late president of Clarence Coston, Inc., a plumbing establishment in West Palm Beach, was following his father's line of business when he took up plumbing. The company was established in 1933 and has branches in the Bahamas under the name of Bahamas Limited.

Son of Leslie and Elizabeth Frye Coston, he was born in Birmingham, Alabama, August 7, 1907. His father, a native of Michigan, died in December 1954 in West Palm Beach, where he is buried. His mother was a native of Bellows Falls, Vermont, and died in 1943. The family moved to Miami in 1914.

Clarence Coston attended Central Grammar School in Miami, Miami High School for one year, and graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1926. He served him apprenticeship in the plumbing trade under Usina Plumbing Company of West Palm Beach and from 1926 to 1933 worked for general plumbing contractors of West Palm Beach.

During World War II, from 1942 to 1946, Mr. Coston took a leave of absence from his business to serve as a pilot for Eastern Air Lines. After his father's death in December 1954, he assumed the presidency of Clarence Coston, Inc., with Clarence H. McCall as vice president.

Mr. Coston was a member of the United Association of Steamfitters and Plumbers, Plumbers Local #630, the Association of General Contractors of America, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Quiet Birdmen, West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge #1352, and the Tuscawilla Club. Golf and flying were his recreations.

He was married at St. Ann's Rectory, West Palm Beach, December 12, 1933, to Sarah Lawton of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of James E. and Sarah E. (Mailey) Lawton. Mrs. Coston is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and attended Florida State University.

A son and two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coston in West Palm Beach.

1. Carol Ann, born in September 1935, graduated from St. Ann's School, from Palm Beach High School in 1953, and attended Florida State University. She was State All American University and State High School Diving Champion in 1953. Carol Ann entered the Dominican Order of Sisters at Adrian, Michigan, where she had her religious training, and is now Sister Mary Clarence, stationed at Guayama, Puerto Rico.

2. David Leslie Coston, born March 20, 1937, attended St. Ann's School, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1955, and attended Palm Beach Junior College and Spring Hill College at Mobile, Alabama. He joined his father in business in 1957. On April 20, 1960, he married Susan Flowers of West Palm Beach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Flowers, who graduated from St. Ann's High School in 1956.

3. Linda Chapin Coston, born November 6, 1938, graduated from St. Ann's School and from Palm Beach High School in 1957. She attended St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans, Florida State University, and now resides in Dallas, Texas.

Clarence Coston lost his life May 17, 1960, while piloting a private plane to West End, Grand Bahamas Island, when his plane crashed about a quarter mile off the Bahama shore. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, West Palm Beach.

GEORGE H. BOUTWELL

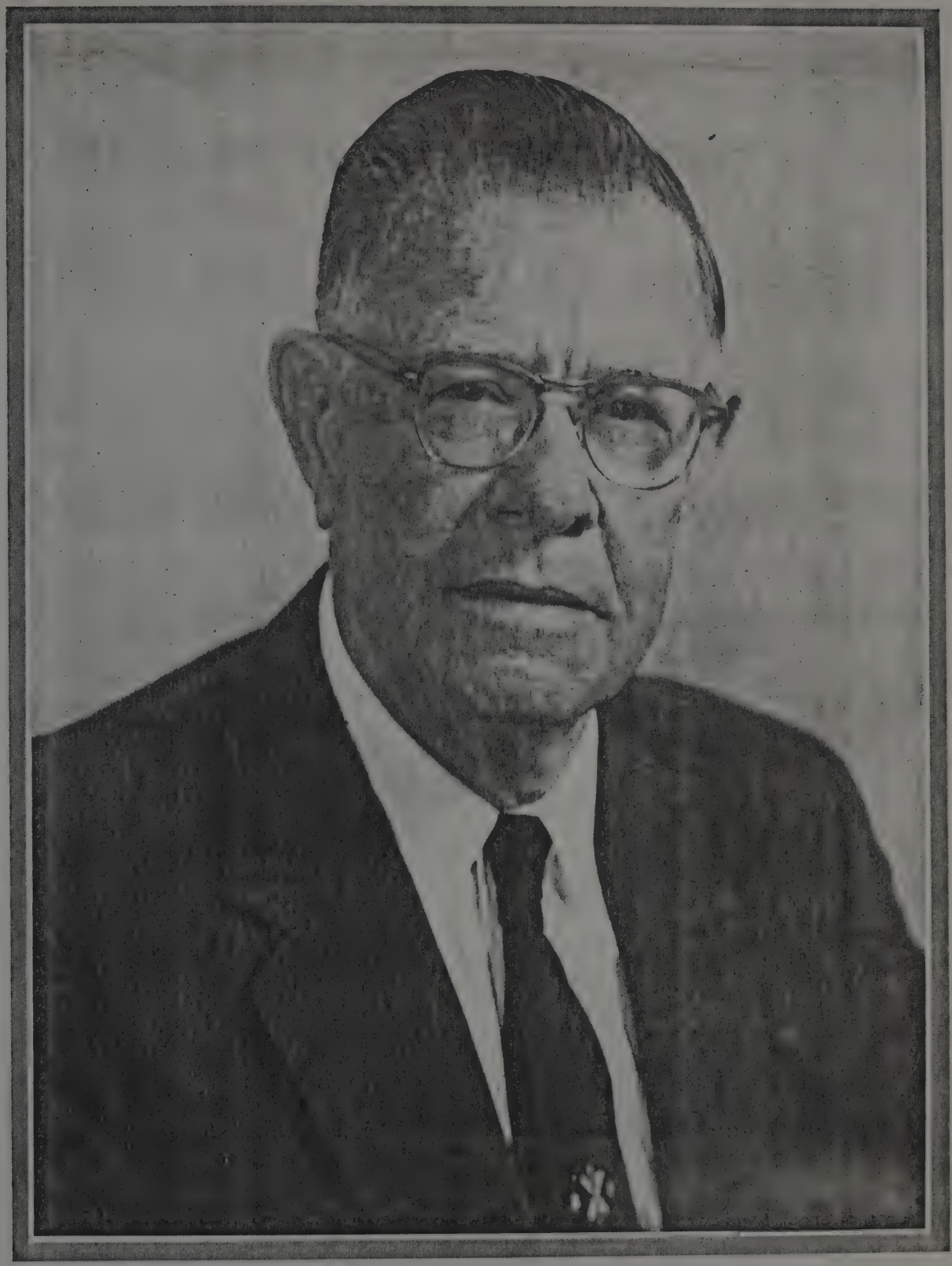
Boutwell Dairy of Lake Worth, with sales offices at Pompano Beach and Stuart, has been serving this area with Golden Guernsey milk and dairy products since 1927, when it was founded by William A. Boutwell, Sr., who was retired in 1955. Since then the business has been operated by his sons, George H. Boutwell, who is president, William A. Boutwell, Jr., secretary-treasurer, and their sister, June Boutwell, who is vice-president and a director of the company. George Boutwell is also a director of the First National Bank of Lake Worth and is prominent in local civic activities.

He was born at Dunstable, Massachusetts, March 20, 1911, son of William A. and Ethel I. (Harwood) Boutwell. His mother died in August 1955 and is buried in Hillcrest. The Boutwell family came to Florida and settled in Lake Worth in 1920. From then until the time he established his dairy in 1927, William A. Boutwell, Sr. was engaged in various operations, such as contracting and building houses, conducting a grocery store and a builder and mason supply business, these last two being operated simultaneously.

George H. Boutwell graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1928 and attended Washington and Lee University two years. From 1930 to 1934 he worked for Alfa Dairy as a route man, gaining experience. In 1934 he entered his father's business, and after more than twenty years in the bottling and distribution of dairy products became president of Boutwell Dairy, Inc. in 1955.

Boutwell Dairy has a herd of 1,000 purebred Guernsey cows and employs 105 people. They now operate a dairy farm in Martin County, where they employ fifteen people. They supply all the regular dairy products except ice cream, including Yogurt, and in addition to the regular standard milk have an extra rich milk called Golden Guernsey, and a low-fat milk called Hi-Lo which has all the satisfying flavor of sweet milk.

Mr. Boutwell is a past director of the Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce, a member and past president of the Lake Worth Rotary Club, a member of the Sailfish Club of Florida, and was City Commissioner of Lake Worth from 1945 to 1947. He was a member of the Lake Worth Golf Commission for ten years before becoming a life member, which commission was re-



W. A. Boutwell, Sr.

sponsible for the building of the last nine holes and the Club House. Needless to say, golf is his recreation of choice. His church is the Congregational. The Boutwell Dairy sponsors the Little League in baseball.

George H. Boutwell was married in Lake Worth June 29, 1936, to Mable Q. Fulton, daughter of the Rev. Lillian B. Fulton, a minister in the First Congregational Church and pastor at Lake Worth for fifteen years. Mrs. Boutwell graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1929 and from the Florida State University in 1933 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The Boutwells have two daughters, born in Lake Worth:

1. Barbara, born January 25, 1943, graduating from Lake Worth High School in the class of 1960, plans to enter Florida Southern College in the fall.

2. Sandra, born September 15, 1947, is a student at Lake Worth High School.

AMADEO A. MEITIN

Formerly a lawyer in St. Augustine for some twenty-four years, Amadeo A. Meitin has been practicing his profession in Riviera Beach since 1958, and is City Attorney for Riviera Beach, Juno Beach and Palm Beach Gardens.

He was born in St. Augustine September 17, 1905, son of Jose and Natalia (Perez) Meitin. His father, who died in 1933, came to St. Augustine in 1901 and he and his brother Candido operated a cigar factory there for about twenty years. Amadeo's mother died in 1948 and both parents are buried in St. Augustine.

After graduating from St. Augustine High School in 1923, Amadeo Meitin went to the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and completed his education there in 1929 when he received his Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to practice law in the state of Florida in 1930, he followed his profession in St. Augustine until June 1954, when he went to California and Arizona. He returned to Florida in 1958 and settled at Riviera Beach.

While in St. Augustine Mr. Meitin served as County Prosecutor for five years. He was appointed City Attorney for Riviera Beach in 1958 and in 1959 became attorney for Juno Beach also. He is a member of the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, St. Francis of Assisi Church, and is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

He was married at St. Augustine October 15, 1936, to Marie Thompson, daughter of William M. and Bridget (Monaghan) Thompson. Mrs. Meitin is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and of the East Coast School of Nursing and is a registered nurse. The Meitins have two children:

1. Carol, born December 25, 1939, in St. Augustine, graduated from St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach, and is now a student at the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota.

2. Richard, born August 30, 1950, is a student at St. Francis of Assisi School, Riviera Beach.

FRANK M. HEWSON, M.D.

A practicing physician and surgeon in Riviera Beach since 1946, Dr. Frank M. Hewson is a member of the staff of St. Mary's Hospital and the Pine Ridge Hospital, West Palm Beach, and is prominent in medical, civic and social organizations.

He was born in Houston, Texas, October 11, 1911, son of Frank M. and Suzanne (Jackson) Hewson. Prior to his death in 1958, his father was in charge of transportation and maintenance for the Gulf Refining Company at Shreveport, Louisiana, to which city the family moved in 1917, and where the doctor's mother still resides.

Frank M. Hewson, Jr. graduated from Byrd High School, Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1927 and for the next two years attended the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania for one year and the University of Texas at Austin for three years, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1933, and proceeded to the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1937. He interned at St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, for one year and had a residency at Florida State Hospital, Chattachoochee, for two years, followed by six years of private practice at Chattahoochee, which brings him up to 1946, the year he came to Riviera Beach and established his practice there.

Dr. Hewson is a member of the following professional organizations: American Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, Florida Medical Association, Palm Beach County Medical Society, American Academy of General Practice, Florida Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Association of Industrial and Railway Surgeons, American Heart Association, and the Flying Physicians Association. He was a member of the Rotary Club at Chattahoochee and is a charter member and director of the Riviera Beach Rotary Club, a former director of the West Palm Beach Y.M.C.A., a charter member of Tequesta Country Club, and a member of the Flotilla Club of West Palm Beach. He finds recreation in golf, fishing, flying and skiing.

At Tallahassee on August 2, 1938, Dr. Hewson married Marjorie Bellinger, daughter of Mrs. Edna Bellinger of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. Mrs. Hewson graduated from Ridgefield Park High School and from Columbia University Medical Center, Presbyterian Hospital, New York, and is a registered nurse.

Dr. and Mrs. Hewson are the parents of four children.

1. William Addinell Hewson, born at Chattahoochee, Florida, October 13, 1939, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1957 and is now a pre-medical student at the University of Florida. He is a nationally known water skier.

2. Judy Ann Hewson, born Bainbridge, Georgia, September 26, 1940, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1958 and is also nationally known as a water skier at Cypress Gardens. In 1959 she married John Rosch of Mounds, Minnesota, who also is a professional water skier.

3. Joann Hewson, born in Marianna, Florida, April 16, 1945, is a student at Riviera Beach High School.

4. Michael Wayne Hewson, born in West Palm Beach October 13, 1947, is a student at Riviera Beach High School and a member of the school's swimming and diving team.

COLIN E. CARTER, JR.

In the real estate business in Palm Beach Shores since 1949, Colin E. ("Brook") Carter, Jr. is a native of Tenafly, New Jersey, where he was born September 7, 1922, son of Colin E. and Winifred (Laud-Brown)

Carter, both now residents of Palm Beach Shores. The senior Mr. Carter is associated with his son's business.

After graduating from the Gunnery School at Washington, Connecticut, in 1940, Colin Carter, Jr. was employed in the sales department of the New York office of William Skinner and Sons, textile manufacturers. In 1941 he entered the United States Army Air Corps as a private first class and served for the duration of the war. He returned to William Skinner and Sons in 1945 and remained there until 1949, when he came to Florida and established his real estate business in Riviera Beach.

Mr. Carter is a member of the Riviera Beach Board of Realtors, the National Association of Real Estate Boards, and Elks Lodge #2069 of Riviera Beach. He likes all sports.

KENNETH CRAWFORD MOCK

The president of K. C. Mock and Associates, Inc., Registered Engineers and Land Surveyors, West Palm Beach, Kenneth Crawford Mock had twelve years experience in engineering in various locations before establishing his own business in 1954, and since then his firm has done some impressive engineering jobs.

Born in Miller County, Georgia, August 23, 1919, he is a son of Crawford and Emma (Gay) Mock. His mother died in 1953. His father, a retired accountant, is living in Pahokee, Florida, where the family moved in February of 1928.

Kenneth graduated from Pahokee High School in the class of 1938 and from the University of Georgia in 1943 with a B.S.A.E. degree (Bachelor of Science of Agricultural Engineering). From 1943 to 1946 he served in World War II in the 69th Infantry Division of the United States Army in the European theater, entering as a corporal and discharged as a first lieutenant, and received three battle stars.

From the fall of 1946 to the fall of 1948 he worked on two separate assignments in Belle Glade, Florida; one with the John T. Pickett engineering and surveying company and the other with the Everglades Experimental Station. From then until the winter of 1950 he was with the Harris County, Texas, Flood Control District, and for the next four and a half years was an engineer for Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, working out of West Palm Beach. In October 1954 he formed his own engineering and surveying company in West Palm Beach.

K. C. Mock and Associates, Inc. designed and supervised the construction of the Pahokee breakwater, a $190,000.00 contract. They also did the locating and lay-out for the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft plant in the West Palm Beach area. In May 1960 they were engaged as the design engineers for the new city of Royal Palm Beach, comprising an estimated 55,000 acres. Mr. Mock is also City Engineer for the cities of Lake Worth and Belle Glade. He is a member of the Florida Engineering Society and the Florida Society of Professional Land Surveyors.

At Pahokee, Florida, on August 11, 1946, he married Lois Bryd, daughter of George W. and Mattie A. (Harris) Bryd of Pahokee, who graduated from Pahokee High School in 1942 and from Florida State University in 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Mock have two children, born in West Palm Beach:

1. Kenneth Terrance Mock, born July 19, 1950, now a student at South Olive School.
2. Bonita Kay Mock, born April 12, 1955.

Fishing and hunting are the favorite sports of Mr. Mock. He and his wife are members of the congregation of Memorial Presbyterian Church.

JOHN H. EVANS

A former municipal court judge at Fort Myers, John H. Evans has been practicing law in West Palm Beach since 1956 and is serving as assistant county solicitor of Palm Beach County.

Son of the late Edward H. Evans, merchant and pharmacist of Fort Myers, and Mabel (Hamilton) Evans, also deceased, John H. Evans was born in Fort Myers, Florida, January 2, 1921. He graduated from Fort Myers High School in 1938 and from Stetson University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. From 1940 to 1946 he served in the United States Marine Corps, three years in the South Pacific theater, where he took part in the battle of Midway and was on the U.S.S. Yorktown when it was sunk. He received several battle stars and was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

After completing his general college and law education at Stetson University in 1950, he was admitted to the Florida bar and conducted a general practice of law in Fort Myers until 1956, when he moved to West Palm Beach. He served as judge of the municipal court of Fort Myers during 1953, '54 and '55. In 1958 he was elected a member of the town council of the Town of Haverhill, Palm Beach County, which he served as president, and was re-elected in 1960. He was appointed assistant county solicitor for Palm Beach County in February 1959 and is at present first assistant county solicitor of Palm Beach County, Florida.

Mr. Evans is a member of the Florida Bar Association, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, Sigma Nu social fraternity, Fort Myers Elks Lodge #1288, and the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church of West Palm Beach, in which he has served as a member of the vestry. Golf, fishing and hunting are his preferred forms of recreation.

In West Palm Beach on December 31, 1950, he married Myrtle Roebuck, daughter of A. R. and Myrtle (Chandler) Roebuck, who is a graduate of Palm Beach High School, Palm Beach Junior College, and Stetson University in the class of 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have three children:

1. John H., Jr., born in Fort Myers November 5, 1951.
2. Geoffrey (Jeff), born in Fort Myers January 31, 1955.
3. Jerry, born in West Palm Beach October 16, 1957.

The family resides on Haverhill Road.

ROBERT G. HUTCHEON

Robert G. Hutcheon has been a partner in the engineering firm of Norman C. Schmid and Associates of Palm Beach since 1953. Son of Frank E. and Jessica (Tupper) Hutcheon, he was born in Newark, New Jersey, November 12, 1925. His father, an automobile dealer, died October 10, 1949. His mother resides in Palm Beach.

Robert Hutcheon graduated from Lakewood High School, Lakewood, New Jersey, in 1943 and received a Mechanical Engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, in 1948. His first employment was with Pennsylvania Railroad in

the engineering department. Succeeding his father in the automobile dealership at Lakewood, New Jersey, he operated this business for about a year. In 1952 he came to Florida and became plant supervisor for American Chlorophyll at Lake Worth. The next year, 1953, he formed his present alliance with Norman C. Schmid and Associates.

Mr. Hutcheon is a member of the Florida Engineering Society, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Rotary Club of Palm Beach, the Islanders Club, and Lakeside Presbyterian Church in West Palm Beach. While at Renssalaer Mr. Hutcheon played varsity lacrosse and football and was a member of the United States Olympic Team in the game of lacrosse in 1948. Golf, fishing and hunting are his favorite outdoor activities now. During World War II, from 1943 to 1946, he served as an ensign in the United States Navy Reserve.

He was married at Palm Beach April 26, 1952, to Lisbeth Young, daughter of Cecil P. and Lisbeth (Lyle) Young, and a graduate of Miss Hewitt's School in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheon are the parents of four children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Frank Eadie, III, born January 1953.
2. William Robert, born in March 1954.
3. Jeffrey Thomas, born in November 1955.
4. Lisbeth Lyle, born in November 1958.

ROBERT F. OEN

Robert F. Oen came to West Palm Beach sixteen years ago (1944) and opened a real estate and insurance office at 3510 South Dixie Highway. The fact that he is still doing business at the same location speaks for itself.

He was born in Lima, Ohio, December 16, 1903, son of William and Alberta (Marriott) Oen, both of whom died in 1955 and are buried in Lima. His father being a farmer, Robert was raised on the farm and attended the district schools of Lima, graduating from North Central High School in 1921. After working on the family farm for a year, he attended a local business college and then worked as a bookkeeper for a Lima company for one year.

In 1923 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and worked as a machinist in a machine shop of the Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Company. From 1924 to 1928 he attended night school at the Spencerian Business College, taking a four-year course in accounting, and after completing this course returned to the tool company, this time as an accountant, and remained there until 1931.

During the depression years that followed, the machine business was curtailed, and Mr. Oen ran a filling station owned by his father-in-law, Fred Bard, for thirteen years, 1931 to 1944. It was at that time that he decided to move to Florida, and established his residence and his new business in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Oen is a member of West Palm Beach Board of Realtors, which he served as president in 1956-57; a member of West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus, and Holy Name parish. Fishing is his recreation.

On April 27, 1931, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Gertrude Bard, daughter of Fred and Mary (Karhan) Bard, and a graduate of John Adams High School, Cleveland, in the class of 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Oen have three children.

1. Donald Oen, born April 27, 1932, in Cleveland, graduated from St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach, attended Palm Beach Junior College, and is now associated with his father in the real estate and insurance business. On July 2, 1952, he married Pearl Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Smith of West Palm Beach, and they have three children: Dale, born October 17, 1954; Dean, born June 8, 1956; Deanne, born July 11, 1959.

2. Richard Oen, born in Cleveland September 1, 1935, graduated from St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach, and from Spring Hill College at Mobile, Alabama, with an A.B. degree in 1957. He also is associated with his father in business. On August 30, 1958, he married Katherine Howley of Lake Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Howley; and they have a son, Richard Patrick, born August 4, 1959.

3. Marilyn Oen, born in Cleveland May 11, 1939, graduated from St. Ann's High School, West Palm Beach, and attended Spring Hill College at Mobile, Alabama.

MYRON MACFIE VARN

A grandson of one of the earliest American native-born sons of Florida, Myron MacFie Varn of Fort Pierce is a large citrus grower in St. Lucie County and head of a fruit buying and selling business at Fort Pierce which he established in 1945. For three years previous to that he was County Agricultural Agent of St. Lucie County.

Born at Fort Meade, Florida, August 22, 1908, he is a son of Kline Oscar Varn who was born and died at Fort Meade (October 4, 1871-September 30, 1949) and Laura MacFie Varn, born in Fort Covington, New York, November 10, 1880, who is living in Fort Meade. Laura MacFie's father, Dr. James MacFie, M.D., came to Avon Park in 1896 and moved to Fort Meade in 1899. He died in Fort Meade in December, 1906. Myron's father was a farmer and citrus grower and published the newspaper, The Fort Meade Leader, from 1903 to 1906. He was instrumental in founding the First Presbyterian Church at Fort Meade.

The patriarch of the family was Frederick Newton Varn, grandfather of Myron, who was born near Live Oak, August 30, 1847, and was brought to Cork, near Plant City, as an infant. During the Indian War the family spent many months at Fort Frazier near Bartow, and after the war established a farm two miles south of Bartow at Six Mile Creek, where they lived many years. At the age of fifteen Mr. Varn joined the Confederate Army and as a dispatch rider between Fort Myers and outposts in northern Florida had many thrilling experiences and close calls. In 1870 he married Mary Louise Seward and settled at Sink Branch, three miles east of Fort Meade, where he and his brother, William, established a tannery and trading post with the Indians. He knew Billy Bowlegs and many other Indians. People came from distances to have shoes, bridles and saddlebags made, and the tannery provided work for a large number of people. In 1898, during the Cuban revolution, Mr. Varn raised tobacco in Fort Meade. He also had one of the first packing houses in that area. The Baptist Church in Fort Meade was built by his hands. He lived on his farm from 1869 to 1920, when he retired to live with one of his ten children, and died in Fort Meade November 14, 1929.

Myron M. Varn graduated from Fort Meade High School in 1926 and from the University of Florida in 1930 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.

Myron M. Varner

Jean Farabee Varner

He first worked as a citrus inspector for the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Sebring. In 1934 he was with the Citrus Department of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, stationed at Plant City, and from 1935 to 1939 was with the Florida Agricultural Extension Service in Gainesville and Bartow. He came to Fort Pierce as County Agricultural Agent of St. Lucie County in 1939. He left that work in 1942 and was manager of Tuxedo Fruit Company until April, 1946, when he established his fruit brokerage business, Fruit Contractors, Inc., at Fort Pierce. He became a citrus grower in 1941 when he bought 67 acres in the Ten Mile section of St. Lucie County, which acreage included one of the oldest groves in St. Lucie County, and was one of the first to use direct harvesting and delivery of citrus fruits to the processors.

Mr. Varn is a member of the St. Lucie County Farm Bureau and Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce. A Democrat in politics, he was elected by landowners as a member of North St. Lucie County River Drainage District and served several years, from 1942 to 1952. He is a member of Elks Lodge #1520 of Ft. Pierce, the Pelican Yacht Club, and St. Andrews Episcopal Church at Fort Pierce in which he has served as vestryman. His work is his hobby.

At Bushnell, Florida, on January 12, 1932, Myron MacFie Varn married Jean Powell Farabee, daughter of Samuel Howard and Jennie Mabel (Powell) Farabee, who was born at Raleigh, North Carolina, October 11, 1911. Her father came to Florida from Hickory, North Carolina, in 1921, and established the Lakeland Evening Ledger at Lakeland, Florida. Mrs. Varn is a past member of Poinciana Garden Circle and is active in St. Ann's Guild. For several years she was active in Girl Scout and Cub organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Varn are the parents of four children:

1. Samuel Farabee Varn, born August 18, 1933, at Winter Haven, now a Lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi.

2. Stephanie MacFie Varn Kite, born July 19, 1936, at Tampa, Florida, who married James Chester Kite. They live in Port Arthur, Texas, and have a daughter, Catherine Jean.

3. Myron MacFie Varn, Jr., born May 19, 1941, at Fort Pierce, a freshman at Georgia Military College this year (1959).

4. Robert Stewart Varn, born November 25, 1955, at Fort Pierce.

JOHN V. RHOADS

Head of the John V. Rhoads Construction Company of West Palm Beach, which he founded in 1952, Mr. Rhoads has been in the construction business in Florida since 1945. At present most of his work is devoted to the Pratt and Whitney Research plant and to the development of Florida.

Born in Middletown, Ohio, July 26, 1926, son of the late Bennville E. and Louella (Moon) Rhoads, he attended the public schools of Middletown and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943, serving for the duration of World War II in the central and northern Pacific theater of operations with the rank of Machinist Third Class.

As soon as he was released from the Navy Mr. Rhoads came to West Palm Beach and began a four year apprenticeship with various local contractors, starting as a carpenter and working up through various steps of the construction business, until he felt qualified to set up his own company.

He is a member and served on the board of directors of the Florida East Coast Chapter of the Association of General Contractors of America, a member of Post #12 of the American Legion and of the Forty-and-Eight.

Mr. Rhoads was married twice. By his first wife, Jeanette Shannon, he has two children: John and Janet. On December 4, 1959, he married Marjorie Garcia of West Palm Beach, who has four children by a previous marriage: Ramona, Edward, Angela and Carmen.

WILLIAM E. BRANT

The Honorable William E. Brant, Mayor of the Town of Lake Park and a Judge ad litem of the Small Claims Court of Palm Beach County, is a young man to be the bearer of such imposing titles. He was born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1926, son of the late Harry Brant, a merchant of Greencastle who died in 1944, and Anna (Brewbaker) Brant, who maintains her residence in Greencastle.

William E. Brant graduated from Greencastle High School in 1944. As soon as he was old enough, in 1944, he entered the United States Army and served for the remainder of World War II in the Mediterranean theater as technical sergeant in Public Relations. After the war he entered New York University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951; then took up the study of law at Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, where he received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1955.

Coming to Palm Beach County in 1955, he was admitted to the Florida bar June 4, 1956, and established himself in a general practice of law. He was appointed a Judge ad litem of the Small Claims Court of Palm Beach County in 1956 and elected Mayor of Lake Park in 1960, having established his residence in Lake Park in February 1957.

He is a member of the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the Lions Club of North Palm Beach Village, and the American Legion.

He was married in Italy in 1946 to Helene Cordes, daughter of Frederick and Helen (Lafrentz) Cordes of Saugerties, New York, where she was born. She graduated from Saugerties High School and attended the University of Florida. During World War II she was a member of the Women's Army Corps in Italy and subsequently was transferred to the Civil Service. Mayor and Mrs. Brant have a daughter, Bonnie, born in Leghorn (Livorno), Italy, September 7, 1947, now a student at Riviera Junior High School.

JACK W. STEPHENS, JR.

The Stephens Construction Company, Inc. of West Palm Beach, of which Jack W. Stephens, Jr. is now president, was founded by his grandfather, Thomas H. Stephens, a native of England, who was a builder in Toronto, Canada, from 1906 to 1914. He came to West Palm Beach in 1914 and established the Newlon-Stephens Construction Company. T. H. Stephens built Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, West Palm Beach, the Town Hall in Palm Beach, and many beautiful residences in that town. He also built the oldest bridge in the state at Boca Raton and one at Fort Myers. He died in 1943.

Jack W. Stephens, Sr., son of Thomas H., also born in England, was educated in the public schools of West Palm Beach, at Rollins College and at Georgia Tech. He took over the Stephens Construction Company in 1925 and operated it until 1956, building many public buildings and residences in Palm Beach County. He died May 16, 1960.

His widow, Camille Taylor Stephens, is the daughter of Rollo D. Taylor, still living at the age of 85, whose father, George M. Taylor, moved from Pennsylvania to Marion County, Florida, and came to Palm Beach with Henry Flagler prior to 1900. R. D. Taylor also came to Palm Beach with the Florida East Coast Railroad before 1900. In 1903 he went to Daytona Beach and operated a movie theatre there. He returned to Palm Beach for the Florida East Coast Railroad in 1906 or 1907. In 1917 he was elected Town Clerk and Tax Collector and served in this capacity until 1923, when he took the job of electrical inspector and his wife, Myrtle (Lett) Taylor, took over his unexpired term as Town Clerk and completed it. She died in 1929. Mr. Taylor was also a School Trustee of Palm Beach.

Born in Palm Beach October 22, 1928, Jack W. Stephens, Jr. attended the public schools, including Palm Beach High School; then Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon, Tennessee, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1950. At the outbreak of the Korean War, in June 1950, he enlisted with the rank of Second Lieutenant and spent four years in Korea, serving until August of 1954 as company commander of the 45th Infantry Division, and was promoted to First Lieutenant.

After the war he entered the Stephens Construction Company and, on his father's retirement in 1956, assumed the presidency of the company.

Mr. Stephens is a member of the National Association of Home Builders, Palm Beach Chapter, the Associated General Contractors of America, and the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce.

On February 1, 1956, he married Kathleen S. Sullivan, daughter of John Craig Sullivan and Bessie Wright Sullivan of Granite City, Illinois, and a graduate of Granite City High School.

ROBERT DALE CLINE, O.D.

Although still very young in his profession and as a resident of the State of Florida, as well as in actual years, Dr. Robert Dale Cline, Optometrist of West Palm Beach, has made a favorable impression on his professional associates and fellow citizens, as evidenced by the fact that he was president of the Toastmasters' Club of West Palm Beach in 1959 and was elected president of the Florida East Coast Optometric Association in May 1960.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, August 14, 1932, he is a son of Earl and Melissa (Fleming) Cline. Following his graduation from West High School in Columbus, Ohio, he entered the United States Navy in the Korean War in 1951 and served with the rank of Petty Officer Third Class in the Mediterranean.

After his return to civilian life he entered Ohio State University and graduated in the class of 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Optometry. He was admitted to practice the profession of Optometry in the State of Ohio in 1957 and in the State of Florida in 1958, having taken up his residence in West Palm Beach in 1957.

As already indicated, he is a member and now president of the Florida East Coast Optometric Association and a member of the Toastmasters' Club of West Palm Beach. Sports in general provide his recreation.

Dr. Cline married Bonnie Mae Gralin, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, April 8, 1942, daughter of Roman and Marcella Gralin.

ARTHUR RAY ROEBUCK, JR.

The junior member of the law firm of Roebuck and Roebuck of West Palm Beach comes from a family of Florida pioneers. His grandfather, William Adams Roebuck, born in Brooks County, Georgia, August 1, 1859, was brought to Florida in his infancy and grew up to be a farmer and cattleman. He also was captain of a steamboat on the Kissimmee River for several years.

Arthur Ray Roebuck, Sr. has been prominent in the public life of Palm Beach County for many years and is still practicing law at the age of 75. Born in Winter Park, Florida, June 28, 1886, he moved to Ethel in Lake County as a very small boy and from there to Bassinger in 1895 when he was nine years old. He attended local country schools and graduated from Normal School at the old academy of Stetson University. On March 4, 1909, he married Myrtle Pauline Chandler, who was born at Chuluota, Florida, and took up his residence in Stuart. In December 1910 he moved to West Palm Beach, where he was made Deputy Tax Collector and served in that office from January 1911 to September 1913. At that time he took up the study of law at Stetson University and received his Bachelor of Laws degree on June 10, 1915. Admitted to the Florida bar that year, he practiced law in West Palm Beach from 1915 to 1927, during which period he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Palm Beach County, in 1916, and served in that office until January 1925, when he refused to run again. In 1928 he moved to Jupiter and lived there five years, returning to West Palm Beach in 1933. Elected City Commissioner of West Palm Beach in May 1935, he served until January 1940. Meanwhile, in January 1937, he resumed his law practice in which he is still active.

Arthur Ray Roebuck, Jr. was born in West Palm Beach December 17, 1922. He graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1942 and attended John B. Stetson University until April 1943, when he entered the United States Army and served in three branches—the Infantry, the Air Corps and the Ordnance Department—part of the time in the European theater, until honorably discharged November 1, 1945. On his return from the Army he re-entered Stetson University and received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1950 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952. Admitted to practice law in Florida in March 1950, he has been associated with his father's firm of Roebuck and Roebuck since then.

Mr. Roebuck is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida State Bar Association, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, Sigma Nu fraternity, and the West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce. He has a small ranch on which he raises Brahman and Red Pele cattle.

On July 22, 1950, in West Palm Beach he married Norma Eells, daughter of Howard A. and Sadie (Everett) Eells of West Palm Beach. She graduated from

St. Ann's High School in 1944, from Palm Beach Junior College in 1946, attended Stetson University in 1947-48 and graduated from the University of Florida in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She belonged to the Philo Club at Junior College and became a member of Alpha Zi Delta sorority at Stetson. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ray Roebuck, Jr. now have four children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Arthur Ray Roebuck, III, born March 16, 1952.
2. Pamela Jo, born April 27, 1953.
3. Patricia Ann, born August 29, 1958.
4. Matthew Chandler, born November 7, 1960.

HARRY TROTSKY

A plumbing and heating contractor in West Palm Beach since 1950, Harry Trotsky has been in this line of business twenty-five years, starting in Camden, New Jersey, in 1935.

Son of Philip and Anna (Wass) Trotsky, he was born in Sagamore, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1919. His family moved to Camden, New Jersey, in 1929, and Harry graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden in 1933, and from the Camden County Vocational School, where he took the plumbing, heating and steam fitting course, in 1934. He was first employed by William Kelly, plumbing and heating contractor of Camden, New Jersey, and later by several other plumbers and heating contractors there.

From 1941 to 1945 he served in the second World War as a technical sergeant in the United States Army, first assigned to the 77th Infantry Division and later to the 7th Infantry Division, and took part in action in the Pacific theater for which his unit received several citations.

After the war, in 1945, Mr. Trotsky came to West Palm Beach and for the first five years there worked for several local contractors. In 1950 he established his own plumbing and heating firm at 432 Southern Boulevard.

He is a member of the Associated General Contractors of America, the National Association of Master Plumbers, the Palm Coast Home Builders, the Civitan Club of West Palm Beach, and American Legion Post #12. His family are members of St. Juliana Catholic Church. Bowling, swimming and horseback riding are his favorite recreations.

Mr. Trotsky was married in the army chapel at Jackson, South Carolina, April 26, 1942, to Olga Yurkiewicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alozy Yurkiewicz of Camden, New Jersey, and a graduate of Camden High School. They have two children:

1. Tadzui, born March 8, 1944, at Camden, New Jersey, now a student at Forest Hills High School.

2. Jacqueline, born October 4, 1946, in West Palm Beach, a student at Conniston Junior High School.

CECIL R. BLAKE

Formerly Mayor of Lake Clarke Shores, Cecil R. Blake has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1951 and is a member of the accounting firm of Quentin and Blake in West Palm Beach.

He was born in Garnsey, Alabama, July 14, 1916, son of Richard W. and Grace (Lewis) Blake. His father, who was a foreman in an ore mine, died in 1937; his mother is living in Columbus, Georgia. Cecil graduated from Jones Valley High School in Birmingham in 1932 and went to work as a timekeeper in a tin-plate mill in Birmingham, where he remained one year. For the next five years he was a clerk in the commissary store of United States Steel Company. During this time he took night courses in Accounting and in 1939 took a position as junior accountant with F. Hopkinson Smith and Company, Certified Public Accountants, in Birmingham.

In December 1942 he entered the United States Army Air Force and served as a bombardier on a B-32 in the Pacific until November 1945. After the war he returned to F. Hopkinson Smith and Company and in time became a senior accountant, continuing there until 1948, when he moved to Tampa, Florida, and worked for a Certified Public Accountant named Jim Quinn. In June 1949 he came to West Palm Beach and was associated with Lee Shepard, C.P.A., until 1953. During this time he took the Florida State examination, passed the requirements, and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1951. In 1953 he and Lawrence D. Quentin formed the partnership of Quentin and Blake.

Mr. Blake is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Exchange Club of West Palm Beach, of which he is president for 1959-60, the American Legion Post #12, the Y.M.C.A. and the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach. He was elected Mayor of Lake Clarke Shores in 1959. Golf and fishing are his recreations.

At Birmingham, Alabama, on March 20, 1948, Cecil R. Blake married Minnie Owen, daughter of Roy D. and Winnie (Cowen) Owen. She is a graduate of Bessemer High School, Birmingham, and attended the University of Alabama for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Blake now have two children, born in West Palm Beach: Barbara, on September 21, 1953; Martha Virginia, on August 15, 1955.

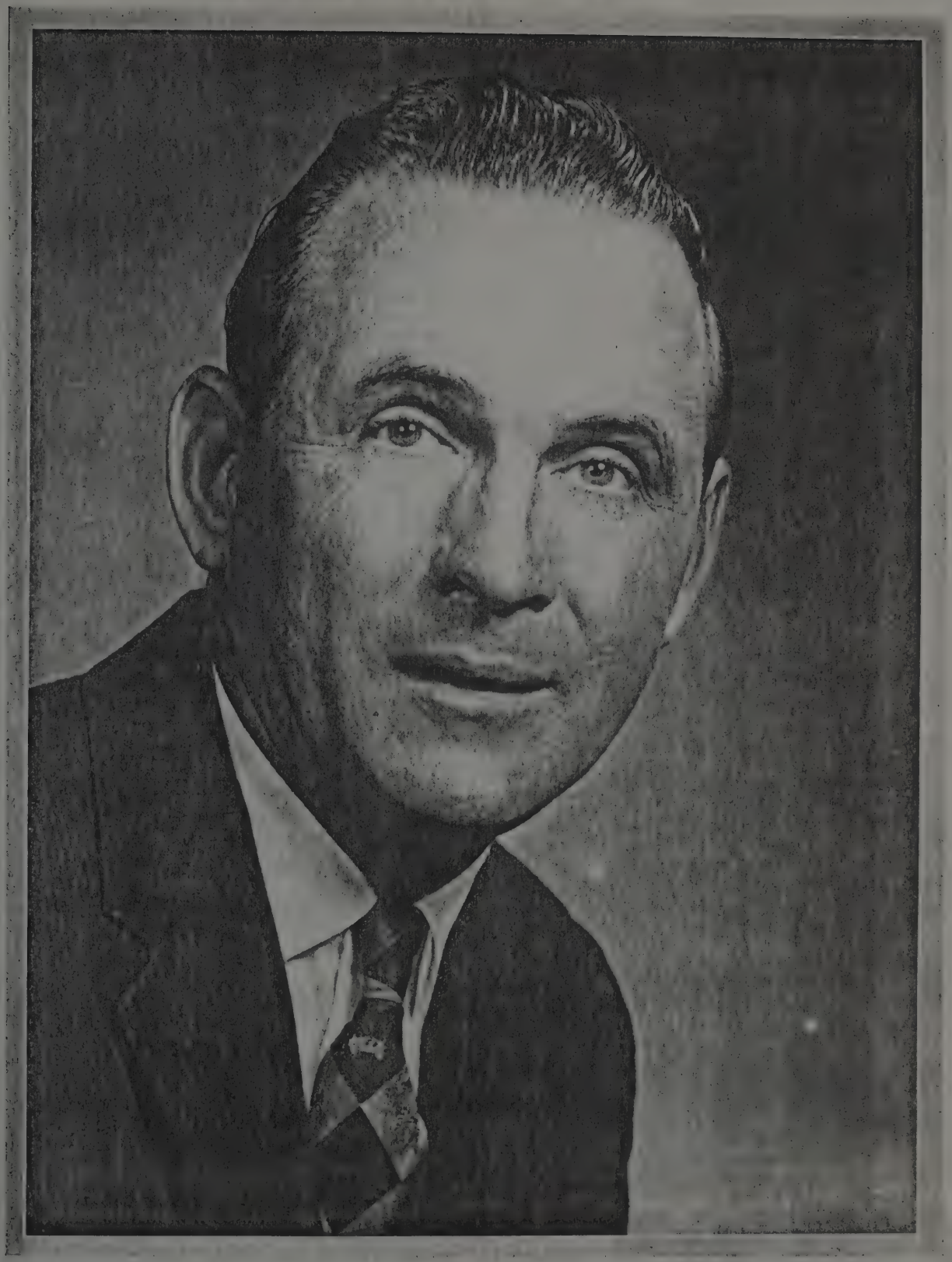
ROBERT C. BROWN

In the construction and building field in Palm Beach County since 1936, Robert C. Brown is owner of Robert C. Brown Construction Company, general contractors; president of Brown and Cushman Construction Company, Inc., builders and developers; and president of Brown and Cushman Homes, Inc., with offices in Riviera Beach and in West Palm Beach.

His father was Ray E. Brown, a farmer and stock dealer in Lancaster, Ohio, who died in 1956. His mother, Winnie Snodgrass Brown Test, now resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. Born in Washington C. H., Ohio, August 9, 1917, Robert C. Brown graduated from Lancaster (Ohio) High School in 1936 and came to West Palm Beach that winter.

Entering the construction and building industry, he was employed by various well-known construction firms in Palm Beach County until 1941, when he entered the United States Air Force as a buck private. He served in the European theater of World War II until 1945, advancing to the rank of sergeant, and received several citations and ribbons and two bronze stars.

Following his return from military service, Mr. Brown re-entered the construction field and finally, in 1948, established Robert C. Brown Construction Company. In 1956 he became associated with others in



Robert C. Brown

land development and the construction of homes as president of Brown and Cushman Construction Company, Inc.

Taking a leading position in business and civic groups, Mr. Brown is first vice president of the Palm Beach County Resources and Development Board, chairman of the Advisory Committee of Palm Beach County Certification and License Law, a member of the Joint Cooperative Council of Palm Beach County, past president of the Home Builders Association of Palm Beach County, past area vice president of the Florida State Home Builders Association, a national director of the National Association of Home Builders, and past president of the Florida East Coast Chapter of the Associated General Contractors. He is also a past president of the Exchange Club of North Palm Beach County, a former member of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member of American Legion Post #12, Harmonia Lodge #138, F. and A. M. of West Palm Beach, Lodge #2069 B.P.O. Elks of Riviera Beach, and the Methodist Church.

He was married at West Palm Beach to Marilyn Jane Robson, daughter of Clair Robson and the late Clara Robson of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Palm Beach High School. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of five children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Robert Daniel, born October 6, 1950.
2. Candice Lynn, born October 6, 1952.
3. Terrell Clair, born February 12, 1954.
4. Scott Donald, born April 22, 1957.
5. Lisa Ray, born July 29, 1958.

Mr. Brown's office is located at 1014 Commercial Street, Riviera Beach, and his residence at 500 Anchorage Drive in the village of North Palm Beach.

JAMES E. and JOHN E. ASHLEY

The first twins born in Martin County, Florida, James E. and John E. Ashley, sons of Leon E. and Edna Gloeckler Ashley, were born in Stuart November 1, 1926. Their father, who died in 1946, was formerly with the United States Government in the Department of the Interior. Their mother is living in Stuart.

Both were active in the Boy Scouts of America, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. They and their childhood companions were the first in the area to explore the shallow ocean floor with homemade face masks, similar to those used today. They were graduated from Stuart High School and joined the Navy in 1944.

After World War II their paths diverged for about thirteen years. James entered Georgia School of Technology in Atlanta, School of Architecture, and graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Continuing his studies there, he received a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1950, then moved to Palm Beach, where he is carrying on a general practice of architecture from offices on South County Road.

During the Korean War he served again in the Navy in an aircraft carrier, operating off the Korean coast. He was separated from the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant.

James has some beautiful large residences as well as other structures to his credit. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Florida Association of Architects, secretary of the Islanders Club of Palm Beach, former Scout Master of Troop #112 of Palm Beach, and is Executive Officer of local Naval Reserve Construction Battalion.

Being a lover of the water, he is still interested in skin diving and spends many hours under water in this ever popular Florida sport. He is also a private pilot. His Church is the Christian Science.

In 1961 James married Evelyn V. Navarro and they moved into their home on Ocean Terrace, Palm Beach.

John Ashley took up his studies again at Missouri School of Mines and graduated from the School of Metallurgy in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He continued his education at the University of Houston on a night school basis, while employed in the metallurgical laboratory of Reed Roller Bit Company, and graduated in 1957 with a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

It was not until Pratt and Whitney opened their research and development plant in Palm Beach County that John was able to come back to Florida to work and live in his favorite spot on the earth. His title at Pratt and Whitney is Senior Test Engineer.

He also is interested in Boy Scout work and is an ardent golfer, fisher, skin diver, and a private pilot. His church also is the Christian Science.

EDWARD W. FLANAGAN

Owner of a jewelry store on exclusive Worth Avenue in Palm Beach since 1953, Edward W. Flanagan has been in this business in the Palm Beach area for twenty-five years.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 26, 1906, son of Edward and Fanny (Connolly) Flanagan. His mother is still living in Cincinnati, where his father, who was a merchant in that city, died in 1950. Edward graduated from Hughes High School, Cincinnati, in 1925 and attended the University of Cincinnati for three years.

Coming to Florida in 1935, he settled in West Palm Beach and became established as a salesman of jewelry and allied items. After eighteen years of experience in this line of business he opened his own store in Palm Beach, where he has enjoyed the discriminating patronage of that locality and has built up a successful business.

Mr. Flanagan took time out from his business to serve in the United States Air Force in World War II. He is a member of the Palm Beach Rotary Club, the Sailfish Club, and the Ninety-Nine Club of Palm Beach, and of the Episcopal Church. Fishing and boating are his favorite leisure-time activities.

In Chicago on July 2, 1938, Mr. Flanagan married Shirley Hardee, a member of the pioneer Hardee family of North Florida and native of Levy County, where there is a town named for the family. Her father, Emmett R. Hardee, a rancher and farmer of Chiefland, died in 1950, but her mother, Laura (Beauchamp) Hardee, is still living in Chiefland at this writing, aged eighty-eight. Mrs. Flanagan is a graduate of Chiefland High School. She and Mr. Flanagan are the parents of two children, born in West Palm Beach:

1. Shirley Jean, born October 2, 1942, who graduated from Palm Beach High School this year (1960).
2. Edward W. Flanagan, Jr., born July 3, 1950, now a student at the South Olive Elementary School.

FRANCES W. HENDERSON

The first woman to have had a college preparatory background in the field of real estate, Frances W. Henderson of West Palm Beach received her Florida license as a real estate operator in September 1940 at the age of twenty-one and has been successfully carrying on in this line of business since then, with the exception of some time out during the war years.

As Frances Watkins she was born in Sioux City, Iowa, August 14, 1919, daughter of Milo D. and Ethel Gale Watkins, both now residents of Hollywood, Florida. Her father is a retired General Motors executive.

Frances graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis in 1936 and in 1940, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, from Indiana University, where she majored in Real Estate. The family had moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1937. Frances followed as soon as she had completed her college course and, as already stated, received her Florida license that fall.

During the first year of her career she was a real estate saleswoman in Fort Lauderdale. On August 2, 1941, she married Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Henderson of the United States Air Corps, son of John T. and Louise (Whitby) Henderson of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Henderson graduated from the David Allderdice High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1935, and from Pennsylvania State University in 1939 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Entering the Army Air Corps in 1940, he served as a pilot in the South Pacific during World War II and was honorably discharged in June 1948 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

During the war Mrs. Henderson's business career was necessarily suspended while she followed her husband. Her first child, Steven L., was born at Montgomery, Alabama, December 18, 1943; her second, Frances Gale Henderson, was born at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 7, 1945. Both are now students at Forest Hills High School in West Palm Beach.

Mrs. Henderson resumed her real estate operations in West Palm Beach in 1951 and in 1956 opened her own office at 4908 South Dixie Highway. Her husband joined as an associate in 1957. She is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers, the Florida Association of Realtors, and the West Palm Beach Board of Realtors, of which she is the first woman president, serving in 1960-61. In September, 1960, she was appointed to the West Palm Beach Planning Board —the first woman to receive that appointment. Mr. Henderson is Associate Vice-President of District #3 of the Florida Association of Realtors for 1959-60 and is an associate member of the other real estate organizations of which his wife is a member.

Mrs. Henderson is also a member of the International Traders Club, Traders Pit 1-16 of West Palm Beach; the Dale Carnegie Institute; the Indiana University Alumni Association; Pi Beta Phi national women's fraternity; and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, West Palm Beach, where both she and her husband sing in the choir. Mr. Henderson belongs to Kappa Sigma national fraternity. Both are members of the Cotillion Club of West Palm Beach.

LILLIE C. RYAN

A successful real estate broker in West Palm Beach since 1944, Mrs. Lillie C. Ryan is a woman worthy of note, and one who is in a habit of attaining her objective.

One of eleven children of L. R. and Emma Eudora (Grantham) Helms, she was born in Barbour County, Alabama, August 18, 1900. She graduated from Blue Springs High School, Alabama, and attended the University of Alabama. When only a sophomore in high school she passed the teacher's examination of the Alabama State Board of Education. Her teaching was of limited duration, however.

When she first married, in 1923, she came to Cocoa, Florida, where she made her first venture into the field of real estate, but she returned to Birmingham, Alabama, in 1924 and did not come back to Florida until ten years later. In 1934 she came to Pahokee, Florida, and was there until 1938, when she finally settled in West Palm Beach and became established as a real estate broker in 1944.

A humorous write-up of Lillie Ryan appeared in the Chicago Daily Tribune of March 26, 1957, in Thomas Morrow's "By the Way" column. According to this story, Mrs. Ryan had a cotton plantation in Dothan, Alabama, before she came to Florida to stay; her decision to come here was influenced by President F. D. Roosevelts "fixin' to give away little home places;" and when she had some trouble with a federal government employee who was trying to take her land from her, and complained to the F.B.I., F.D.R. gallantly came to her rescue with a telegram to the offending employee, saying in effect: "Leave that woman alone!" Also, according to this story, she raised chickens, fighting off the rattlesnakes who fancied a chicken diet, and is quoted as saying reminiscently, "One day I was carrying some eggs when a whipsnake ran right between my legs, and I never broke an egg!" She also raised racing dogs and built a motel. The motel came after she got started in the real estate business, which she did at the suggestion of a doctor friend. When she made $8,700 the first month, she said, "Lord, I thank thee—How long have you had this going?"

Mrs. Ryan was the first woman to serve on the Florida District Federal Grand Jury, held in Miami. She is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and one of the original members of the West Palm Beach Coffee Club. A devoted member of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach, she is on the Official Board and the Stewards and Finance Committee of that church, as well as chairman of Circle Two in the Wesleyan Service Guild. She is also a member of the Rebekahs and the Royal Neighbors of America, in both of which organizations she has held offices. She is now serving as chairman of District #1, Women's Democratic Club of Palm Beach County.

By her first marriage, to A. L. Creel, Mrs. Ryan has three beautiful daughters who are great-granddaughters of General Robert E. Lee and wives of college men, all with master's degrees.

Jane Delores Creel, born in Cocoa, Florida, graduated from Palm Beach High School and from business college in Atlanta, Georgia. She married W. H. Puttick of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who has a master's degree from the University of Florida. He served in the second World War as a captain in the Army in the European theater of operations, and is now a retired major. Jane and her husband have a son, Randall Puttick.

Emma Christine Creel, born in Alabama, graduated from West Palm Beach High School and from a Palm

Beach beautician school. She married Elroy Beneke, regional chain merchandiser for the Nestle Company with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, where they make their home. Mr. Beneke received his master's degree from the University of Michigan. He was an Air Force captain and pilot in World War II in the Pacific, now on the inactive list of the Army Air Force. Emma Christine and Elroy have a daughter, Susan Carol Beneke.

Elizabeth Amelia Creel, born in Pahokee, Florida, graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended the University of Georgia. She married Ralph Kardas, a graduate of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, who also has a master's degree, and is now with Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in Palm Beach County.

Mrs. Ryan was married to Charles J. Ryan in June, 1950.

JEROME HARDCASTLE PENNOCK

Palm Beach is home for Jerome H. Pennock, although he was born in New York City, December 16, 1920. Even as a winter visitor to this area for a number of years, he went through all of the undergraduate grades in the local public school system and graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1939. Then he attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where, in 1943, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, with a Major in Life Insurance.

After three years in the United States Air Corps during World War II, he joined the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company's Home Office Agency in Philadelphia. In 1950 Mr. Pennock received the professional designation of Chartered Life Underwriter. He has taken an active interest in organizations of his profession, serving on the Boards of the Philadelphia chapters of Chartered Life Underwriters, Estate Planning Council, and the Association of Life Underwriters. In 1955 he was elected President of the Philadelphia Association of Life Underwriters. Always a substantial producer of life insurance, Mr. Pennock is a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

During the fourteen years Jerome Pennock was in business in Philadelphia, he took extended winter vacations at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hardcastle Pennock, built at 137 Sea Spray Avenue in 1922. This was the winter residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pennock, Sr., until his death in 1934, at which time Mrs. Pennock made it the permanent home for herself and her daughter, Lois, and son, Jerome.

H. Hardcastle Pennock was one of America's leading Life Underwriters during the twenties and early thirties, with his primary office in New York City, but with countrywide insurance activity.

Jerome Pennock followed his father's footsteps, not only in the choice of vocation but also in developing a large geographical area of operation. In 1959 Jerome Pennock moved his major office to 235 South County Road, Palm Beach, but continues his northern services through his Philadelphia office, which he has maintained. Life insurance is his sole specialized field of activity. It includes family security programming; estate and tax planning in cooperation with attorneys and accountants and trust officers; business continuation methods for partnerships and close corporations; and deferred compensation and pension plans for businesses.

Mr. Pennock was married in 1946 at Bethesda-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church to Peggy Page, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Gaines Page, both deceased. Peggy Page graduated from high school in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and attended the University of Missouri and Agnes Scott College at Decatur, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Pennock are the parents of two children: Clyde Hardcastle Pennock, born February 26, 1951, and Carol Gaines Pennock, born December 1, 1955.

Mr. Pennock is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia and the Sailfish Club of Palm Beach.

E. G. GREEN

One of the most successful and prominent real estate brokers in the state of Florida is E. G. Green of Palm Beach, who recently transacted what is reportedly the largest all-cash deal recorded in Broward County, the sale of 2,340 feet of oceanfront land just south of Pompano Beach for $2,070,000. The property was owned by the estate of Amie Guest, of which Howard Phipps is executor. It was sold to eleven unrelated investors.

Son of the late Edward Green and Marie Reilly Green, who resides in Palm Beach, E. G. Green was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 9, 1917. His father, formerly treasurer of Colgate Palm-Olive Peet Company, died in 1957.

E. G. Green graduated from Mineola High School, Long Island, New York, in 1933, and from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937. For the next four years he was president of E. G. Green and Son of New York City, which engaged in the business of Management and Reorganization.

Entering the United States Army as a private in 1941, he served in both the Pacific and European theaters of World War II and was promoted to the rank of Major. From 1946 to 1951 he was president of the Colonial Press, a printing plant in New York City. Recalled to serve in the Korean War in 1951, he was stationed at Thule, Greenland, and advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Following his second return to civilian life in 1953, Mr. Green became Florida sales manager for Previews, Inc. of New York, located in Palm Beach, and held this position until 1955, when he entered the real estate business for himself, opening an office at 205 Worth Avenue, Palm Beach.

In New York City on August 20, 1949, E. G. Green married Ann Devlin of East Williston, Long Island, New York, daughter of Frank Devlin and Gertrude Bond Devlin. Mrs. Green graduated from Roslyn, Long Island, High School, attended Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, and received an M.A. degree in Education from New York University. Mr. and Mrs. Green have three children:

1. Edward, born in Mineola, New York, May 31, 1950.

2. Ellen Ann, born at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, October 16, 1951.

3. Frank Devlin, born in West Palm Beach May 20, 1956.

Edward and Ellen attend Palm Beach private school.

Mr. Green is a member of the National Board of Realtors and Brokers Institute, Palm Beach Board of Realtors, Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Y.M.C.A. and the F.O.P.A. of Palm Beach; also a member of the Coral Beach Club, the Breakers Golf Club, and the 99 Club of Palm Beach. His church is the Episcopal; his recreation golf.

CHARLES NEWTON BOOS

Founder and president of the Sea-Crest Realty and Insurance Agency Company, located in Boynton Beach, Charles Newton Boos is also a builder, developer and general contractor and is a leader in the real estate business in this area of Florida.

Mr. Boos was born in New Hampton, Iowa, October 18, 1907, son of Frederick Lewis and Margaret Sandusky Boos. His mother was born at Dacora, Iowa, March 20, 1878. His father, born in Rockford, Illinois, April 30, 1876, was a furniture dealer in New Hampton, Iowa. He was also founder and president of the Silver State Bank at Denver, Colorado, and had oil lease operations in Kansas and Texas.

Charles Boos graduated from West Des Moines High School, Iowa, in 1925, and from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. Having studied Engineering, he was a special engineer for the Ohio Steel Foundry Company in Lima, Ohio, and during World War II served in the Near East and Orient as a construction engineer. In 1944 he moved to Florida from Celina, Ohio, and established his residence in Lake Worth, moving to Boynton Beach in 1949.

In addition to Sea-Crest Realty and Insurance Agency Company, he is president of Sea-Crest Insurance Agency, Sea-Crest Homes (a building company), and The Boynton Beach Development Company. He is founding president and a director of the Boynton Beach Board of Realtors, a member of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Council of Real Estate Boards, district representative of the American Institute of Real Estate Brokers, a member of the Florida Association of Realtors, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers and the International Association of Real Estate Brokers. In insurance organizations he is president of the Palm Beach County Mutual Insurance Agents and a member of the Florida Association of Mutual Insurance Agents. He is also a fee appraiser for banks, insurance companies, and for the State of Florida and the State Highway Department.

In civic organizations he is a past director of Palm Beach Resources and Development Board; a member, past president and past secretary of the Boynton Beach Rotary Club, with a record of sixteen years of perfect attendance. He is life member #146 of the American Numismatic Association; a member of Boynton Beach Lodge, F. and A. M., and a member of the Scottish Rite Wonder Lodge #32 of Lake Worth.

He was married in Lima, Ohio, November 10, 1934, to Clarice Margaret Hooks, who was born in Mishawaka, Indiana, December 15, 1910, daughter of Jacob F. and Mary Ashton Hooks. Mr. and Mrs. Boos are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach. They have a daughter, Margaret Sue Boos, born in Lima, Ohio, December 18, 1936; and a son, Martin Franklin Boos, born in Celina, Ohio, February 12, 1938.

Mr. Boos has lectured extensively on the subject of numismatics, having visited virtually every country in the world in studying both real estate practices and numismatics and their relationship.

GEORGE E. MILLER, JR.

Vice president of the Palm Beach Mortgage Company for the past five years, George E. Miller, Jr. has been associated with this business since his return from military service in the Korean war, and is a director and stockholder in the business as well. He is also secretary-treasurer of the Florida Mortgage Bankers Association.

A native of Florida, as is also his father, he was born in Jacksonville, June 9, 1925. His father, George E. Miller, Sr., was born in Wellborn, Florida. He was in Public Relations for Crandon Drug Company of Miami, pioneer druggists in the state of Florida. George Jr.'s mother was Mary Elizabeth McDowell of Monticello, Georgia. Both parents are living in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Miller graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1943 and served in the Ninth Air Force as a navigator and bombardier for the remainder of World War II, leaving the service with the rank of First Lieutenant. Continuing his education, he entered the University of Florida and graduated in 1949 with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. For one year thereafter he was with the Cohen Brothers department store in Jacksonville in their executive program. Recalled by the Army Air Force in 1950, he served as a pilot in the Korean war until 1953. After receiving his honorable discharge, he became associated with Charles R. Dorsey in the mortgage business, and in 1955 was made vice president of the Palm Beach Mortgage Company. Since then he has attended and graduated from the Northwestern School of Mortgage Banking.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, the West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, the West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club (downtown), Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity, and the First Baptist Church. Fishing and golf are his favorite sports.

He was married at Waco, Texas, December 22, 1950, to Barbara Jean McCarthy, daughter of William J. and Beatrice L. (Rissier) McCarthy, who reside in Miami. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of Miami High School and the Florida State College for Women, now the Florida State University. The Millers are now the parents of four daughters:

1. Margaret Lynn, born February 13, 1953.
2. Patty Ann, born August 8, 1954.
3. Catherine Elizabeth, born October 28, 1955.
4. Mary Christine, born December 25, 1958.

V. K. ("BILL") CUSHMAN

Active in the insurance, real estate mortgage, land development and building business in the Palm Beach area, V. K. Cushman is the owner of V. K. Cushman, Inc., a general insurance and mortgage loan business in West Palm Beach, and is vice president of Brown and Cushman Homes, Inc., and Brown and Cushman Construction Company of West Palm Beach. He is also one of the founders and a vice president and director of the General Guaranty Insurance Company of Winter Park, and a vice president and director of the Builders Mortgage Corporation, a Florida corporation with a branch at West Palm Beach.

A son of Merton L. and Inez (Kelso) Cushman (see sketch of brother, Merton J. Cushman), he was born in New York City January 28, 1913. He graduated from Trinity School, New York City, in 1931 and from Colgate University in 1935. For the next six years he was associated with the Cushman Bakery interests in New York City. From 1942 to 1944 he served in the United States Army in World War II as a Second Lieutenant

M. A. Cushman

V. H. Cushman

in the Cavalry. Returning after the war, he went to Chicago and was connected with the bakery business there for about a year.

It was in 1946 that he came to West Palm Beach to settle and to establish himself in the insurance and real estate mortgage loan and building business. In 1952 V. K. ("Bill") Cushman and his brother, Merton J. Cushman, formed a partnership in land developing and building in Palm Beach County and Orange County, Florida, and in 1954 the Cushmans combined their efforts with Robert C. Brown, forming a corporation named Brown and Cushman Homes, Inc.

Bill Cushman is a member of the real estate and insurance boards and the Home Builders Association of West Palm Beach; also of the Mortgage Bankers Association. In social circles he is a member of the Flotilla Club and the North Palm Beach Country Club. His church is the Baptist.

He was married in Chicago December 1, 1942, to Ruth Vaughan, daughter of William H. and Hazel (Crouch) Vaughan of Racine, Wisconsin, a graduate of Washington Park University, Racine, and of Miss Brown's Business College, Milwaukee.

MERTON J. CUSHMAN

In the home building and mortgage business in the Palm Beaches since 1952, associated with his brother, V. K. Cushman, Merton J. Cushman is secretary and director of Brown and Cushman Homes, Inc., and secretary of the two allied firms, Brown and Cushman, Inc., and Brown and Cushman Construction Company, Inc.

He was born in New York City April 8, 1901, son of Merton L. and Inez (Kelso) Cushman. His father was a member of a baking firm in New York City in which the Cushman family were pioneers. He died in 1940. Mrs. Inez Cushman is still living in West Palm Beach at this writing, aged 84.

Merton J. Cushman graduated from Trinity Episcopal School in New York City in 1919 and attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a member of the crew, in second position, in 1922. For seventeen years, from 1923 to 1940, he was engaged in the Cushman family bakery business in New York City. After his father's death he entered the magazine publishing business in New York and Boston and continued in this line until 1947.

The Cushmans had been coming to Palm Beach County, Florida, since 1908, at which time they acquired property in Riviera Beach. M. J. Cushman came to West Palm Beach to stay in 1947 and operated a trailer park in Riviera Beach on the Cushman property. In 1952 he entered the home building and mortgage business and in 1954 became a member of the firm of Brown and Cushman Homes, Inc.

Mr. Cushman is a member of the National Association of Home Builders, the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of Elks Lodge #2069 of Riviera Beach, a member of the Flotilla Club, the Palm Beach Athletic Club, the New York Athletic Club, Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity, and the Baptist Church. He was married in Greenwich, Connecticut, on March 15, 1947, to Charlotte Bruce, daughter of Clyde and Florence (Ourish) Bruce, a graduate of Norton (Massachusetts) High School.

JUDGE GEORGE H. BUTLER

The Honorable George H. Butler, Judge of the Municipal Court of Riviera Beach since 1956 and Mayor of Jupiter for 1960-61, has arrived at these positions of honor and trust through hard work and perseverance. He has always been in the forefront of all activities that pertain to the welfare of the community.

George Hardin Butler, born October 16, 1921, at McAlester, Oklahoma, is named after an ancestor, Major Joseph Hardin, who assisted in the establishing of American independence as a Major of Minute Men in 1776, with service in the Battle of King's Mountain and the Cherokee Expedition of 1776. He also served as a member of House of Commons, member of Provincial Congress, member of the General Assembly and Commissioner on Indian Affairs. Colonel Hardin moved from Tyron County, North Carolina, after the Revolution and settled in Tennessee, where Hardin County was named for him.

George Butler is one of two children born to Charles R. Butler of Kingston, Tennessee, and Edith Helen (Collier) Butler of Paducah, Kentucky. They have resided in the Four Points area of West Palm Beach since 1947. His sister, Mrs. J. Robert Grant, attended Palm Beach Junior College and the University of Florida, and is also a resident of West Palm Beach.

George graduated from Kinta High School in Oklahoma in 1938. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in September, 1942, and was honorably discharged in September, 1945, having served as radar navigator in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of World War II, taking part in twenty-two combat missions in the China-Burma-India area.

After his return to civilian life, George Butler entered Palm Beach Junior College on his G.I. Bill of Rights and worked thirty-five hours a week outside of school hours to support his wife and young growing family. During his time in college he was president of the Student Body, editor of the School paper, "The Beachcomber," was a member of an undefeated debating team, and was elected to membership in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Quill and Scroll Journalism Society. He is presently serving as president of the Palm Beach Junior College Alumni Association.

After graduating from Palm Beach Junior College in 1950, he took up the study of law at the University of Miami, attending night classes and working full time in the day as Courtroom Clerk under various Circuit Judges in the Dade County Circuit Court. He studied and observed the actions of some of the finest judges and lawyers in the country and came to know the intricate working of a courtroom before he started to practice law, by serving as clerk in many criminal and civil trials.

In 1954 he received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Miami and was admitted to practice law in Florida courts on February 1, 1954. He was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court of Riviera Beach in 1956. During the five years in which he has held this office more than 7,000 cases have been adjudicated, and this court and its Judge have been complimented by many attorneys throughout the area. Judge Butler was Special Master in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court for the year 1959.

Married to the former Ann DeRuzzo, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DeRuzzo of West Concord, Massachusetts, George and Ann Butler have four children:

1. Charles Kirk, born in 1946.
2. Wayne Anthony, born in 1948.
3. Patsy Ann, born in 1950.
4. Rhett Allen, born in 1952.

Also active in community affairs, Ann Butler has served as a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Palm Beach County and is a past president of the Democratic Women's Club of Palm Beach County.

The Butlers have made their home in Jupiter, Florida, since 1958. In April, 1960, George Butler was elected Mayor of Jupiter. He has served as vice president of the Jupiter-Tequesta Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of Elks Lodge #1352 of West Palm Beach, a charter member of F. and A. M. Palm Lodge #327, a director of Palm Beach County Tubercular and Health Association, past president of the Young Democrats of Palm Beach County and a past member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Palm Beach County, a past member of the Jaycees and of the Resources Development Board, a member of the United States Power Squadron and of the Episcopal Church.

CARL CASSELL

The President of the First American Bank of North Palm Beach, Carl Cassell has a background of many years with banking institutions and is active in banking and service organizations.

Born in New Rochelle, New York, October 8, 1912, he graduated from New Rochelle High School in 1931. His parents, Ragnhild and Axel Cassell, are both deceased. A native of Sweden, his father settled first at Boston on coming to this country and later moved to New Rochelle. He was an interior and exterior decorator.

In February 1942 Carl Cassell entered the United States Navy and served in both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of World War II until December 1945, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

Entering the American Institute of Banking in New York, he graduated in 1946 and commenced his banking career in a local bank in New Rochelle. He came to the Palm Beaches in 1953 and was affiliated for several years with The Bank of Palm Beach and Trust Company and later was vice president of the Riviera Beach Bank. In June 1959 he was instrumental in the opening of the First American Bank of North Palm Beach and became its executive vice president. He is also a director of the bank, and is president of the Florida Gulf Stream Conference of the National Association of Bankers, Auditors and Comptrollers and a member of the Practices and Procedures Committee of the Florida Banking Association.

Mr. Cassell is president of the Rotary Club of North Palm Beach, first elected in 1960 and re-elected to serve another year. He is an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach, where he resides with his family.

In New Rochelle, New York, on September 30, 1938, Carl Cassell married Lucile Anderson, a graduate of New Rochelle High School and of Lasell Junior College at Auburndale, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Cassell have a son and a daughter, both born in New Rochelle, New York.

1. Peter Cassell, born April 21, 1942, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1960 and is entering Davidson College, North Carolina, in the fall.
2. Susan Cassell, born March 28, 1947, is a student at Conniston Junior High School, West Palm Beach.

ELMER D. HEDRICK

Elmer D. Hedrick, president of Coastal Properties Corporation and Hedrick-Brown Construction Company, both of West Palm Beach, has been in the construction business for forty years, the last seventeen years in Florida, and is a recognized leader in his field. He is active in Chamber of Commerce work and other civic improvement organizations and is a great humanitarian.

Son of Emery T. Hedrick, a native of North Carolina, who died in 1926, and of Mittie L. (Conrad) Hedrick, also deceased, Elmer D. Hedrick was born at High Point, North Carolina, on Christmas Day in 1899. He graduated from High Point High School in 1917 and attended Catawa College at Newton, North Carolina, where he was in the Reserve Officers Training Corps during World War I, and also received private tutoring in engineering and construction.

His father being a general contractor in High Point, North Carolina, Elmer became associated with him in business in 1919 or 1920 and continued in the family firm for twenty years. In 1940 he came to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and was there three years, moving to West Palm Beach in 1943. During World War II he served as a liaison man between the government contractors and suppliers.

On December 6, 1945, with seven other stockholders, he formed Coastal Properties Corporation as a real estate holding company. Soon, however, the demand for post-war housing became so great that he could not ignore the lure of building. He bought out the other stockholders and converted Coastal Properties Corporation into a building enterprise. During their first year they built about 200 homes. In 1956 and '57 they built about 1100 homes, and their future, like Florida's, looks bigger and brighter.

In addition to being president and chief owner of Coastal Properties Corporation, Mr. Hedrick is also president of Coastal Service Corporation and Melbourne Properties Corporation, both real estate holding companies. In 1958 Hedrick-Brown Construction Company was established, with Elmer Hedrick as president and his brother, H. George Hedrick, as vice president. H. George Hedrick is also vice president of Coastal Properties Corporation, which specializes in prefabricated or package-deal construction.

Elmer Hedrick is a member and past president of the Florida Homebuilders Association, a member of National Home Builders Association, Associated General Contractors of America, Palm Beach County Resources Development Board, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County and Florida State Chambers of Commerce. He is a member and past president of the West Palm Beach Exchange Club and was one of the prime organizers of a new Exchange Club in South West Palm Beach. He is a director of the Palm Beach County Fair, the Palm Beach County Resources Development Association, and the Y.M.C.A. of the Palm Beaches, and is an active member of the Calvary Methodist Church at Lake Worth.

A tribute was paid to Mr. Hedrick in the All Florida Weekly Magazine of February 23, 1958, in the "Florida Personalities" series of articles. The following quote of a statement made by Mr. Hedrick, taken from this article, seems even more apt today in a general sense.

"It is time we lifted up our heads. It is time we appreciated our strength and serviceability and power. But our job is only beginning, and a thrilling job it is. We have the opportunity, the responsibility, yes, the sacred duty of proving for all time that the American system of free enterprise, American businessmen doing things the American way, can accomplish more than any other system on earth."

In Irving, Virginia, on June 28, 1922, Elmer Hedrick married Octavia Ball, daughter of James B. and Fannie (Sullivan) Ball. Mrs. Hedrick graduated from high school in Virginia, and attended Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg, Virginia.

A daughter, Frances, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick at High Point, North Carolina. She married Walter F. Brown, who is secretary-treasurer of Coastal Properties Corporation and secretary of Hedrick-Brown Construction Company. He graduated from Tampa University and served in the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific theater during World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children: Walter Brown, Jr., born October 4, 1948, and Virginia, born June 12, 1955.

MERLE W. MERCHANT

Operating a steel erection and mobile crane service in West Palm Beach since 1948, excepting his time in military service, Merle W. Merchant is a son of the late Albert D. Merchant, a pioneer boat captain and nurseryman of West Palm Beach, who died in 1952. His mother was Hattie Mae Cash, born in Punta Gorda, Florida. At the age of seventeen she was one of Florida's youngest school teachers. She graduated from Punta Gorda High School, attended Normal School at Wauchula, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Florida. Before her marriage she taught in the schools of Florida for over ten years and after her retirement was a substitute teacher in Palm Beach County Schools.

Born in West Palm Beach October 19, 1928, Merle W. Merchant graduated from Palm Beach County High School in the class of 1946. In high school he excelled in football and also was the Florida State High School Golf Champion in 1946.

From 1946 to 1948 he was with the United States Postal Service in West Palm Beach and then established his present business. He served in the Korean War in a Mobile Construction Battalion (Seabees), C.D. 3, from 1951 to 1953.

Mr. Merchant is a director and member of the Associated General Contractors of America, president of the Island Investors, a member of the West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, the West Palm Beach Rotary Club, the West Palm Beach Country Club, the Breakers Golf Club, Elks Lodge #1352, and the Baptist Church. Golf is his recreation.

On June 7, 1958, he married Jean Rose of West Palm Beach, daughter of Captain and Phyllis (Langdon) Rose. Her father is an American Airlines pilot.

WILLIAM SMITH ALLEN

An early settler of Key West and the first permanent white settler of what is now the city of Everglades, William Smith Allen was born in Enfield, Connecticut, on February 16, 1823. He was a descendant of Moses Allen, a soldier in the American Revolutionary War, whose ancestors settled in Connecticut and Massachusetts before the war.

As a young man William Smith Allen went to Ithaca, New York, where he met and married Mary Jane Sprague. They lived in Ithaca a while, then decided to go South, moving first to the State of Georgia, where Mr. Allen taught school. Before the Civil War, about the year 1852 or '53, they moved to Jacksonville, Florida, and there Mr. Allen was a bookkeeper for the Fairbanks Sawmilling Company.

Three boys were born to the Allens: George Whiting in 1854, John William in 1856, and Dwight Adams in 1860. At the outbreak of the Civil War the Allens, with other Unionists, went to Key West, which remained in Union hands throughout the conflict. George D. Allen, a brother of William, was Collector of Customs at Key West and secured for William the appointment as Deputy Collector. The Allen brothers owned a drug store, as well as other interests, in Key West, which was a fast-growing town at that time. At one time William Allen was mayor of Key West.

With his schooner he explored the west coast in the vicinity of the Thousand Islands and was completely captivated by the rich, verdant land of that locality. A scarcity of castor oil induced him and his brother to attempt the growing of castor beans on Sanibel Island in 1868, since the beans grew wild in Florida, but a storm destroyed the crop and he gave up that venture.

Putting in to Chokoloskee Bay for fresh water on the return trip, he found John Weeks living at the mouth of the river; and observed how richly bananas, sugar cane, pumpkins and cow peas grew in the small Weeks clearing. Returning to that area, he purchased the land he desired from plume hunters who had established squatter's rights, He settled on the river which had been called Potato Creek by the Indians, who had planted potatoes there during the Seminole War. Mr. Allen named it Allen Creek, by which name it was known until 1923, when it was renamed Barron River.

On the site of the present Rod and Gun Club he put up a small house which he raised two feet above the ground on wooden blocks. After a hurricane in 1873 flooded the place to a depth of six feet, he jacked up the building another four feet, placing six-foot posts or piling under it. Thereafter is was occasionally referred to as "the house on stilts."

Mr. Allen was the first permanent white settler in the limits of the present-day town of Everglades. From 1873 to 1889, he owned and occupied all of the townsite along the river and planted his crops along the river front on the east side from the mouth of the river to Port DuPont. He raised tropical fruits and vegetables and shipped them by schooner to Key West, whence they were shipped to other ports.

William Allen was also a Justice of the Peace, and in that capacity held court and performed marriage ceremonies. In the absence of a minister he also conducted funerals. In 1889 he returned to Key West, where he lived until his death, on October 10, 1891.

Not long after the family moved to Key West from Jacksonville, Mrs. Allen had contracted yellow fever.

She recovered, but her health was frail and she could not stand the Florida summer climate, so her husband took her and the boys back to Ithaca, New York. She passed away when her youngest boy, Dwight, was only nine years old. He and his two brothers attended school in Ithaca, New York, in Hadley, Massachusetts, and in Key West, where the boys returned with their father to make their home.

Having grown to manhood, the two older boys, George Whiting Allen and John William Allen, made Key West their permanent home. Dwight Adams Allen went into the Navy, traveled through foreign ports while in service, and in 1885 was appointed assistant lighthouse keeper at Jupiter Light. Later he settled in West Palm Beach, where he reared his family.

DWIGHT ADAMS ALLEN

The oldest member of the Lake Worth Pioneer Association at the time of his death on October 12, 1954, Dwight Adams Allen was born in Jacksonville, Florida, July 31, 1860, son of William Smith Allen and Mary Jane Sprague Allen. (See biography of William Smith Allen.) The family being northerners, coming from Connecticut and New York, when the Civil War broke out they had to flee when Jacksonville was bombarded, and were taken aboard a man-of-war ship and moved to Key West.

After attending school in Ithaca, New York, Dwight rejoined his father in Key West in 1871, his mother having died, and continued his schooling there. He spent some time at Chokoloskee and what is now Everglades City, where his father settled in 1873. From 1880 to 1883 he served in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Galena. Appointed assistant lighthouse keeper at Jupiter in 1885, he walked the beach all the way from Miami (in the manner of the "barefoot mailman") to assume his duties.

In 1891 he moved to West Palm Beach, and when his lighthouse duties ended, he farmed in that locality for some years. His first property was where Lakeside Court now stands, and Allendale Road in the south end of the city, which was named for him, marks the site of his 50-acre farm on which he had a beautiful orange grove, pineapple fields and other fruits. In 1918 he sold 40 acres to Paris Singer to supply vegetables and fruits for the then-new Everglades Club.

After his marriage in 1894 Mr. Allen worked as a sea-wall builder, and many of his sea walls along Lake Worth in Palm Beach are still standing. At one time he served as Customs House collector. He both wrote and sketched, and his manuscripts of early anecdotes with his cartoon-like pictures of the era are regarded as valuable contributions to the archives of pioneer days in South Florida. His tribute to the "barefoot mailman," Ed Hamilton (who lost his life in line of duty), made at the annual picnic meeting of the Lake Worth Pioneers Association in 1933, was credited with doing much to arouse the people of that section to a realization of the debt they owe these men.

Mr. Allen was married October 10, 1894, to Ida Eugenia Russell of Russell, Oconee County, South Carolina, where she was born March 24, 1873, one of a family of eight beautiful girls and seven boys. They met at her home when Mr. Allen was on a vacation up there, and he brought her to Palm Beach as a bride when the Poinciana Hotel was first opened. Their six children, all born in West Palm Beach, are:

1. William Russell Allen, now with Tidewater Oil Company of Houston, Tex.
2. Kibbee Russell Allen, with Shell Oil Company of Houston, Texas, for a great number of years; also an inventor, having invented a set of engineer's scales.
3. George Dwight Allen, a painting contractor in West Palm Beach.
4. Claramae Allen, a secretary, of whom more follows.
5. Mrs. Margaret Allen Roberts (Mrs. John D.) of Miami, a secretary in Pan-American Air Lines.
6. Mrs. Jane Russell Allen Oliver, a dental assistant to Dr. O'Callaghan in West Palm Beach.

To Claramae Allen, the devoted daughter who took care of her father in his declining years, we are indebted for information on her pioneer family. Miss Allen, who graduated from Northampton Commercial College in Massachusetts and took secretarial courses at Boston University, has been employed as a secretary in Washington, D.C., and in Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. She has also rendered valuable service as a secretary to government organizations and for two years was Chief Clerk of Board No. 1 of the Selective Service Bureau for Palm Beach County. After her mother's death in 1940, she did private secretarial work from her home for several years while taking care of her father, who had become blind.

Miss Allen was Corresponding Secretary of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Historical Society and is presently Historian of Lake Worth Pioneer Association, which she served as secretary for eleven years. She has also served as Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary of the local chapter of the D.A.R. She is a charter member of Palm Beach Chapter of the National Secretaries Association, a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and its St. Agnes Guild, and a member of the Teletha Club.

LAWRENCE W. GRABE

Son of early settlers of Holly Hill, Lawrence W. Grabe is the founder and president of Ormond Lumber and Supply Company and of two related companies; also president of Ormond Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association and a civic leader in that area.

The Grabes are an old Pennsylvania family. Lawrence W.'s father, Lawrence S. Grabe, was born in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, and his mother, who was Grace C. Walker, was born in Crystal, Pennsylvania. Both parents are living in Ormond Beach. The father was a merchant in Coryville, Pennsylvania, before he came to Holly Hill, Florida, in September, 1924. He bought a grocery and drygoods store and in 1926, built a two-story brick building, with stores and offices below and apartments above, which was the largest business building in Holly Hill. He continued to operate his store until 1941 and always took an active interest in the affairs of the town and in the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Lawrence W. Grabe was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1913, making him eleven years old when the family moved to Florida. His education was begun in Pennsylvania and continued in Holly Hill and Daytona Beach. After graduating from the Mainland High School, Daytona Beach, he attended the University of Florida and Massey Business College, Jacksonville, from which he was graduated in 1932.

Following a short-lived venture in New York City where he worked in two theatres, he returned to Day-

tona and worked in the accounting department of the Seybold Baking Company. In 1934 he went to San Diego, California, where he was employed as a sales manager. Back in Daytona in 1935, he bought a dry cleaning plant, which he operated until 1943. During World War II he was attached to the First Air Force in a civilian capacity, ferrying planes from one base to another and operating tow target planes. He was awarded the Air Medal for some submarine patrol work he did off the Florida East Coast.

After the war he was sales manager for the United States Gypsum Corporation until 1949, when he resigned to open his lumber business, the Ormond Lumber and Supply Co. Previously, in 1944, he had opened Construction Specialties and Lumber Company in Ormond Beach, and in 1946 had established Pre-Fab Roof Trusses, Inc., also in Ormond Beach. These three companies together employ about 87 people.

Mr. Grabe was one of the organizers of Ormond Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association and served as vice-president since it opened (in 1955) until 1957, when he was elected president; and is also a director. He is a member of the Westward Development Committee; a past member (1953-55) of the Board of Governors of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, now a member of its Executive Committee of One Hundred and of its Ad Tax Committee. He is also past vice-president of Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce and a member of Flagler Beach Chamber of Commerce; a member of Ormond Beach Industrial Advisory Committee and organizer of Industrial Developers, Inc. of Ormond Beach. He is very much interested in bringing industry to that general area.

As a lumberman he is a member of the Florida Lumber and Millwork Association and of the organization known as Hoo-Hoo. He is a charter member of Ormond Beach's Rotary Club and was its president in 1955-56; a 32nd degree Mason, charter member of Ormond Beach Lodge #326, member of Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando, and Orlando Consistory; a member of the YMCA, a sponsor of Little League baseball, and a member of the Ormond Beach Methodist Church. He belongs to the Ellinor Village Country Club, the Bath and Tennis Club, the Hermit Club and the Ormond Beach Men's Golf Association.

A licensed commercial pilot, he is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the National Aeronautic Association, the Air Force Association, the Florida Aero Club (past president of Daytona Beach chapter), and the Daytona Beach Aero Club (first president); also a member of the Quiet Birdmen, a distinguished group of pilots who have flown for a long period of time. Next to flying, he enjoys golf and fishing .

Mr. Grabe was first married in June, 1935. His son by this marriage, Gary Scott Grabe, born March 14, 1936, in Daytona Beach, is a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

On October 23, 1946, at Daytona Beach, Lawrence W. Grabe married Jeanne Railing, who was born in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of William A. and Verna (Wolf) Railing. She is a past president of the Woman's Club of Ormond Beach and is chairman of the Volusia County Blood Bank. A daughter, Lauren Railing Grabe, was born in Jacksonville November 2, 1948.

WALDO STRONG CARMICHAEL

Senior member of the law firm of Carmichael and Sinclair, Waldo Strong Carmichael has been engaged in a general practice of law in West Palm Beach for the past ten years. Mr. Carmichael also owns a ranch in Palm Beach County and specializes in breeding Shorthorn cattle.

Born in West Palm Beach December 15, 1920, he is a son of the eminent Murray D. Carmichael, who died in 1955, and Lilly Mae (Cleveland) Carmichael, a descendant of President Cleveland and native of DeLand, Florida, who died in 1937. His father was born in Indiana and came to West Palm Beach in 1908. He had a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Chicago and also a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. An outstanding lawyer during his career, he served as County Attorney of Palm Beach County, as attorney for the Florida East Coast Railway for several years, and was a past president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He was West Palm Beach's first Mayor, and served several terms in the Florida State Legislature.

Waldo Carmichael graduated from Palm Beach High School in the class of 1938 and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Florida in 1949, having entered law school on his return from military service. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the United States Navy in an amphibious unit in the European theater of war and was wounded in service. His top rank was Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Admitted to practice law in Florida in 1950, he is a member of the Florida State Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is also a member of the American Legion Post #12, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach. Boating is his favorite sport.

T. OKLE MILLER, O.D.

Prominent in his professional field, Dr. T. Okle Miller of West Palm Beach has been practicing Optometry in that city since 1948. He is a native of Wauchula, Florida, where he was born February 27, 1913, son of T. J. Miller, a barber, and Vera Frances (Cason) Miller. He graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1931, attended the University of Florida and Northern Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, from which he graduated in 1948 with the degree of Doctor of Optometry, and proceeded to establish his practice in West Palm Beach.

Dr. Miller was the prime organizer of the Florida East Coast Optometric Association, served as its first president, and continues as a director of the organization. He is a member of the American Optometric Association and is active in the Optometric International Extension Program.

In addition to his professional activities, Dr. Miller takes an active interest in many civic affairs of Palm Beach County, as attested to by the fact that in 1960 he was presented with a plaque by the Florida East Coast Optometric Association for outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of public welfare.

He was a charter member of the Civitan Club of West Palm Beach, is a charter and active member of the Flotilla Club, a member of the Lions Club, Elks Lodge #1352, American Legion Post #12, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Baptist Church. During

World War II he served from 1942 to 1945 in the Pacific theater as a Technician (T5) in the 232nd General Hospital.

Dr. Miller was first married to Bobbie Dean of Gainesville, Florida, now deceased. He reared four adopted children:

Rusel O. Miller, born October 13, 1931, graduated from Palm Beach High School, the University of Florida and Northern Illinois College of Optometry and is now practicing his profession in Jupiter, Florida. He married Lani True of St. Louis, Missouri, and they have two children, Terri and Rene.

Marion J., Marvin J., and Mickey J. Miller, triplets, were born October 2, 1935. All attended and graduated from Palm Beach High School.

After the death of his first wife Dr. Miller married Mary Louise Vasser from Hartwell, Georgia, daughter of Mitchell A. and Ruby Opal Vasser.

By a previous marriage Mrs. Miller has a daughter, Joyce Louise, born March 3, 1939, who graduated from Palm Beach High School and married James T. Wadsworth, Jr. of West Palm Beach. They have a daughter, Laura Lee Wadsworth, born in July, 1959.

Dr. Miller has devoted much time to the care and correction of school children's vision.

RICHARD R. BROWN

West Palm Beach has been the headquarters of the Brown-Mayflower service since 1925, when Richard R. Brown, president of Brown Transfer and Storage Service, established his business there.

Born on a dairy farm near Edgerton, Wisconsin, April 18, 1896, he is a son of Wallace S. and Mattie (LaPlante) Brown. His father died in 1907, his mother in 1951, and both are buried in the family plot in Edgerton, Wisconsin.

Richard Brown graduated from Edgerton High School in 1914 and attended the University of Wisconsin for three years. The United States having entered World War I by that time, he enlisted as a private on June 7, 1917. Promoted to corporal and eventually to sergeant first class, he served in Motor Truck Company #367 for 20 months overseas, taking part in nine major engagements. He was twice wounded in line of duty and after his discharge on June 29, 1919, spent 22 months in the Veterans Hospital at Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

When released from the hospital Mr. Brown went to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and was engaged as a buyer in the tobacco business until October 1924, when he came to Miami, Florida. After a year in Miami he moved to West Palm Beach in October 1925 and established his Transfer and Storage Service. He has been a member of the Mayflower Warehousemen's Association since its inception about 1931, and was national director three years, national vice-president one year (1954), national president one year (1955), and Chairman of the Board of Directors in 1956. He is also a member of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association and the Southeastern Warehousemen and Movers Association.

For his long service as commissioner of the Housing Authority of West Palm Beach, Mr. Brown received the following tribute:

"The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials wishes to pay tribute to Richard R. Brown in recognition of sixteen years devoted duty as a commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida. His long service, without remuneration, signifies his full measure of devotion and loyalty as a public-spirited citizen. His unselfish contribution of time and effort to the advancement of a better living environment for the people of his city reflects credit upon the entire public housing program and upon his fellow commissioners throughout the country—the men and women who are the foundation of that program."

He is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and for many years belonged to the Rotary Club there; a member and past commander of American Legion Post #12, a member of the Forty and Eight, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and Elks Lodge #1352.

In Rockford, Illinois, on August 27, 1917, just before going overseas in the first World War, Richard R. Brown married Marian M. Doty, a classmate of his high school days in Edgerton, Wisconsin, daughter of George W. and Maria (Bintliff) Doty. They have four children and, to date, nine grandchildren.

1. Richard R. Brown, Jr., born in Edgerton, Wisconsin, April 4, 1920, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1937 and attended the University of Florida. During World War II he served as a transportation specialist for Lockheed Overseas Corporation and is now manager of Brown Transfer and Storage Service. In Belfast, Ireland, in November 1943 he married Mary Victoria Holmes, daughter of William and Madge Holmes, and they have four sons, all born in West Palm Beach:

(1) Richard R. Brown, III, born April 25, 1945, a student at Forest Hills High School, West Palm Beach;

(2) Geoffrey Holmes Brown, born October 31, 1949, a student at Lake Avenue Elementary School;

(3) Ian Frank Brown, born June 15, 1951, a student at the same elementary school;

(4) Timothy Doty Brown, born November 9, 1955.

2. Barbara Ann Brown, born January 2, 1922, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1939 and married Hiram L. Lake of Haddon Heights, New Jersey. They have a son, Scott Lake, born in 1948.

3. Mary Louise Brown, born in West Palm Beach in May 1927, graduated from Palm Beach High School and married George Miles Albertson, a grandson of Marcus E. Gruber, an early pioneer of West Palm Beach. They have two sons, David and Stephen.

4. Joanna Jean Brown, born in West Palm Beach in 1929, graduated from Palm Beach High School and from Florida State University and married John M. Farrell of West Palm Beach. They have two sons, John and James.

JOHN M. CRABTREE

Crabtree Construction Company, Inc. of West Palm Beach, of which John M. Crabtree is president, is the successor of the Keystone Construction Company which his father founded in 1920 and which built most of the present downtown West Palm Beach streets, including the subdivisions Northwood, Flamingo Park, and the Hillcrest section of Palm Beach County.

Born in West Palm Beach July 4, 1917, John M. Crabtree is a son of Mark T. and Mary E. (Snell) Crabtree. His mother is living in West Palm Beach; his father died in 1950.

Mark T. Crabtree was a native of Calais, Maine, where he received his early education. He came to Fort Lauderdale in 1910 and settled in West Palm Beach in 1912. On July 6, 1911, in Jacksonville he married Mary E. Snell from Carlinville, Illinois, daughter of Luther C. and Mary (Greene) Snell. At Fort Lauderdale Mark Crabtree worked on the locks, the drainage canals, and in the Everglades with Furst Clark Construction Company, a Miami concern. When he came to West Palm Beach in 1912 he was employed by the Maule Construction Company in building the Palm Beach County Court House. Having accumulated knowledge in the field of concrete construction, road paving, etc., he established his own business in 1916, and in 1920 formed the Keystone Construction Company. In 1948 he established the present firm, Crabtree Construction Company, Inc., and retired.

John M. Crabtree graduated from Palm Beach High School in the class of 1935 and from the University of Florida in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering. During his summer vacations for several years while attending school he worked in his father's business, and upon graduation from college became a member of the firm, taking over the presidency when his father retired in 1948.

During World War II Mr. Crabtree served in the United States Navy. Enlisting as an Ensign December 10, 1942, he served in the Pacific theater in a Destroyer Escort detail and was discharged in November 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade.

He is a member of the Associated General Contractors of America, the Management Research Institute, the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the First Baptist Church. Fishing is his recreation.

On July 11, 1942, at Clermont, Florida, he married Mary Frances Pemberton of Clermont, daughter of Ernest C. and Carrie Ella (Lassiter) Pemberton. She is a graduate of Clermont High School and the Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University) where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Music. She taught music in the West Palm Beach school system before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Crabtree are the parents of two children:

1. Mary Lynn Crabtree, born August 9, 1948, in Miami.

2. Charles Trafton Crabtree, born January 17, 1950, in West Palm Beach. Mary will enter Conniston Junior High School in the fall of 1960. Charles attends the Belvedere Elementary School.

CHARLES A. NUGENT, JR.

A member of the West Palm Beach law firm of Miller, Cone, Owen, Wagner and Nugent, Charles A. Nugent, Jr. was born on Staten Island, New York, July 3, 1925, but grew up in the Palm Beach area, his family having moved to Lake Worth in 1932. His mother was Abby C. Keating before her marriage. His father, Charles A. Nugent, Sr., was a retired fireman of the New York Fire Department. He died in February of 1957.

Following his elementary education in Lake Worth, Charles Jr. was sent to Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Georgia, and then to Palm Beach Junior College, graduating from both these schools. Three years in the United States Army Air Force in World War II followed, after which he entered the University of Miami, where he completed the Liberal Arts course and continued in the Law School, receiving his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1952. While a student at the University of Miami he became a member of the Kappa Alpha Society and the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and was on the varsity swimming team during his last four years at college.

Admitted to the practice of law in the state of Florida in 1952, he is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida State Bar, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. For four years, 1955 to 1959, he was Palm Beach County Solicitor.

Mr. Nugent is also a member of Post #12 of the American Legion, Elks Lodge #1352, the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, the Knights of Columbus Council #2075, and St. Luke's Catholic Church of Lake Worth. He finds relaxation in a variety of sports.

In West Palm Beach on April 27, 1951, he married Barbara A. Brewer, daughter of Mrs. Emma Layton Brewer of West Palm Beach and a graduate of Palm Beach High School in the class of 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Nugent now have six children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Michael Andrew, born September 11, 1952.
2. Timothy Arthur, born August 29, 1954.
3. Elizabeth Ann, born April 5, 1956.
4. Scott Anthony, born November 20, 1957.
5. Tracy Arlene, born April 18, 1959.
6. Barbara Abigail, born August 31, 1960.

WILLIAM RILLON UPTHEGROVE

The fourth generation of his family in Florida, William Rillon Upthegrove has been practicing the profession of architecture in the Palm Beaches for the past two years.

John Upthegrove, a Captain in the Union Army, was the original member of the family to come to Florida. He settled in Alachua County about 1865 and homesteaded near the present site of the University of Florida in Gainesville. He was a farmer and pioneer citrus grower. William's father, C. DeWitt Upthegrove, moved with his mother and father to Palm Beach County in 1907. He has been Supervisor of Registration for Palm Beach County since 1945. William's mother, formerly Mary L. King, is a native of Wooster, Ohio.

Born in West Palm Beach September 9, 1930, William R. Upthegrove graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1948, from Palm Beach Junior College in 1950, and from the University of Florida in 1953 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. For the next two years he served in the United States Navy, Atlantic fleet, entering as an Ensign, and is now a Lieutenant Senior Grade in the Naval Reserve.

During the four years immediately after his naval service he was associated with several architects in the Palm Beach area. In 1959 Upthegrove opened his office on East Blue Heron Boulevard, Riviera Beach, and has been carrying on a general practice of architecture since then.

He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Riviera Beach Kiwanis Club, the West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Toastmasters Club, Riviera Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Methodist Church and Kappa Sigma fraternity of the University of Florida. Swimming and tennis keep him in trim.

On July 4, 1952, in West Palm Beach, he married Betty Aileen Kirk, daughter of Charles A. and Marie (Gaither) Kirk, and a graduate of Palm Beach High School (1949) and Palm Beach Junior College (1951). They now have four sons:

1. Kirk DeWitt, born June 22, 1953.
2. William R., Jr., born October 12, 1954.
3. David Duane, born October 15, 1956.
4. Russell Andrew, born March 13, 1958.

CLYDE HALL SEATON

The president of Wright and Seaton, Inc., West Palm Beach, Clyde Hall Seaton, has been in the insurance business for at least thirty-five years and has been a resident of West Palm Beach for that length of time.

He was born in Henderson, Tennessee, May 11, 1903, son of Leonida Whitfield and Nancy (Bray) Seaton, the latter still living in Henderson, Tennessee. His father, a farmer and one time chairman of the Board of Education of Chester County, Tennessee, died May 14, 1945.

Clyde Seaton attended Freed-Hardeman College at Henderson, Tennessee, and took business courses in night classes at David Crockett High School, Memphis, Tennessee; also courses at the West Tennessee Normal School, which is now part of the University of Tennessee.

His first paying job, in 1923, was with the Daily News and Press of Memphis, Tennessee. His insurance experience began shortly after that as an apprentice in a general insurance agency in Greenwood, Mississippi, where he remained until he came to West Palm Beach in 1925. For the next ten years Mr. Seaton was associated with a local insurance company. In February 1935 he and George O. Wright (now Chairman of the Board) formed the firm of Wright and Seaton, which deals in insurance and bonds.

Mr. Seaton is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge #1352, the Baptist Church, the West Palm Beach Fishing Club, the Sailfish Club and the Coral Beach Club of Palm Beach. Fishing is his sport.

On April 28, 1927, Clyde H. Seaton married Lillian Roe, daughter of Allan and Pearl (Underhill) Roe, and a graduate of Jackson High School, Jackson, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Seaton have two children and, at the present writing, five grandchildren.

Patsy Anne Seaton was born in West Palm Beach March 17, 1931. She graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the University of Florida. On August 4, 1951, she married Richard S. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Johnson of West Palm Beach. Mr. Johnson graduated from Palm Beach High School and Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Patsy and Richard have four children, all born in West Palm Beach: Patt, Catherine (Cathy), Helene, and Richard S., Jr.

Clyde Hall Seaton, Jr. was born in West Palm Beach April 5, 1935. He graduated from Palm Beach High School, attended Duke University and graduated from the University of Florida in 1957. Entering the United States Army immediately after finishing school, he served three years. In December 1958 he married Barbara Blank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blank of West Palm Beach, and they have a daughter, Beverly Lillian Seaton, born March 5, 1960.

FERDINAND B. NORDMAN, JR.

One of the best known names around Daytona and Ormond Beach is that of Ferdinand B. Nordman, Jr., citrus grower and shipper of gift fruits and preserves, which he manufactures; ex-Senator and Representative in the Florida Legislature; a man who had a hand in bringing auto racing to Daytona and in his younger days was always up front when there was a fair or some other form of public entertainment to be put on.

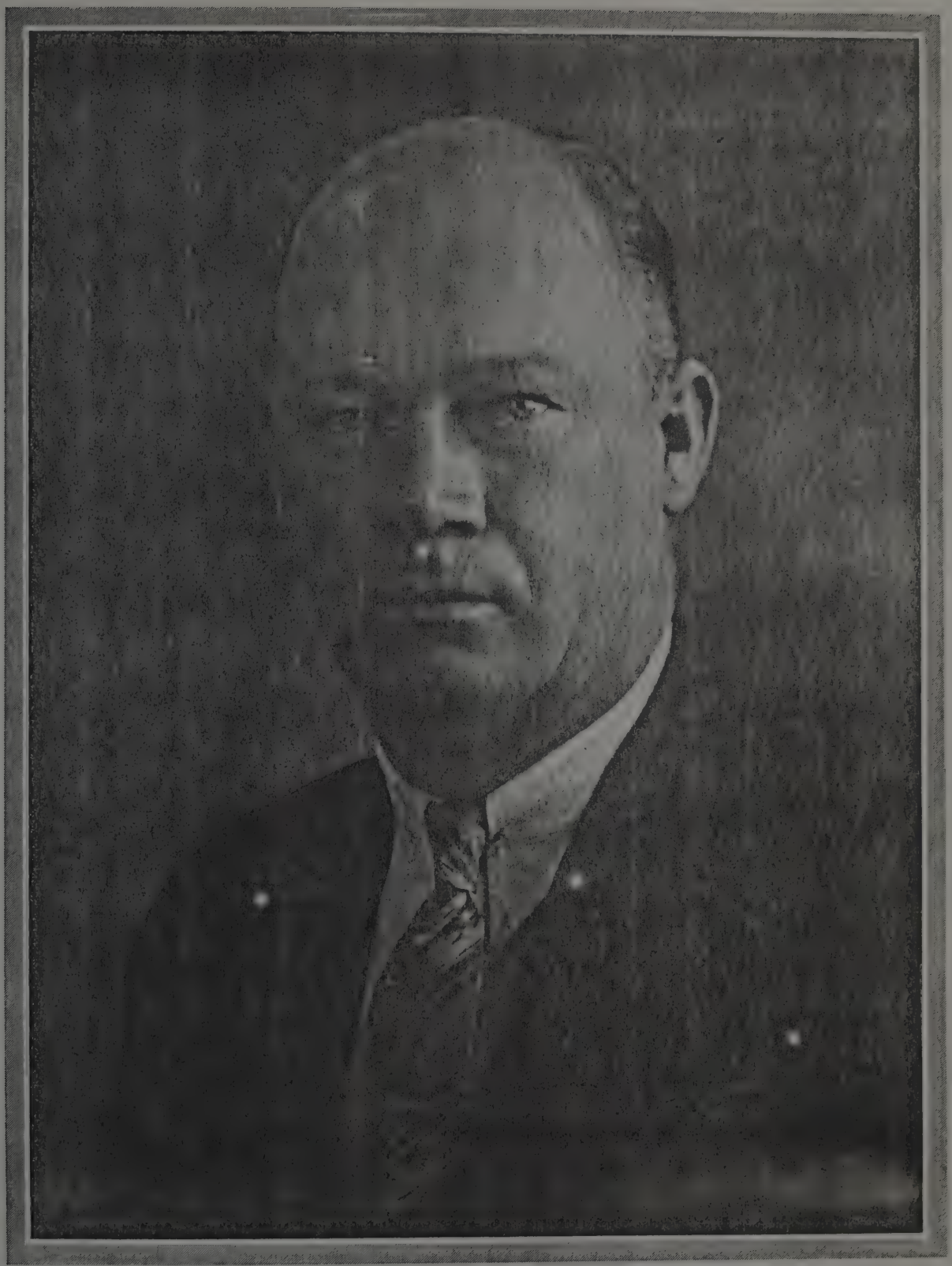
The Nordman family are early pioneers of Volusia County. Grandfather John Nordman came to this country from Hanover, Germany, at the age of eighteen and homesteaded in southern Illinois, raising wheat. He moved to Florida in 1889. Our Mr. Nordman's parents, Ferdinand B., Sr., and Anna G. (Korte), were born in Germantown, Illinois, and came to New Smyrna, Florida, in 1897 from Bartelso, Illinois. The senior F. B. Nordman had been in politics in Illinois for thirty years. He bought the Murray Estate, including groves which was destroyed in the freeze of 1898. He and his wife died in New Smyrna.

Born in Bartelso, Illinois, April 27, 1889, Ferdinand B. Nordman, Jr., was educated in the public schools of that city and of New Smyrna, Florida. At the age of twelve he went to work in the family groves. In 1911 he organized a company, including his father, and bought a half-mile-square block from river to ocean with a small grove on it. This was No. 9 Plantation on the peninsula, a few miles north of Ormond Beach. The property had been homesteaded in 1876 by A. C. Bacon of Hartford, Connecticut, who named it from a story in which the traveler finds a home at the ninth stopping place.

Shortly after establishing himself here, Mr. Nordman built a preserving plant in a small house on the plantation, which he used until 1917, when he lost a lot of his grove and built a new plant for manufacturing his jellies and marmalades. He raises his own guavas for making guava jelly and puts up about twenty products, including candied fruit and pralines. Since 1922 he has been using the name "No. 9 Brand" for his products. At the present time he is shipping about 3,500 gift fruit and jelly packages per year to his northern clientele. In addition to his citrus growing and preserve manufacturing, he has had large real estate interests and bought and sold considerable property.

Mr. Nordman was elected to the Florida Legislature as a Representative from Volusia County in 1931 and served two years. Then in 1935 he was elected to the Senate and served until 1939.

For nine years he was a member of the Board of Governors of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and is now a director of the Ormond Beach Chamber. In 1926 he served as chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, and from 1924 to 1927 was financial chairman of the Volusia County Frolics. In 1926-28 he was instrumental in bringing opera to the Peabody Auditorium of Daytona Beach, and in March of 1927 he helped to bring H. O. D. Segrave to Daytona to test his 2,000-horsepower racing car, and was steward of the A.A.A. Board during speed trials on the now-world-famous Daytona Beach Speedway. This was the beginning of auto racing in this area. He is a past president and past director of the Volusia County Fair Association, and in 1932-33 was



T. B. Nordman Jr.

a commissioner of the Florida Exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago and one of the main organizers of this exhibit.

Mr. Nordman is also a past president of the Ormond Beach Lions Club and formerly served on the Executive Committee of the Daytona Beach Lions Club. He is a life member of Elks Lodge #1141; past chairman of the East Volusia branch of the American Red Cross; served in the Home Guard during World War I; and has been a member of the Ormond Garden Club, the Halifax River Yacht Club and the Daytona Golf and Country Club. His hobbies are fishing, boating and hunting. He is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Daytona Beach. The first Catholic church in New Smyrna was built by his father, a Mr. O'Brien and a Mrs. Holley.

Mr. Nordman was first married in 1912 to Beatrice Kelly of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who, with her baby, Margaret, died in a drowning accident in 1914. In 1916 he married Lillian Frances Dressner of Peekskill, New York, daughter of John Harry Dressner and Jennie DeRevere, a descendant of Paul Revere. Two children were born of this marriage:

1. Lillian Jeannette, now Mrs. Pete Dorson, was born August 27, 1917, on No. 9 Plantation, Ormond Beach.
2. James Robert Nordman, born September 5, 1920, at Daytona Beach, married Lillian Bower of Hazard, Kentucky. They have one son, James, Jr., born November 11, 1944, at Daytona Beach.

FRED G. SEELMANN, JR.

Secretary-treasurer of Seaboard Electric Company of West Palm Beach since 1956, Fred G. Seelmann, Jr. was formerly associated with the J. R. Hime Electric Company of the same city for ten years. His father, Fred G. Seelman, Sr., is an architect in Palm Beach and has been located there since 1925, when he moved his family from New York to the Palm Beaches. Fred's mother was Bertha Jung before her marriage to Fred Sr.

Born in New York City September 1, 1918, Fred Seelman Jr. graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1936 and from the University of Florida in 1940 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. In December 1941 he enlisted in the Army Air Force and gave outstanding service as pilot of a B-17 in the Eighth Air Force in the European theater of World War II. In addition to the Air Medal, he received the Distinguished Flying Medal and the French Croix de Guerre. Having reached the rank of Major at the time of his return to civil life in January 1946, he is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve.

Returning to West Palm Beach, Mr. Seelman entered the electrical contracting business of his father-in-law, J. R. Hime, and continued with that company until the Seaboard Electric Company was organized in 1956 with Mr. Frank Pileggi as president and Mr. Seelman as secretary and treasurer. Towne House, RCA, Villas Apartments, Royal Poinciana Playhouse and Shopping Plaza are a few of the projects for which Seaboard Electric Company has done the electrical installation.

Mr. Seelmann is a member of the Associated General Contractors of America, the West Palm Beach Rotary Club, the board of directors of the West Palm Beach Y.M.C.A., and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

At Pueblo, Colorado, on October 15, 1943, Fred Seelman Jr. married Hazel H. Hime, daughter of J. R. and Hazel (Willis) Hime. Mrs. Seelman graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended the University of Georgia. Fred and Hazel Seelman have two sons, born in West Palm Beach, now students at the South Olive Elementary School. They are:

1. William George Seelmann, born January 9, 1949.
2. Robert Frederick Seelman, born May 17, 1952.

FRANK PAUL PILEGGI

The president of Seaboard Electric Company of West Palm Beach, Frank Paul Pileggi, was with Hime Electric Company for twenty-four years before he joined Fred G. Seelmann, Jr. to form his own company, which has been operating successfully in the Palm Beach area for the past five years.

Mr. Pileggi was born in Ocean City, New Jersey, April 12, 1912, son of Paul and Maria (Sannino) Pileggi, both natives of Italy, who came to this country in 1890 and met and married in Philadelphia. His father was born in the province of Calabria, Italy, October 2, 1866, and died in 1932. He was with the Pennsylvania Railroad for thirty-three years and held the position of Superintendent at the close of that period. Frank's mother was born in Naples, Italy, May 10, 1874, and died in 1945.

Frank Pileggi graduated from Ocean City High School in New Jersey and came to Florida in 1932. He went to work as an apprentice for Hime Electric Company and after a training program of five years duration became an electrician. Since then he became a master electrician. One cannot go into business or get a contractor's license without a master electrician's rating. In 1956 he and Mr. Seelmann established the Seaboard Electric Company with Mr. Pileggi as president. They have done the electrical installation for a number of large projects in Palm Beach and West Palm Beach.

Mr. Pileggi is a member of the Independent Electrical Contractors Association, Associated General Contractors of America, the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, and is a past member and secretary of the Palm Beach Rotary Club.

He was first married in New Jersey September 22, 1932, to Lola Fort, who was born in Millville, New Jersey, May 8, 1912. A daughter, Constance Kay (Brock), was born August 1, 1934, at Ocean City, New Jersey. Mr. Pileggi was married for the second time on December 25, 1960, at Palm Beach to Adelaide H. Cordes, who was born in Lake Worth June 27, 1922. By a previous marriage she has a daughter, Debbie Jean Cordes, born April 7, 1946, at West Palm Beach.

GEORGE BEARDEN PRESTON

President George B. Preston of the West Palm Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association comes from a prominent family of Bulloch County, Georgia, which has a member in Congress representing the First District of the State of Georgia.

Mr. Preston was born in Statesboro, Georgia, December 24, 1918, son of the late "Judge" Prince H. Preston, who died in 1939, and Elizabeth Lane Preston, born in 1880 and living in Douglas, Georgia. His father was first a farmer, then a traveling salesman by horse and buggy for Watkins Products, and in his later years was a Justice of the Peace in Douglas, Georgia.

George B. Preston graduated from Statesboro High School in 1936 and attended Georgia Teachers College at Statesboro. On November 20, 1940, he joined the Georgia National Guard, which subsequently was mustered into the Regular Army in World War II, and served as a Lieutenant in the United States Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft in the South Atlantic until 1943, when he was assigned to the European theater. After serving in Germany he was honorably discharged with the rank of Major in May 1946, and is now in the inactive Reserve Corps of the Coast Artillery.

Following his return from military service in 1946, Mr. Preston came to Lakeland, Florida, and was engaged in a mortgage and insurance business there until October 6, 1947, at which time he moved his business to West Palm Beach. When the Federal Savings and Loan Association of West Palm Beach opened its doors on December 22, 1952, Mr. Preston, who was one of its organizers, became the first president and a director of this banking institution. He is also a director of the United States Savings and Loan League, representing the State of Florida, and since 1955 has served on the Executive Committee of the Florida Savings and Loan League.

He is a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce, a director of West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, past president of the West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, a past director of the Kiwanis Club and the Y.M.C.A., past chapter chairman of the American Red Cross, a member and past commander of American Legion Post #12 of West Palm Beach and vice president of West Palm Beach Community Chest. He and his wife are members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. He also holds membership in the Elks Club, the Sailfish Club and the Breakers Country Club of Palm Beach, the Cotillion Club of West Palm Beach, and in Tequesta Country Club at Jupiter. Golf is his recreation.

Mrs. Preston is a member of the Junior Welfare League, the P.E.O. (a charitable organization), Las Amigas (a social club of Palm Beach), and is active in church affairs. As Virginia French, daughter of Eugene and Arreva French, she was born in Gainesville, Florida, and graduated from high school in Gainesville, Texas, and from the Texas State Teachers College. She and Mr. Preston were married in Gainesville, Texas, on March 22, 1945. They have two daughters:

1. Sherry Lynn, born July 16, 1946, in Lakeland, Florida, now a student at Palm Beach Junior High School.

2. Priscilla Lane, born March 22, 1950, in West Palm Beach, now attending Palm Beach Elementary School.

Mr. Preston is one of five brothers. The other four are:

1. Harrison B. Preston, in the real estate and insurance business in LaGrange, Georgia.

2. Honorable Prince H. Preston, Jr., lawyer and Congressman. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of Georgia and served in the Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft and in Europe as Battery Commander with the rank of Captain, discharged as a Major.

3. Montgomery L. Preston, an attorney in Douglas, Georgia. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of Georgia and served in the United States Navy in World War II.

4. Thomas W. Preston, now operating an oil distributing company in Bulloch County, Georgia. He was a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and served in the Pacific theater in World War II.

DONALD K. TILLMAN, O.D.

Practicing his profession of Optometry in Riviera Beach since 1951, Donald K. Tillmann is now secretary of the Florida East Coast Optometric Association (1960), and is active in local civic and social organizations.

He is a native of Highland Park, Illinois, where he was born September 14, 1923, son of Arthur B. and Bertha Geiser Tillman, who are now both residents of Florida. His father, formerly owner of the Sparkling Spring Water Company of Highland Park, Illinois, is now retired.

Donald Tillman graduated from Highland Park High School in 1942 and from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He took his professional studies at Northern Illinois College of Optometry and graduated in 1950 with the Doctor of Optometry degree.

On June 9, 1951, in Winnetka, Illinois, he married Mildred Carlson, daughter of Mrs. Elsie Carlson and a graduate of New Trier High School, Illinois. They came to Florida and made their home in Riviera Beach, where Dr. Tillman has carried on a successful practice in Optometry and has become an integral part of the community. His office is located at 2115 Broadway.

Dr. Tillman is a member of the American Optometric Association, the Florida Optometric Association, the Southeastern Council of Optometrists, Inc., the Florida Association for Optometric Hypnosis, and the Optometric Extension Program. He is a trustee of Northwood Associates Trust, a real estate investment trust company; secretary of Northwood Investors; a member of the Riviera Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Toastmasters Club, and the Kiwanis Club (a director of the latter in 1959); a member of the Christian Businessmen's Club of West Palm Beach; chairman of the board of Youth for Christ of West Palm Beach; and treasurer of the West Palm Beach Gideon Camp. He is a deacon of Lake Park Baptist Church, in which he teaches Sunday School. As recreation he is interested in a variety of sports.

Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Tillman in West Palm Beach:

1. Nancy, born August 20, 1953.
2. Diane E., born August 27, 1956.
3. Donald Kent, Jr., born February 11, 1959.

E. REMSEN JENNINGS

Successfully operating Jennings Art Shop in Lake Worth for the past twenty years, E. Remsen Jennings was engaged in a variety of occupations before he came to Florida from New York in 1940.

He was born in New York City August 9, 1893, son of William H. and Adelaide Baker Jennings. His father, a New York City attorney, died in 1925 at the age of 56, but his mother reached the venerable age of 94 before her death in 1954.

Mr. Jennings graduated from Commercial High School, Brooklyn, New York, in 1912. In 1924 he received a degree in Bacteriology from Columbia University. During the following years he was a drug salesman, owned and operated a restaurant, and was employed as a safety engineer, all in New York state.

Moving to Florida in 1940, he settled at Lake Worth and established his art shop, which sells artists materials, architects and draftsmen's supplies and does artistic picture framing.

Mr. Jennings is a charter member of Lake Worth Kiwanis Club and a member of Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce. Having served in the Army in World War I in Motor Transport #477 in France, from May 1917 to August 1919, he is a member of the Veterans of World War I. Boating is his favorite recreation.

In Brooklyn, New York, in May 1916 Mr. Jennings married Carolyn Keck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keck. The Jennings have a daughter, Elyse, born in Brooklyn in 1920, who graduated from Washington Irving High School, Brooklyn, and married Gordon Philpott of Schenectady, New York, who served in the United States Air Force in World War II. They have three daughters, Patricia, Jacqueline and Carolyn, and make their home in Lantana, Florida.

DON CHARLES SINCLAIR

Engaged in a general practice of law in West Palm Beach since he was admitted to the Florida bar in 1950, Don Charles Sinclair was born in East Liverpool, Iowa, August 31, 1925, but grew up in Lake Worth, Florida, where he still makes his home. His father, John W. Sinclair, a plastering contractor, now resides in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. His mother was Doris W. Deidrick before her marriage.

Don Sinclair graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1942 and from the University of Florida in 1950 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Meanwhile he served in the United States Navy, from 1943 to 1946, with the rating of Petty Officer third class on discharge.

Since being admitted to practice law in Florida in 1950, he has carried on a successful private practice from his office in the Citizens Building in West Palm Beach. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity.

Active also in civic and social groups, Mr. Sinclair is a director of the Civitan Club of Lake Worth, a past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #1530, a member of American Legion Post #47, and of St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Lake Worth. He participates in a number of sports.

Don Charles Sinclair married Helen Jeanne Royce in Jacksonville, Florida, on September 3, 1948. Mrs. Sinclair is a daughter of Harry A. and Jessie (Capps) Royce and a graduate of Landon High School, Jacksonville, in the class of 1945. A son, Mark Alan Sinclair, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair in Lake Worth on August 22, 1954, and on October 28, 1955, in West Palm Beach a daughter, Merri Anne, joined the family.

THOMAS H. DALY

The dynamic realtor who started Jupiter jumping in 1954 is Thomas H. Daly, who hails from Stamford, Connecticut, where his father was a general contractor, builder and developer. In five years Tom Daly converted a large area of tropical jungle and sand on the Gold Coast of Florida between Jupiter Inlet and Hobe Sound, where the Gulf Stream comes closest to the beach, into six private, residential communities, namely: Jupiter Inlet Beach Colony, Waterway Village, Tequesta, Bay Harbor, North Hobe Sound Shores, and Country Club Cove.

Tom Daly was born in Stamford, Connecticut, January 8, 1911, one of thirteen children of Thomas H. and Margaret (Kennedy) Daly. His father died in 1941, his mother in 1942, and both are buried in Stamford. Tom graduated from Stamford High School in 1930 and in his early years was a professional speed and trick ice skater; also played semi-professional baseball.

He was associated with his father in the firm of Thomas H. Daly, Inc. in Stamford, Connecticut, until July 22, 1940, when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, he was honorably discharged with the rank of staff sergeant on February 24, 1946.

Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Daly came to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1946 and for the next eight years sold real estate there. In 1954 he came to Jupiter to settle there and established his own real estate business, Thomas H. Daly, Inc., which now has twenty-two employees. At the present time he is pioneering the development of Hobe Sound.

Mr. Daly is a member of the National Board of Realtors, Riviera Beach Board of Realtors, and is a director of the Jupiter State Bank. He belongs to Jupiter's Rood-Williams Post #5 of the American Legion and to the Tequesta Country Club. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Golf, swimming and bowling are his favorite recreations.

On November 28, 1953, in Worcester, Massachusetts, Thomas H. Daly married Virginia (Wing) daughter of Harold and Gladys Darling, and a graduate of the Mount Ida School, Newton, Massachusetts, and Edgewood Park Junior College, Briarcliff Manor, New York.

By a former marriage of Mrs. Daly, they have two children:

1. Kevin Tierney, born in Greenwich, Connecticut, in October 1938, who graduated from Greenwich High School and Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, with an A.B. degree in 1960. He plans to enter Fordham University Law School in the fall of 1960.

2. Virginia Marie Tierney, born in Greenwich, Connecticut, in February, 1940, who graduated from Sacred Heart High School, Greenwich, and attended Sullins College, Bristol, Virginia. On July 22, 1960, she married Donald Gilmore Webster, Jr. of Jupiter (Tequesta). Mr. Webster is a stock broker by profession. He graduated from Longmeadow High School, Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and attended the University of North Carolina.

JAMES G. SOMERVILLE

James G. Somerville is founder and president of two investment securities firms with executive offices in West Palm Beach and branch sales office activities in many leading Florida communities. Having established a successful investment career in New York City, beginning in 1945, Mr. Somerville organized his present companies in West Palm Beach since 1951.

Born in Fort Lee, New Jersey, October 1, 1920, he is a son of William P. and Eva Anna (Semmendinger) Somerville. His family moved to this area in 1924. He attended schools in the greater Palm Beaches, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach from 1925 to 1936. The next four years he attended Riverside Military Academy in Georgia on a scholarship and received a classical diploma there.

From 1941 to 1946 he served in the United States Army as Captain of the 26th Infantry Combat Team, First Infantry Division, taking part in the campaigns of Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Belgium and Germany. He was awarded several Purple Hearts

for wounds received in action, two Silver Stars for gallantry in action, and numerous citations and commendations from his command.

After his return from military service in World War II, Mr. Somerville attended Columbia University School of Business and graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree. During these same years he was a representative of Investment Securities and Investment Counselor with First Investors Corporation of New York City.

In 1951 he returned to Florida and established himself in business in West Palm Beach, founding the First Southern Investors Corporation, and in 1955 founded Security Planning, Inc. He has executive offices in the Harvey Building, West Palm Beach, and sales offices in the First National Bank Building, Miami, and in other prominent Florida communities.

Mr. Somerville is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the Council of Profit Sharing Industries, the National Sales Executive Club, the First Infantry Division Association, Columbia University Alumni Association, and the Methodist Church. He is interested in all sports.

Mrs. Somerville is the former Arlene Harriett Corby, daughter of Harry R. and Sadie (Tillotson) Corby, and a graduate of Dover High School, Dover, New Jersey, and Drake College, Orange, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Somerville have a son, James Corby Somerville, born November 6, 1946, at Englewood, New Jersey, now a student at Seacrest High School, Delray Beach. The Somervilles have resided in Boynton Beach since 1924.

CALVIN DECKER KINSMAN

For thirty-five years Calvin Decker Kinsman was a nurseryman and florist in Miami. His character and conduct won the following posthumous tributes from state and local organizations of nurserymen:

"Soft spoken and gentle moving, Mr. Kinsman was nevertheless a forceful attribute in his community and chosen industry."

"He did much to build the nursery industry in which we are all engaged. His concern was always evident when any worthwhile project was underway. His support and enthusiasm were unwavering as our organization of nurserymen grew and developed."

Son of Ai Nelson and Mattie (Foster) Kinsman, Calvin D. Kinsman was born in Ashland, Wisconsin, November 4, 1882. His father was born in Wisconsin November 19, 1854, and died in 1942. His mother was born in Mendota, Illinois, October 13, 1863. The father was a florist in Austin, Minnesota, and in Miami. In 1890 he and his wife built a small greenhouse in Austin and began growing plants and cut flowers. Father and son incorporated the business in 1914 as A. N. Kinsman, Inc., and the elder Mr. Kinsman later moved to Miami, where he became a grower of plumosa.

Calvin Kinsman attended grade school and the first two years of high school in Austin, Minnesota, followed by two years at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and two years at Madison College, Madison, Tennessee. After he finished at Madison College, he spent four years in Cuba as a self-supporting missionary of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. There he cleared land and raised fruit, chickens and bees to support the work that was carried on by his three companions. This group established a church school for native children across the bay from Camaguey and helped in getting missionary work started in Cuba.

In 1910 Calvin was called home because of the illness of his father, and became his business associate in Austin, Minnesota. In 1924 he came to Miami and took over the nursery which his father had established there. In 1930 he started a landscape business at Miami Beach which he operated until 1941. For the next six years he grew plants for the wholesale florist trade under the name of Calmay Nursery, and for about one year after that operated a landscape service again. At the time of his death (March 28, 1959) he was operating a small nursery in Miami and was Florida sales representative for several nursery supply manufacturers.

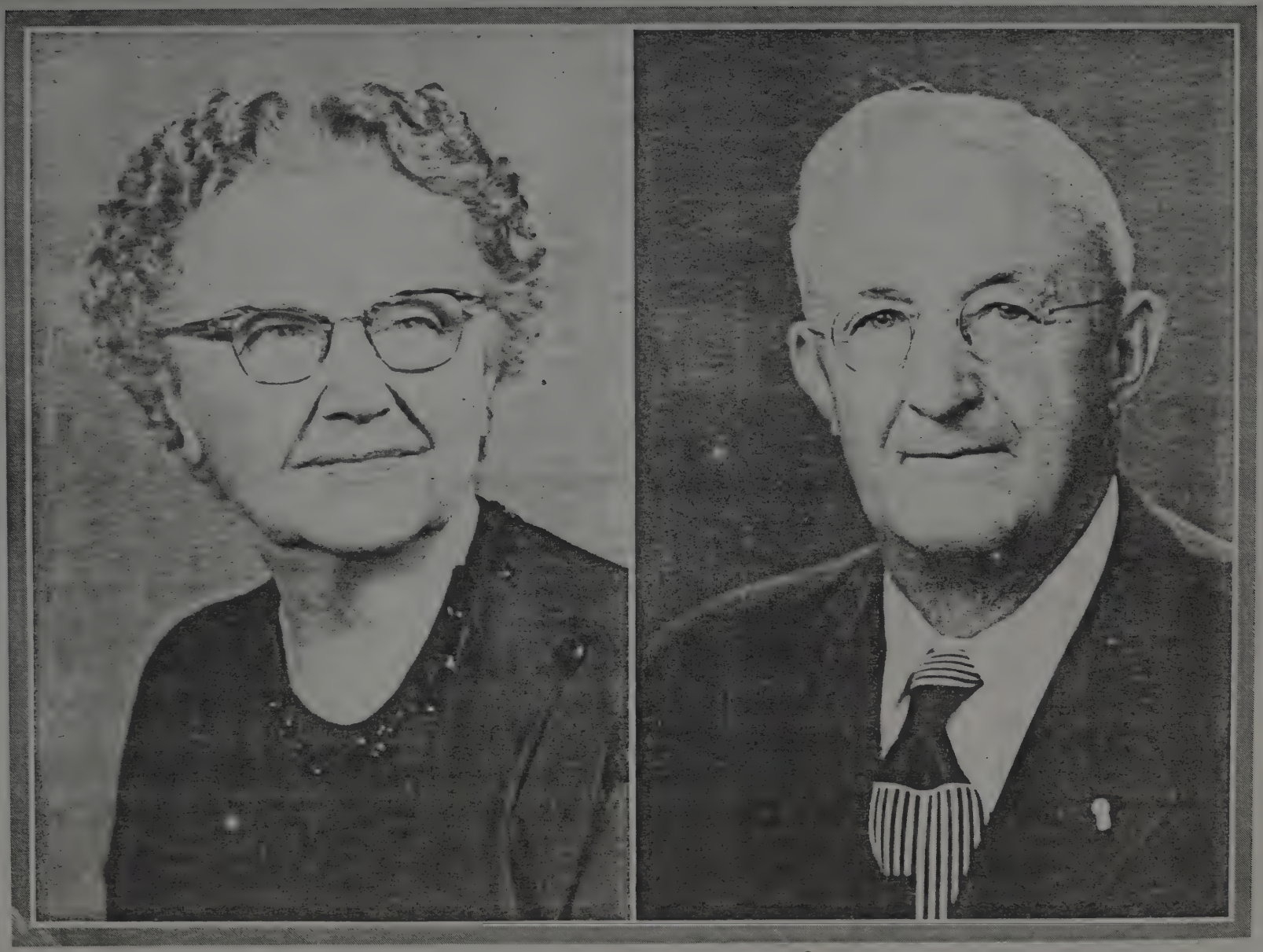
At the 1955 convention of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, held in Palm Beach County, Mr. Kinsman was honored and received a plaque for the most outstanding display. A member of the Florida State Florists Association since 1926, he was its president in 1949-50, and served on its board of directors for five years. He was also a member of the Florida State Nurserymen and Growers Association, the Dade County Nurserymen and Growers Association, the Southeastern Nurserymen's Association and the National Nurserymen's Association, and a life member of the Society of American Florists.

Prominent in Rotary Club work, he was a charter member and past president of the Austin, Minnesota, Rotary, a charter member and past director of the Miami Springs Rotary, a member and past director of the Miami Beach Rotary, and a member of the Miami Rotary. He also was a member of the Miami Chamber of Commerce. As already indicated by his early missionary work, his church was the Seventh Day Adventist. He was treasurer for the Miami Church Building Committee when the Temple Church was erected there and later served as lay elder, deacon and Sabbath School superintendent of that church.

Mr. Kinsman was first married to Christine Owen of Burlington, Iowa, who died in 1923. By this marriage he had three children:

1. Mrs. Beatrice Kinsman Wooley, who has a son, Theodore Howard Heap.
2. Robert Owen Kinsman, born in 1923, died in 1937.
3. Calvin Theodore Kinsman, D.O., of South Miami, who married Betty Russel of Cincinnati. They have three children: Linda Jacqueline, Shirley Ann and Deborah May.

On September 23, 1924, at Albert Lee, Minnesota, Calvin D. Kinsman married Clara May Jenson, who was born at Bridgewater, South Dakota, May 29, 1883. Her father, George Jenson, a farmer and construction worker, was born in Pennsylvania in 1859. Her mother, Sophia Hanson, was born in Denmark in 1863. Clara May Jenson was educated in the public schools of Bridgewater, South Dakota, and Boulder, Colorado, through high school before moving to Albert Lee, Minnesota, where she was a dressmaker and designer for four years. She then began Bible teaching for the Minnesota Conference of Seventh Day Adventists. She is a member of the Adventists' Temple Church in Miami and of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. During her husband's lifetime she shared his activities and interests and since his death she



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has continued with the management of the nursery in Miami.

Mrs. Kinsman has a sister, Mrs. Vesta J. McCumber, of Kelseyville, California, and a brother, E. C. Jenson of Cottage Grove, Oregon. Mr. Kinsman was survived by two sisters: Dr. Linnie Black of Miami, a retired osteopathic physician, and Mrs. Charles Ashton of Austin, Minnesota.

ALBERTUS J. CONE

A member of the law firm of Miller, Cone, Owen, Wagner and Nugent in West Palm Beach, Albertus (Al) J. Cone is the fourth generation of a prominent Florida family which gave a governor to the state (Fred Cone), and is a worthy representative of his family, having distinguished himself as a student and a soldier before he entered the business and professional world, in which he is also prominent.

He was born in Raleigh, Levy County, Florida, November 26, 1920, son of Albertus J. Sr., who died in 1942, and Elmina (Warren) Cone, a native of Live Oak, Florida, who now resides in Jacksonville. His father was born in Gainesville, Florida, graduated from the University of Florida and served in the first World War in the United States Artillery. A former mayor of Gainesville and bank director in that city, he later became a real estate developer and contractor in Jacksonville.

In 1939 Al Cone graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville. Working his way through the University of Florida, he was secretary-treasurer of the freshman class, a member of the Students' Executive Council, president of the Debate Club, a runner-up in the National Debate Tournament, and was on the Dean's List for scholarship. He was a member of Phi Eta Sigma (freshman honorary scholarship), Sigma Nu social fraternity, was president of the Florida Blue Key (honorary leadership fraternity), and was president of Tau Kappa Alpha (honorary debate fraternity). He made the Hall of Fame and "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and graduated with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1942.

For the next three or four years he served in the United States Army in World War II, completing his service as Captain of an Infantry Rifle Company and won the following decorations: The Purple Heart with oakleaf cluster, the Bronze Star with oakleaf cluster, the Silver Star, and the British Military Cross; also miscellaneous citations and commendations.

His first occupation following the war was as manager of the Modern Laundry and Cleaners, St. Augustine, which company has about forty employees. An uncle, Hobson T. Cone, is prominent in the laundry business in St. Augustine. During the next two years (1946-48) Al Cone became commercial manager of radio station WRUF and vice president of Padgett Realty and Investment Company. While in St. Augustine he joined the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Club and served as president of both these organizations.

In 1948 Mr. Cone entered the Law School of the University of Florida and graduated in 1950 with the Bachelor of Laws degree. While in law school he was a member of the staff of Florida Law Review, president of the John Marshall Bar Association, president of the Florida Blue Key, and winner of the Best Speaker award in the annual Moot Court. During this period of time he carried on extra-curricular activities, among which were keeping books for several small companies, selling insurance for a New York Life Insurance company, and continuing as commercial manager of radio station WRUF.

For one year following his graduation from law school he was Assistant Professor of Law at the university, instructing in Constitutional Law, Legal Bibliography, Legislative Drafting, and Municipal Corporations. In 1951 he joined the law firm of Earnest, Smith, Jones, Paine and Cone, and in 1956 became a partner in the firm of Miller, Hewitt and Cone, which by 1959 had become Miller, Cone, Owen, Wagner and Nugent.

Mr. Cone is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, a past treasurer of the latter. He served on the board of directors of the West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce for two terms, was vice president of the Florida State Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1954 and a director of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1955. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and Elks Lodge of West Palm Beach. Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports.

At Brownsville, Texas, on April 6, 1946, Albertus J. Cone, Jr. married Janice McKay, daughter of Harold Roth and Lois (Berkeley) McKay. She graduated from Brownsville High School and attended the University of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Cone have three children:

1. Carolyn, born in St. Augustine, Florida, in January 1948.
2. Douglas, born in Gainesville, Florida, in July 1951.
3. Stephen, born in West Palm Beach, Florida, in February 1956. Carolyn is now a student at Conniston Junior High School.

WILLIAM C. OWEN, JR.

Son of a prominent and early resident of Clewiston, William C. Owen, Jr. practiced law in that city for ten years before coming to West Palm Beach to become a member of the firm of Miller, Hewitt, Cone, Owen and Wagner, later Miller, Cone, Owen, Wagner and Nugent.

His father, William C. Owen, was born in Brownsville, Tennessee, graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1918 with a Civil Engineer's degree, and served as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in the First World War. He came to Florida in 1925 and settled in Clewiston, where he was associated with Elliott and Harmon Engineering Company. Later he was employed by the United States Sugar Corporation, with offices in Clewiston, and about 1950 was named as a vice president of that corporation, in charge of engineering, transportation and real estate. At the time of his death in October, 1960, he was President of Clewiston Federal Savings and Loan Association. He was a former mayor of Clewiston and had been active in the civic affairs of that city throughout his many years of residence there.

William C. Owen, Jr. was born in Memphis, Tennessee, December 24, 1922. His mother was Viola Foerg before her marriage. He graduated from Clewiston High School in 1939, attended Tennessee Military Institute at Sweetwater, Tennessee, and Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, from which he was graduated on February 25, 1944, with a Bachelor of Arts degree and commissioned as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve as an NROTC graduate.

He first served on the staff at the Naval Training School at Plattsburg, New York; then aboard the U.S.S. Vesole (DD 878) as Navigator; and later aboard the U.S.S. O'Hare (DD 889) as First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer. Released from active duty in July 1946, he was promoted to Lieutenant prior to his separation from the Naval Reserve.

Following his return from active duty with the Navy, he entered the University of Florida Law School and received his Bachelor of Laws degree there on June 7, 1948. Admitted to practice law in the State of Florida that same month, he set up his office in Clewiston, where he carried on a successful practice until he moved to West Palm Beach in 1958 and joined the above named firm.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society; a past president of the Clewiston Kiwanis Club and past Commander of American Legion Post #93 at Clewiston; a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church in West Palm Beach and of West Palm Beach Country Club. Golf is his recreation.

In Thomasville, Georgia, on March 19, 1949, he married Phyllis Antoinette Eidson, daughter of Frank Vinton and Phyllis (Murray) Eidson, and a graduate of Thomasville High School and of Agnes Scott College at Decatur, Georgia, in the class of 1948. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her father is a member of the Mayflower Society through the Vintons and John Alden, his New England ancestors.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Owen, Jr. have four children:

1. Antoinette, born January 12, 1951, in Pahokee, Florida.
2. Claire, born September 17, 1952, in Clewiston, Florida.
3. William C. Owen, III, born June 6, 1954, in Clewiston.
4. Frank Vinton Eidson Owen, born April 14, 1957, in West Palm Beach.

Antoinette, Claire and William C. III attend Military Trail Elementary School, West Palm Beach.

LEE C. SHEPARD

A Certified Public Accountant in West Palm Beach since 1946, Lee C. Shepard formerly practiced with his father, who also was a Certified Public Accountant, in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is a high ranking Mason and takes part in civic activities.

Born in Clearwater, Florida, April 23, 1917, he is a son of the late Lee C. and Hazul (Chambers) Shepard. His mother died in 1934, his father in 1958. The family moved to St. Petersburg in 1918 and Lee graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 1934 and from St. Petersburg Junior College in 1936.

For the next five years he was associated with his father in St. Petersburg, having been admitted to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in Florida by State Board examination. During World War II he served from 1942 to 1946 in the United States Field Artillery, mainly in the Pacific theater of operations, and rose from the rank of Private to Captain. Since 1946 he has been active in the Army Reserve program and presently serves on the staff of the U.S. Army Garrison (3220) of West Palm Beach.

After the war he came to West Palm Beach to settle and established his accounting business there. He is a member of the American Institute and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, of West Palm Beach Rotary Club, American Legion Post #12, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Palm Lodge #327 F. and A. M., all Masonic bodies up to and including the 32nd degree Scottish Rite and Mahi Shrine Temple of Miami.

He was married at Camp Bowie on August 8, 1943, to Lorraine Dobson of Dallas, Texas, daughter of Harry and Flonnie (Barker) Dobson, and a graduate of Highland Park High School, Dallas. They have two children, both born in West Palm Beach:

1. Gay, born April 8, 1953.
2. Lee, III, born June 17, 1956.

WARD WAGNER, JR.

Specializing in personal injury and other trial work in the law firm of Miller, Cone, Owen, Wagner and Nugent in West Palm Beach, Ward Wagner, Jr. has been a member of this firm since he graduated from law school in 1957.

He was born in Birmingham, Alabama, August 13, 1930, son of Lucille (Lockhart) and Ward Wagner, a retired executive of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company who now resides in West Palm Beach.

Ward Wagner Jr. graduated from Miami Edison High School in 1947 and from the University of Florida in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. During the Korean War, from January 1951 to January 1954, he served in the United States Coast Guard in the Atlantic. Returning to the University of Florida in 1954, he graduated from the Law School in 1957 and was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida on June 21, 1957.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Palm Beach County Bar Association and Palm Beach Junior Bar, the Law Science Academy (a national organization), and the National Association of Claimants Compensation Attorneys; also of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Palm Beach County chapter of the University of Florida Alumni Association, of which he is a past president, and the West Palm Beach Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce. His favorite recreation is tennis. While a student at the University of Florida in 1949, he was a member of the Southeastern Conference Championship Tennis Team.

On May 11, 1957, in Lake City, Florida, he married Ruth Alice Shingler, daughter of Dr. George P. Shingler, a retired scientist who is written up in Who's Who in America. Mrs. Wagner graduated from Lake City High School in 1952 and from the University of Florida in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have two daughters, both born in West Palm Beach:

1. Celia Antoinette, born January 7, 1958.
2. Julia Anne, born August 13, 1959.

GRANVILLE A. MORSE

A real estate investments dealer, Granville A. Morse moved to Palm Beach from Detroit, Michigan, in 1955. The most outstanding fact about Mr. Morse is his remarkable family of nine healthy boys, ranging in age from nineteen to four at this writing.

He was born in Washington, D.C., March 29, 1915, son of Willis J. and Mary A. (Turner) Morse. His

father, a New York publisher, died when Granville was five years old, in 1920, and is buried in Philadelphia. His mother died in 1935, leaving him an orphan at twenty. She is buried in Atlantic City.

Granville Morse graduated from Malvern Preparatory School at Malvern, Pennsylvania, and from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1937, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Science. For the next three years he was associated in the real estate and building business in Philadelphia, and from 1940 to 1955 was a manufacturer's agent in Detroit. He entered the real estate investments business in 1955 when he moved to Palm Beach.

On October 14, 1939, in Detroit, Granville A. Morse married Katherine A. Powell, daughter of Robert M. and Ann Mae (Dillon) Powell, and a graduate of Rosemont College. Their first son was born in Philadelphia, the remaining eight in Detroit. They are:

1. Granville A., Jr. (Tony), born October 27, 1940.
2. Michael J., born September 19, 1942.
3. James L., born October 27, 1943.
4. Richard H., born December 8, 1945.
5. Peter C., born February 22, 1947.
6. Thomas P., born February 24, 1948.
7. Patrick R., born February 25, 1950.
8. Kevin R., born October 16, 1951.
9. Robert L., born December 2, 1955.

Granville, Jr., or Tony, as he is called, graduated from St. Stanislaus Preparatory School in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and is now a student at Loyola University, New Orleans. Through a summer school program of the university, he studied at Ibero-Americana in Mexico City during the summer of 1960, with a view to improving his Spanish in anticipation of entering the export and import business.

Mike graduated from St. Leo's Preparatory School at St. Leo, Florida, this year (1960), and is entering Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, this fall. His special interests are football and golf.

All the other boys of school age attend St. Ann's School in West Palm Beach. Jimmy is the fisherman of the family and also takes a keen interest in skin diving. Dick participates in a little of everything, but likes baseball and water skiing best. He has a dry sense of humor. Peter likes to play golf at the Breakers and, like the others, enjoys water skiing. Tommy is the patient one, especially with his younger brothers. He and Pat are close pals. Pat, who belongs to the Little League and is an all-'round sportsman, is the mischievous one. At eight, Kevin has the "surprising personality," according to his parents. He enjoys adult conversation and thinks things out. "Real boy" is what the parents say of Bobby, who with his dark-rimmed spectacles and solemn expression has a professorial look.

With a full baseball nine in the family, the father has taken over the roles of coach and umpire for games that take place almost daily on the spacious oceanside lawn at their home. Mrs. Morse takes the cheering section. Mr. Morse especially enjoys boating and maintained a craft for some time, until he discovered that most of the family wanted a smaller boat. For expediency, sometimes the family is divided when holiday jaunts are planned. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Morse chartered a boat and took five of their sons on a cruise to the Bahamas, planning to take the other four later.

The Morse home is designed ideally for family enjoyment, with eight bedrooms, spacious living and work areas, a wide verandah on the ocean side and two swimming pools. The shallower pool, built for the younger children, has little use now. Even Robert swims and dives. The biggest problem is clothing; everyone borrows from someone else, and hand-me-downs cause some complaints. But the general atmosphere is one of close kinship, camaraderie and innate courtesy—perhaps camouflaged in boy-to-boy contact, but quick to appear when the occasion demands. Mr. and Mrs. Morse are to be congratulated for such a fine family. They celebrated Father's Day this year with dinner at the Sailfish Club, and merited a full-page writeup in the Sunday Palm Beach Post-Times.

Mr. Morse is a member of the Detroit Athletic Club and the Everglades Club of Palm Beach. He and his family are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Palm Beach.

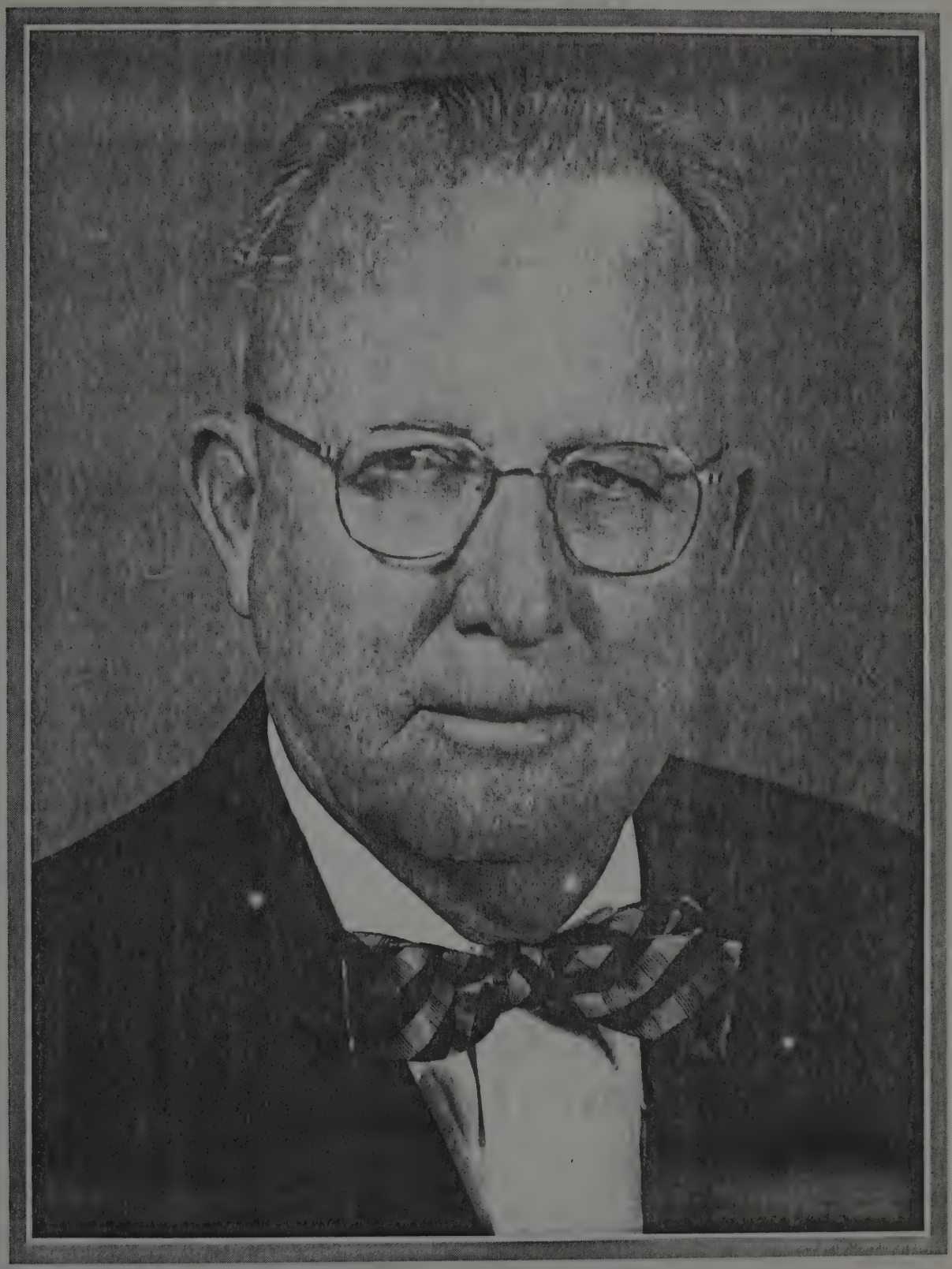
ALFRED R. NIELSEN

The founder and president of Alfar Creamery Company, Alfred R. Nielsen, organized the first Dairy Association in the State of Florida in 1913 and has been preoccupied with the dairy industry ever since then. He spent many years on various committees endeavoring to get adequate facilities for dairy research, teaching, and dairy experimentation at the University of Florida, and his efforts were finally rewarded when, shortly after J. Hillis Miller became president of the university, these necessary facilities were inaugurated and provided in the State of Florida. Mr. Nielsen is also an organizer and executive in other lines of business and is still very active in civic and welfare organizations, in which he has always played a prominent part.

Born in Negaunee, Michigan, September 13, 1885, he was nine years old when his parents moved to White City, Florida, in October 1894. No elementary schooling being available in that community at the time, he was tutored by a former high school teacher, and in 1903 entered what is now the University of Florida, then located at Lake City. Originally known as the East Florida Seminary, this institution was moved to Gainesville in 1906. Graduating in 1907, Mr. Nielsen was one of the university's first graduates and, in fact, the first graduate to major in Agriculture. He then attended the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, where he took post-graduate work in dairying and a veterinary course, finishing in 1910.

For three years he worked for the Federal Government in the Extension Service of the State of Florida. In 1917 he took a position as Agricultural Advisor in the Southern States Land and Timber Company, who, under his direction, developed the first certified dairy farm of pure-bred Guernsey cows at Loxahatchee Farms. In 1922 he organized and developed the Palm Beach Creamery and purchased the Loxahatchee Dairy from Southern States Land and Timber Company, leasing the lands which made up the Loxahatchee Dairy Farm. About three years later, in 1925, he sold out all his dairy interests to Southern Dairies, Inc. and for the next four and a half years enjoyed life, traveling extensively.

Returning to business activity in 1929, he organized Alfar Creamery Company, which started operations in 1930. Mr. Nielsen is still president of this company and his son, Gordon, is executive vice president. The older man is also twice past president of the Florida Dairy Association, past president and a director of the Southern Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, a past member of the International Association of Ice Cream



Manufacturers and of the Board of Directors of the Milk Industry Foundation. He was one of the organizers and at present is on the Board of Directors of the Atlantic National Bank of West Palm Beach, and is a member of the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee of Florida Power and Light Company.

Mr. Nielsen is a member of thirty-seven years standing and a past president of the West Palm Beach Rotary Club; an organizer and member of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. in the Palm Beaches; a member of the Board of Governors of the Good Samaritan Hospital; a member of the West Palm Beach Golf Commission; and a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in which he has served as vestryman. He was president of the Gulf Stream Council of Boy Scouts of America two years, on its Finance Committee for many years, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Sixth Region and on the National Council of Boy Scouts of America. During the war years he was Fund Campaign Director of the American Red Cross, was president of the Palm Beach County Chapter for two years, and is now a member of the Executive Committee. He has taken an active part in such organizations as the Tuberculosis Association, the Negro Welfare Society, Cancer Research, and many others. Mr. Nielsen has many outside activities, but agriculture, and particularly the dairy industry, is always his first consideration.

While attending Iowa State College he met Miss Mavia Elsberry and they were married in 1911. They have two daughters and a son, eleven grandchildren and to date, two great-grandchildren.

FREDERICK H. HOPE, SR.

An exciting career in the wild west and in Mexico was the prelude to the later career as a commercial artist of Frederick H. Hope, Sr.

The eighth of nine children of James Hope, Fred Hope, Sr. was born in Carson City, Nevada, June 15, 1888. His mother, whose family name was Young, was born in San Francisco; his father in Wales.

James Hope, the father, was living in Springfield, Illinois, when Lincoln was running for the State Legislature. As a young man he was a scout for the United States Army. He and his brother were retained by Brigham Young after the Navajo massacre to help bring the Mormons to Salt Lake City. His brother stayed there and married a Mormon woman. James followed the gold rush of 1849 and after that had a mining supply and general store in Empire, Nevada, near Virginia City—the only store in town.

Fred Hope, Sr. grew up in Salt Lake City and in San Francisco, and was in the Golden Gate city at the time of the 1906 earthquake. He was a rancher in Wyoming, Washington, Oregon and Montana, and went to Alaska for a brief period. He also was in the hauling business in San Francisco. He and his brother participated in the Mexican Revolution with Pancho Villa and were expelled from Mexico. After that he came East and attended art school in New York and Philadelphia. While finishing art school in Philadelphia, he worked for a large trucking company and became general manager. Upon completing his art course, he went to Asbury Park, New Jersey, as general superintendent for the Straud Company, pioneers in outdoor advertising.

Having married meanwhile, he came to Florida for a warmer climate for his wife's health, and settled in West Palm Beach in 1924. There he was in the commercial art business, doing neon signs and outdoor advertising. He died April 24, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Hope, Sr. had two children:

1. Alice Virginia, born in Asbury Park, New Jersey, September 21, 1923. She died in 1941.

2. Frederick H. Hope, Jr., born in West Palm Beach March 13, 1925; an attorney in Palm Beach. (See sketch).

FREDERICK H. HOPE, JR.

Now a partner in the law firm of Anderson and Hope of Palm Beach, Frederick H. Hope, Jr. served two years as Assistant County Solicitor of Palm Beach County (1957-59), and was formerly a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is prominent in professional, civic and social groups.

A native of West Palm Beach, he was born March 13, 1925, a son of Mary I. (Kennedy) Hope, who died in May 1935, and Frederick H. Hope, Sr., who died April 24, 1958. The senior Frederick Hope was born in Carson City, Nevada, raised in Salt Lake City and San Francisco, and settled in West Palm Beach in 1924. He was a commercial artist.

Frederick Hope, Jr. graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1941, attended Palm Beach Junior College in 1946-47, graduated from Stetson University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from Stetson College of Law in 1951 with the Bachelor of Laws degree. A brilliant student, he was elected to the office of president of the Student Body of the entire university during his senior year at Stetson and was elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, Theta Alpha Phi national dramatic fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honorary fraternity.

During World War II, from March 1943 to June 1946, he served in the United States Marine Corps in the Caribbean and Pacific theaters as an instructor in the Marine Air Wing and was also attached to the Naval Intelligence.

Following his graduation from law school, he was admitted to practice law in Florida in June 1951. During the next six years he served as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after which he became Assistant County Solicitor for Palm Beach County. Having served two years in that capacity, he entered private practice in the law firm of Anderson and Hope.

In 1960 Mr. Hope ran for State Senator to fill the vacated seat of Senator Dickinson, who was running for Governor. He carried 27 out of 47 districts and lost by an actual difference of 272 votes—the closest race for that seat in thirty years.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the National District Attorneys Association, and the Society of Former Agents of the F.B.I. He has been active in community work for the Red Cross, for Elks Crippled Children's Home, and in other civic affairs. He is a member of Bethesda-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church and of the Coral Beach Club, the 99 Club, and the Everglades Club of Palm Beach.

At Royal Poinciana Chapel, Palm Beach, on March 30, 1959, he married Margaret L. Swanson, daughter of Dr. Fred J. Swanson, a dentist practicing in Palm Beach

and New York, and Elizabeth (Lauten) Swanson. Mrs. Hope is a graduate of the Graham-Eckes private school, Palm Beach, and attended St. Joseph's Academy, Bayshore, Long Island, New York. By a previous marriage she has two children: Paul C. Debry, III, born July 26, 1947, and Elizabeth Debry, born August 26, 1950. A son, Frederick H. Hope, III, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hope on June 1, 1960.

ROBERT R. HORNER

Since 1950 Robert R. Horner has been employed by the Boynton Landscape Company, whose office is in Palm Beach. Prior to his association with this company Robert Horner was launched on a military career, but after five years of service in the Occupation Forces in Europe following World War II, he resigned from the United States Air Force to enter the ranks of business.

Son of Colonel Albert A. Horner, United States Army Retired, a West Point graduate, and Lucy (Roff) Horner, both now residing in Austin, Texas, Robert R. Horner was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 14, 1923. Being the son of a military man, he "saw the world" at an early age and received his education in various places. Following his graduation from Roosevelt High School in Honolulu, he attended the University of Hawaii for one year. At Cornwall, New York, he attended Stanton Preparatory School and then entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he was graduated in 1945. From that time until March 1950 he was a pilot in the US Air Force with the rank of Lieutenant and, as already stated, served in the Army of Occupation in Europe. Following his return from Europe Mr. Horner became secretary-treasurer of Boynton Landscape Company, which position he still holds, and is also general manager of the Maintenance Department of this company.

Actively participating in the civic life of his community, he is vice-chairman of the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction, a member of the Palm Beach Community Chest and chairman of its Budget Committee, and past president of West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce. He received The Distinguished Service Award as the Outstanding Young Man in West Palm Beach for 1955. In social circles he is a member of the Sailfish Club of Palm Beach and the Quiet Birdmen Club, in which he is Governor of the Palm Beach Hangar. His church is the Episcopal Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach. Fishing is his favorite sport.

He was married in Holy Trinity Church, West Palm Beach, on January 24, 1946, to Marion Jean Sturrock, daughter of James D. and Anna May (Porter) Sturrock. Her father is president of Boynton Landscape Company, Boynton Nurseries and Knollwood Groves in Palm Beach County. Mrs. Horner graduated from Palm Beach High School and attended Stetson University at DeLand, Florida. The Horners have two children, born in West Palm Beach:

1. Sandra Susan, born January 3, 1951.
2. Robert R. Jr., born October 11, 1952.

ARTHUR R. LYMAN, JR.

Owner of the Crystal Rock Water Company of Lake Worth, which his father founded in 1927, Arthur R. Lyman, Jr. is a member of a pioneer family of Lantana. In fact, his grandfather, Morris Benson Lyman, named the town from the beautiful flower of that name which grew in profusion on the land that he and his father, M. K. Lyman, homesteaded.

The following account is taken from The History of Beautiful Palm Beach by J. W. Travers. Preceded by his father, M. B. Lyman came to Florida in 1883 and, after stopping at Jacksonville for a time, accompanied the Brelsford brothers to Lake Worth (which then meant the whole area from one end of the lake to the other.) In 1884 he returned to Detroit to marry Mary A. Beltz and brought her back to Jacksonville, where they made their home for about two years and where their first son, George G., was born. While Mrs. Lyman and the baby visited her parents in Detroit, M. B. Lyman came to Lantana (then part of Hypoluxo) to get started in business, and in 1888 brought his family to their new home there. In 1889 the locality was given a post office with the name chosen for it by Mr. Lyman, and he was Lantana's first postmaster. He founded a mercantile establishment that bore his name and was a material factor in the growth of the town. After her husband's death, Mrs. Mary B. Lyman, beloved by her neighbors, donated the site for a community building where church and Sunday School services were held and she was one of the trustees of the Sunday School.

Arthur R. Lyman, Sr. was in the grocery business in Lake Worth for many years prior to founding the Crystal Rock Water Company. He and his wife, Arthur Jr.'s mother, who was Berthe E. Papot, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott, who were also early pioneers, are still residents of Lake Worth.

Arthur Lyman, Jr., born April 9, 1913, in Lantana (as was his father), graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1930 and from the University of Florida in 1934 with a Bachelor of Science degree. For the first two years out of college he was occupied in his father's business. In 1936 he became an employee of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County and remained in that position until October of 1940, when he volunteered for extended active duty as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve. He served in the European theater for the duration of the war and came out a Lieutenant Colonel. Returning to his father's business in 1946, he succeeded him on his retirement and has continued to operate the business since then.

He is one of the founders of the Florida Bottled Water Association, of which he is past president and now secretary; and the American Bottled Water Association, of which he is regional vice president.

Mr. Lyman is a member of the Chambers of Commerce of Lake Worth, Palm Beach, Boynton Beach and Delray Beach; of the Lake Worth Rotary Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Lake Worth, the Palm Beach Power Squadron, Gulf Stream Lodge #245, F. and A.M., Lake Worth Consistory, Sem-I-No Grotto, Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami, and the Palm Beach County Shrine Club.

On April 4, 1953, he married Jean Whipple Sandals of Lake Worth, daughter of Mrs. Ralph H. Whipple and the late Mr. Whipple of Lake Worth, Florida; and they have a daughter, Cheryl L., born in West Palm Beach November 28, 1955. By an earlier marriage Mr. Lyman has two children: Carole E., born at Lake Charles, Louisiana, March 13, 1943, now a student at Lake Worth High School; and Arthur R. Lyman, III, born August 20, 1944, at Gainesville, Florida, also a student at Lake Worth High School.

Douglas H. Sandals is Mrs. Lyman's son by a previous marriage, born March 30, 1943.

WILLIAM EDWARD FEEK

The proprietor of the Salon of Music in Palm Beach, with branches in West Palm Beach and Pompano Beach, has been operating his music store in Palm Beach since 1946. He is prominent in the civic and social life of Palm Beach.

Born in Lake Placid, New York, May 14, 1922, William Edward Feek is a son of Dr. William Ewart and Dorothy (Young) Feek. His father, a native of Brushton, New York, is a retired pharmacist, a graduate of the University of Michigan and veteran of World War I. He had a drug store in Lake Placid, New York, and upon moving to Palm Beach in 1935, purchased the Merriam Drug Store on Worth Avenue and changed its name to The Everglades Pharmacy. He retired in 1949.

William Edward Feek graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1939, attended Palm Beach Junior College for one year and the University of Michigan one year. Enlisting in the United States Air Force in September, 1942, he served for the duration of World War II and was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant. After his return from the Air Force he established his Salon of Music in Palm Beach, and in 1947 opened the West Palm Beach store. The Pompano Beach branch was opened in 1959.

Mr. Feek is a member of the Rotary Club of Palm Beach, Elks Lodge #1352 and American Legion Post #12 of West Palm Beach, an associate of the Fraternal Order of Police, a past president and one of the founders of the Islanders Club of Palm Beach, a member of the 99 Club, the Sailfish Club, and the Lake Placid Club of New York; also the Episcopal Church. Boating and swimming are his recreations of choice.

He was married in West Palm Beach April 17, 1947, to Marilyn Roth of Great Neck, Long Island, New York; daughter of Arthur Chester and Viola (Schur) Roth and a graduate of Great Neck High School. The Roths are merchants in Palm Beach and Southampton, Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Feek have a son and a daughter:

1. John Richard Feek, born January 5, 1944, at Great Neck, L.I., now a student at Palm Beach High School.

2. Sherry Lynn Feek, born September 8, 1948, in West Palm Beach, a student at Palm Beach Junior High School.

Note: Mr. Feek died October 25, 1961.

KENNETH JOHN HORTON

Former Judge of the Municipal Court of Lake Worth and City Prosecutor since 1957, Kenneth John Horton began his career as an educator but after serving in World War II turned to the study of law.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois, May 27, 1917, son of Roland Schipper and Lillian (Buschbaum) Horton, both natives of Chicago, where his father was born July 22, 1895, and his mother on February 6, 1896. His father was a retail merchant and insurance executive, a city commissioner of Lake Worth and District Governor of Rotary International.

Kenneth Horton graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1935 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1939 and a Master of Arts degree from the same university in 1940. For the next three years he was a high school teacher at Leon High School in Tallahassee. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the Legal Section of the Medical Administrative Corps of the United States Army with the rank of Captain.

After his return from the Army he entered the University of Florida Law School, received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1948, and was admitted to practice law in Florida that year. In 1949 he was appointed Judge "ad litem" of the Municipal Court of Lake Worth and served in that office until 1957, when he became City Prosecutor of Lake Worth. In addition to his legal practice, he is vice president and a director of Flame Radio and Television, Inc., station WOXT, Palm Beach.

Judge Horton is a member of the Palm Beach County, the Florida and the Federal Communications Commission Bar Associations; past president of Lake Worth Kiwanis Club and of Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce; a member of Delta Tau Delta and Delta Theta Phi (legal) fraternities; of the American Legion, Elks Lodge, and the First Congregational Church of Lake Worth, in which he was a Moderator in 1958. Active in Masonry, he is a member of Gulf Stream Lodge F. and A.M., Lake Worth Consistory (where he serves as organist), all Scottish Rite bodies including the 32nd degree, and Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami. He is also a past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Order of Amaranth. Music is his hobby.

On December 12, 1960, in West Palm Beach, Judge Horton married Margaret Norris MacEachron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tracy of Lake Worth. Mrs. Horton is known in Palm Beach County as a radio and public relations personality.

By his first marriage Judge Horton has a daughter, Pamela Elizabeth Horton, born June 10, 1946, in Biltmore, North Carolina, now a student at Lake Worth High School and a member of the Girl Scouts, the 4H Club, and the Lake Worth Swimming Club.

Children of Mrs. Horton's previous marriage are Judith Horton, a senior at the University of Miami, and Nancy Horton, a senior at Lake Worth High School.

D. A. "JACK" SUTHERLAND

President of Jack Sutherland and Associates, Inc., Palm Beach, since 1953, D. A. Sutherland, better known as Jack, was formerly in the real estate business in Huntington, West Virginia, for two years and previous to that had a variety of occupations.

Born in the town of Chesapeake, Lawrence County, Ohio, October 31, 1914, he is a son of Albert Edison and Margaret Elizabeth (Arthur) Sutherland. His father was christened Edison for his godfather, Thomas Edison. He was a furniture dealer in Huntington, West Virginia, and a relative of the Honorable Howard K. Sutherland, United States Senator from West Virginia, and his son, Richard K. Sutherland, a West Point graduate and Lieutenant General of the United States Army, who was Chief of Staff to General Douglas MacArthur during World War II. Jack Sutherland's father died in 1950. His mother is living in Huntington, West Virginia.

He graduated from Huntington High School in 1934 and from Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia, in 1938 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. For the first two years out of college he was with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in California, in sales and as an engineer in their air conditioning and refrigerating department.

Enlisting in the United States Air Force as a private in 1942, he served over thirty months in the European

D. A. "Jack" Sutherland

theater and was advanced to the rank of Captain. He was discharged in January 1946.

While in the service in Europe, Captain Sutherland collaborated with the Red Cross director of the European theater, and with chaplains and statistical officers, in running a survey of American service men. This was done in the form of a questionnaire and personal interviews with thousands of servicemen to determine their needs and intentions on discharge from the service. These questionnaires were tabulated and later put into book form at the direction of the European Commander and were circulated through different departments of the federal and state government of the United States. The books, illustrated by artists who were in the service, were later distributed to the Chambers of Commerce of all major cities. This survey established the need for the G.I. Bill of Rights, which benefited the economy of the country.

After the war Mr. Sutherland became a gentleman farmer and distributor of packaged candies at Roanoke, Virginia. From 1949 to 1951 he worked for the garment business in sales and distribution out of New York City. In 1951 he entered the real estate business in his home town of Huntington, West Virginia, and in 1953 came to Florida and set himself up in the real estate and investments business in Palm Beach with an office at 276 South County Road.

Mr. Sutherland's firm put together the land development and building deal for the town now known as East Orlando where Sutherland Drive is named for him. They also sold the land and development known as Apollo Beach, outside of Tampa, and sold Mr. Francis Corr's home in Jupiter to Perry Como.

Mr. Sutherland is a member of Tequesta Country Club in Jupiter, the Breakers Country Club, Palm Beach, West Palm Beach Country Club, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Presbyterian Church. Golf and flying are his recreations.

He has a daughter, Nancy Margaret Sutherland, born at Beckley, West Virginia, July 17, 1943, now a linguist student at Green Briar College, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

G. EDWARD DAIL, JR.

The Executive Director of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, G. Edward Dail, Jr., has been a resident of Florida since 1939. Before he was appointed to the above-named position, in 1958, Mr. Dail served in several capacities with the university system of Florida and as special assistant to the Governor. For nearly five years, 1944-48, he was assistant business manager with the Florida State Board of Control.

Mr. Dail was born October 31, 1918, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was also the birthplace of his mother, Hannah (Kershaw) Dail. His father, George E. Dail, a native of North Carolina, attended Trinity College (now Duke University) at Durham, North Carolina, and previous to his retirement in 1954 was associated with the manufacture of woolen yarns in Philadelphia. Both parents are residents of Lake Worth, Florida.

After graduating from Northeast High School, Philadelphia, in 1935, G. E. Dail, Jr. attended the University of Pennsylvania for a while before coming to Florida, where he entered Stetson University and graduated in 1942 with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. In 1954 he completed a post graduate course in Management and Political Science at Florida State University. During World War II, from 1942 to 1946, he served with the O.S.S. in the China theater of operations and returned to active duty with the Army Security Agency during the Korean war, 1951-52. He now holds the rank of Captain in the Military Intelligence Reserve.

Mr. Dail is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at Stetson University, Pi Gamma Mu (a national Social Science fraternity), the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, and the Florida State Chamber of Commerce for which he is serving on several committees. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church. For recreation he enjoys golf, bowling, fishing and swimming.

In Apopka, Florida, on August 16, 1950, Mr. Dail married Ruth Haddox, a native of Florida, who graduated from Apopka High School in 1943 and from Florida State University in 1946 with a B.S.B.A. degree. Mr. and Mrs. Dail are the parents of two children, both born in Tallahassee:

1. Stephen Edward, born February 21, 1954.
2. Deborah Ann, born December 19, 1956.

WILLIAM GERNON, M.D.

A resident of Lake Worth, Florida, since 1949, Dr. William Gernon, whose specialty is Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology (Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat), is on the medical staff of the Good Samaritan and St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, the Palm Beach General Hospital in Lake Worth, and Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach. He is a former Chief of the Joint Staff of the Southeast Tuberculosis Hospital at Lantana, where he is now an active consultant. Dr. Gernon had extensive preparation for his work, including six years experience in the United States Army. He is prominent in medical circles and also finds time for civic activities.

Born in Kankakee, Illinois, August 30, 1910, he is a son of Dr. John Hall Gernon, who was born in Canada, and of Anna Deland Gernon, a native of Paris, France. His father graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and practiced medicine and surgery in Kankakee, Illinois. He died June 17, 1926.

William Gernon graduated from Kankakee High School in 1928 and from the University of Illinois in 1932 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Continuing in the Medical School of the University of Illinois, he received his M.D. degree in 1934. From June of that year until the following January, 1935, he was resident in Psychiatry at Peoria State Hospital, Peoria, Illinois. A year's internship in Surgery followed at the Augustana Hospital in Chicago; then a three-year residency (1936-39) in Ophthalmology at the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, Chicago, and a two-year residency (1939-41) in Otolaryngology at Western Reserve University Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. Enlisting in the United States Army in 1941, Dr. Gernon was Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service of the Fourth General Hospital in the Southwest Pacific, and remained in the Army until 1947, when he was retired in the permanent rank of Major.

After two years private practice in Chicago, Dr. Gernon moved to Lake Worth, Florida, where his professional services have been of great benefit to the community.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Florida State Medical Association, the Palm

Beach County Medical Society, the Chicago Medical Society, the Greater Miami Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society, the Florida State Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society, Chicago Ophthalmology Society, the American Academy of Otolaryngology and Ophthalmology, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the International College of Surgeons, and the American Geriatric Society.

Dr. Gernon is also a member of the Lake Worth Rotary Club and a director for 1960 to 1966, a member of the Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Sacred Heart Church at Lake Worth, and the Manalopan Club.

He was married in Chicago on October 12, 1946, to Nancy J. Bruce, daughter of John and Nancy (Bennett) Bruce of Melbourne, Australia, where Mrs. Gernon was born. She is a graduate of Baloral College, Sydney, Australia. Dr. and Mrs. Gernon have a son, William John Gernon, born October 10, 1947, in Chicago.

HERBERT L. KEATTS

A real estate operator in Boynton Beach for the past ten years, Herbert L. Keatts was in the dairy business in Palm Beach County for more than twenty years, and is a familiar figure in the civic life of Boynton Beach.

He was born in Dover, Stuart County, Tennessee, March 20, 1901, son of Edward B. and Nettie M. (Shelby) Keatts, both natives of Tennessee, where his father farmed all his life and died in 1939. At this writing his mother is still living in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Herbert graduated from Stuart County Elementary School in Tennessee and attended Dover High School for a while, but left school to work on his father's farm. In 1925 he came to Boynton Beach to settle here. He worked on the Lake Worth Drainage District for a short period of time and then, in 1927, got into the dairy business with M. A. Weaver, pioneer dairyman of Palm Beach County. Late in 1928 he became supervisor of the Williamson Dairy Farm, owned by R. F. Williamson, and was there about four years. In 1932 he established his own dairy in Boynton Beach and successfully carried on this enterprise for sixteen years.

Having become interested in the real estate business, Mr. Keatts obtained his Palm Beach County license in 1950 and his broker's license for the State of Florida in 1954. In April 1957 he joined the Sea-Crest Realty and Insurance Agency Company of Boynton Beach, whose other members are C. N. Boos, president, C. W. Woosley, R. L. Brandein and D. W. Gandy.

Mr. Keatts is a member of the Palm Beach Realty Board, the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce, a twenty-year member and past president of the Boynton Beach Rotary Club, a member of F. and A. M. Boynton Lodge #236 and of the Methodist Church. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

He was married in Clarksville, Tennessee, December 30, 1923, to Clarice McGregor, daughter of Albert L. and Lillie (Green) McGregor of Indian Mound, Tennessee, where Mrs. Keatts was born. A daughter, J. Lorraine Keatts, born in Ridge Springs, South Carolina, February 28, 1929, graduated from Boynton Beach High School, attended Brevard Junior College in Brevard, North Carolina, and married Kenneth G. Gouge of North Carolina, a Captain in the United States Air Force. He served in the Korean War and is now stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland. They have two daughters: Julia, born in 1948 at Raleigh, North Carolina, and Holly, born in 1955 at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

JOHN M. BOISE

Now president of Service Iron, Inc. of West Palm Beach, John M. Boise has been associated with this business since 1941. Formerly a four-letter man in high school sports, he played professional baseball for one year, 1937, and since 1943 has been a football official for the Florida High School Activities Association.

He was born in Detroit, Michigan, December 3, 1917, son of John L. and Ethel (Gero) Boise. His father is a retired office executive, now living in Sarasota, Florida. The family moved to Jacksonville, Florida, in October of 1923 and John attended the New Springfield Elementary School and Kirby Smith Junior High School there. He finished Junior High School at Central High School in West Palm Beach and graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1936.

In high school he was a member of all the varsity teams—football, baseball, basketball and track—and won letters in all four. He was captain of the football team and the basketball team in the year 1935. In the school year 1936-37 he attended the University of Tennessee and in 1937 played professional baseball.

Returning to West Palm Beach in 1938, he became associated with the McGrory Stores, starting in the stock room, and remained with that company until 1941, when he was floor manager. He started with Service Iron Works as bookkeeper in 1941. The following year the firm was incorporated as Service Iron, Inc., with C. E. Tisdale, Sr., as president, Frank F. Ahrens, Sr. as vice president, and Mr. Boise as secretary and treasurer. On the death of Mr. Tisdale in 1952 Mr. Boise became general manager, and in 1957, when Mr. Ahrens died, he became president of the company.

He is vice president of the West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club for 1960-61 and a lay leader and local preacher at the Wagg Memorial Methodist Church, where he has been superintendent of the Sunday School.

On June 1, 1939, in West Palm Beach he married Margaret Helen Knoll, daughter of Jacob W. and Lillian (Smith) Knoll, who was educated in the public schools of Haverstraw, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Boise have two daughters, born in West Palm Beach.

1. Linda Joy, born December 2, 1941, attended Palmetto Elementary and Conniston Junior High School, graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1958, from Palm Beach Junior College in 1960, and is now a student at Florida State University.

2. Sherry Gale, born June 1, 1946, attended Palmetto and Meadow Park Elementary Schools and is now attending Forest Hills High School in the class of 1964.

CHARLES "DUTCH" AUSTIN

The proprietor of Sports Haven in Lake Worth, Charles "Dutch" Austin, came to Lake Worth, Florida, when he retired from the New York State Police in 1948, and built and operated the Whispering Palms Motel, which he sold in 1952. After a five-month vacation in Europe, taking in Finland and the Olympics, he returned to establish Sports Haven in a newly erected building at 513 Lake Avenue.

Born at Peekskill, New York, September 13, 1913,

he is a son of Charles Austin, a railroad maintenance man for the New York Central, who died when "Dutch" was in his teens; and Melissa Booth Sager, who is living in Miami.

After graduating from Peekskill High School in 1929, he was a clerk in the Busy Corner Drug Store until he joined the New York State Police in 1936. In 1942 he enlisted in the United States Navy and served three years in the Pacific theater as a boatswain second class. After the war he returned to the New York State Police for another three years.

Charles Austin was married at Saratoga Springs, New York, on August 13, 1947, to Fannie Williams, daughter of Gustavus Williams and Elizabeth Saari, both natives of Finland. Mrs. Austin was born in New Jersey. She graduated from Leonia High School as salutatorian of her class and "cum laude" from Rider College, Trenton, New Jersey, and before her marriage was a school teacher at the Kingston High School, Kingston, New York. Her father was a pioneer builder and contractor in Teaneck, New Jersey, and at Williams Lake, Rosendale, New York. He built over a thousand homes in Teaneck and developed Williams Lake. He is listed in the biography of Bergen County, New Jersey.

Mr. Austin is a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Worth, Elks Lodge #1530, the Trojan Twenty of Lake Worth, the Lake Worth Golf Club, and Sacred Heart Church. His favorite recreations are golf and traveling. In 1956 Mr. and Mrs. Austin spent the summer in the Scandinavian countries and in 1960 they enjoyed a 33,000 mile air trip around the world, visiting twenty-three countries, including Japan, India, the Holy Lands, Russia, and ended at the Olympics in Rome.

Mrs. Austin is a past president of the Zonta Club of Lake Worth.

GEORGE AMBROSE WORLEY, JR.

A Miami pioneer, son of a distinguished trial lawyer who was an able orator and served in the Florida State Legislature, George Ambrose Worley, Jr., followed in his father's footsteps, distinguishing himself as a lawyer, county official and State Attorney.

He was born in Lafayette, Georgia, March 5, 1891, son of George Ambrose Worley, who was born in Elberton, Georgia, August 31, 1862, and died September 21, 1926; and of Mary Kate (Headley) Worley, born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, September 28, 1867, who died September 7, 1932.

As a boy of six years, he came to Miami with his parents in 1897. After graduating from Miami High School, he studied law in his father's office in Miami, passed the bar examination, and began to practice law with his father in 1913.

Joining the Air Force in World War I, he was selected for ground school in Austin, Texas. On completing his flying course he received his wings at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, and was sent to Brooks Field in San Antonio, Texas, to take an instructor's course. He was one of the first pilots in World War I to finish the Gosport System of ground communication. When the war ended he was serving as instructor at Caruthers Field, Fort Worth, Texas, and was discharged in January, 1919, with the rank of Lieutenant.

In 1928 G. A. Worley, Jr. was appointed Assistant County Solicitor for Dade County and served in that position for four years. When there was a vacancy in the State Attorney's office in 1935, Governor Sholtz appointed Mr. Worley to fill out the unexpired term of office. He was subsequently elected to this office and served as State Attorney until 1943.

During his tenure in office, he prosecuted more criminals sentenced to the electric chair than any other state attorney in the history of Florida up to that time. Two of the most outstanding cases for which he won the supreme penalty were the celebrated Cash kidnapping case (in 1939) and the Christie quadruple murder case. Ironically, throughout his many years in the private practice of law, Mr. Worley never had a client to be sentenced to the electric chair, though he defended many who were accused of capital offenses.

In the course of his private practice he figured in several cases of extraordinary public interest. As special counsel for the City of Miami, he drew the Miami electricity rate-reduction ordinance that was fought bitterly through Federal courts until it finally was upheld by the United States Supreme Court; and he participated in the rate litigation until appointed State Attorney in 1935.

Mr. Worley was a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Dade County Bar Association; a charter member of the American Legion, a Mason and Shriner of Mahi Temple, a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, the Miami Country Club, the Year Around Club, and the Miami Pioneers Club, in which he was particularly active. This club is composed of Miami's earliest settlers. Mrs. Worley is still a member.

At Rayne, Louisiana, on September 25, 1917, George A. Worley, Jr. married Elizabeth Chevis, daughter of William Capers and Emma Cunningham Chevis. Her father was born February 8, 1862, on a plantation at Vermillion Parish, Louisiana. He attended the University of Virginia and a business school in Lexington, Kentucky. He was once editor of the Baton Rouge Advocate and then was editor-in-chief of the New Orleans Daily States until his death, June 3, 1915. Emma Cunningham Chevis was born at Scott, Louisiana, on February 5, 1871, and died June 10, 1944. Elizabeth Chevis was born at Rayne, Louisiana, August 11, 1896, and received part of her education at the Haughn Institute in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Worley became the parents of three sons:

1. George Ambrose Worley III, born June 17, 1919, died September 29, 1924.

2. William C. Worley, born in Miami September 7, 1920, served in the Air Transport Command during World War II, navigating planes between America and India. He received his law degree from the University of Miami and is an attorney in Miami. Married to Dorothy Virginia Reinke of Nashville, Tennessee, he has two daughters: Emily Elizabeth Worley, born February 22, 1944, and Dorothy Reinke Worley, born November 18, 1945.

3. Richard Lee Worley, born in Miami, August 30, 1926, was graduated from West Point Academy in 1950 and served in the Korean War, during which he was wounded twice. He is now an engineer for Pratt and Whitney of Hartford, Connecticut. Richard

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married Virginia Johnson of Nashville, Tennessee, and Miami, and they now have five children:

1. Virginia Elizabeth, born April 30, 1951;
2. Richard Lee, Jr., born September 16, 1953;
3. Ruth Aileene, born January 30, 1956;
4. Mary Louise, born September 13, 1957;
5. George IV, born March 26, 1959;

George A. Worley, Jr., died in Miami December 17, 1959.

STAFFORD B. BEACH

One of the two surviving sons of the horticulturist and pioneer of Florida, John B. Beach, Stafford B. Beach is a prominent realtor of Palm Beach who is active in civic organizations and a member of the Palm Beach County Historical Society and its board of directors.

Son of John B. and Annie Bacon Beach (see following sketch), he was born in West Palm Beach April 19, 1899. He graduated from West Palm Beach High School in 1916 and from Cornell University in 1921 with an A.B. degree, having majored in finance and banking. While in college he was in the Students' Army Training Corps and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserve. During World War II he served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

In 1922-23 Mr. Beach was employed as a teller and assistant trust officer with the American National Bank in West Palm Beach. From 1924 to 1928 he was secretary of the South Indian River Drainage District, and in 1928 he became assistant treasurer of Central Farmers Trust Company. At one time he was assistant treasurer of the Palm Beach Guaranty Company, which built the Guaranty Building. He is now a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of West Palm Beach.

Since entering the real etsate business in 1930, Mr. Beach has become prominent in this field and is now manager of the Palm Beach office and vice president of Studstill and Hollenbeck, Inc., Realtors. He is a member and past president of the Palm Beach Board of Realtors and the Palm Beach Realty Listing Bureau, a member of the Florida Association of Real Estate Boards, the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers, and past president and director of the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Association.

In civic organizations he is a member of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Palm Beach Civic Association, a charter member and past president of the Palm Beach Rotary Club and of the Islanders Club of Palm Beach, a charter member and past Commander of Palm Beach Post #12, American Legion, a member of the Tuscawilla Club, treasurer of the Lake Worth Pioneer Association, assistant secretary of the Old Guard Society of Palm Beach Golfers since 1934, a member of the English Speaking Union and of Sigma Nu fraternity. He was formerly director of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Palm Beach County Democratic Committee, and a trustee of School District #1 of Palm Beach County.

He was baptized, confirmed and married in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, where he served as secretary, treasurer, junior and senior warden, and is now a vestryman and lay reader. He has served the Episcopal Diocese of South Florida as chairman of the Bishops' Advisory Committee on Laymen's Work; a member of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee, and the Board of Managers of the Endowment Fund; Corporation Delegate to the Provincial Synod in 1954-55; a delegate at the conventions which elected Bishops Louttit, Bram, and Moses; a member of the General Committee on Diocesan Improvement Fund Campaign; Deputy to the General Convention at Miami and Honolulu and Alternate at Philadelphia.

Stafford B. Beach was married in West Palm Beach September 21, 1929, to Catherine Bryant, daughter of F. Edward Bryant and Minnie Parker. Her father, F. E. Bryant, was one of the founders of the town of Lake Worth and of the Lake Worth Drainage District. He planted the first sugar cane in the Everglades and was one of the organizers of Southern Sugar Company, now the United States Sugar Company. The town of Azucar, just east of Canal Point, where the first sugar mill was erected, was renamed Bryant in his memory. He was instrumental also in getting the manufacture of ramie started.

Mrs. Stafford Beach has served as president of the Women's Auxiliary of Holy Trinity Church and as Diocesan Secretary of the same organization. For many years she was a member of the Playground Commission of the Town of Palm Beach and a member of the Board of Visitors of Palm Beach County. In the latter capacity she helped plan, build and equip the Negro Children's Home, west of Riviera Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Beach have two sons:

1. Stafford B. Beach, Jr., born August 15, 1930, in West Palm Beach, graduated from Sewanee Military Academy in Tennessee and from Cornell University, New York, as a Civil Engineer, and is now an engineer with Republic Aviation at Farmingdale, Long Island. He has served as president of the Nassau County (New York) Junior Chamber of Commerce and is a founder and past president of Garden City (Long Island) Junior Chamber of Commerce. He married Joan Aten of Garden City, daughter of Adrian and Katherine (Groover) Aten, all Cornell graduates, and they have three children, all born in Garden City, New York, where the family makes their home. The children are: Jeffrey Stuart, born December 29, 1953; Diana Leigh, born August 25, 1956; and Reginald Andrew, born November 21, 1958.

2. Edward Bryant Beach, born in West Palm Beach May 9, 1934, also graduated from Sewanee Military Academy and attended Cornell University, studying electrical engineering. He graduated from the Radio and Electronics Institute, Washington, D.C., where he founded a "ham" radio class and is an assistant instructor.

JOHN BLOOMFIELD BEACH

A nationally known horticulturist who imported and introduced many new varieties of mangoes and avocados and was the first person in the United States to successfully bud mangoes, John Bloomfield Beach was an early settler on Florida's east coast.

Born in Rome, New York, May 5, 1866, he completed his formal education at St. John's School, Manlius, New York, and in 1885 came to DeLand, Florida, where he spent several months, then moved on to Melbourne. He made his home in Melbourne for the next ten years, during which time he established the Indian River Nurseries.

At that time he was especially interested in the de-

velopment of pineapples and visited the West Indies, introducing new varieties of pineapples into Florida from the islands. He was also interested in citrus culture. During these years he combined horticulture with the sale of fertilizer through the lower east coast. He made many trips to Miami by sailboat and walked many miles to see people in isolated spots.

In 1895 he moved to West Palm Beach and continued his development of Indian River Nurseries, but from this time on he devoted more attention to the development of the mango and avocado. He made three or more imports of the finer varieties of mangoes from India through the assistance of Thomas Fee, the American Consul, who was a friend of his. Mr. Beach was the first man in America to bud and inarch the mango, a process he demonstrated to the director of the Government Gardens in Jamaica.

He also invented a method of grafting the tender shoot of the avocado while it is still attached to the seed. This method, called seed grafting, he used entirely in his business. Its chief advantage is that it shortens the interval between the planting of the seed and the planting of the young tree in the grove by eighteen months to two years. It also affords protection to the graft from cold weather by its being covered with the soil when planted in the grove.

Mr. Beach was also interested in banana culture and was the first president of the Banana Growers Association. He collected and grew a large variety of palms and crotons, at one time having the largest and most varied assortment on the lower east coast.

In addition to his horticulture business Mr. Beach was president of the East Coast Fish Company and active in its management for several years. He was also one of the first promoters of telephone service in West Palm Beach and the long distance line to Clewiston.

Active in community affairs, he was a member of the Roads and Improvement Society formed to finance and help build roads in the county; served as a town councilman for several years, and on the board of assessors; and played a cornet in the first West Palm Beach municipal band. In the early days of the town he contributed to the beautification of Flagler Park, and during the last years of his life he gave enough young coconut trees to plant on each side of the highway from West Palm Beach to Jupiter. He was a Democrat, a member of the Episcopal Church and senior warden until his death, a Mason, and a member of the Rotary Club.

John Bloomfield Beach was married in Lake City, Florida, April 30, 1895, to Annie Bacon, a native of Lake City, daughter of Dr. William T. and Clementine E. (Ross) Bacon. Her mother was born in Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Beach was one of the group which organized the first hospital in West Palm Beach, now the Good Samaritan. For many years she served on the hospital board and before there was a paid staff she supervised the purchasing of supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Beach were the parents of three children:

1. Bloomfield Jervis, born in 1897, died in 1909.
2. Stafford Bacon, born in 1899 (see sketch).
3. John Bernard, born in 1904, is living in Washington, D.C.

John B. Beach died in West Palm Beach December 10, 1929. His wife lived until December 1, 1955. Both are buried in West Palm Beach.

WILLIAM H. HALLMAN

William H. Hallman has been practicing law in Palm Beach County since 1952 and has had his office in Boca Raton since 1958. He is active in professional, fraternal and civic organizations.

Born in Carrollton, Georgia, September 22, 1927, he is the son of William H. and Willie Mae (Henry) Hallman, the latter living in Atlanta. His father was president of Southern Life and Health Insurance Company of Atlanta, Georgia. Retiring from the company in 1918, his father sold his interests in the insurance company and became associated with the Veteran's Administration at Charlotte, North Carolina, as Finance Officer for the North Carolina District. He died June 4, 1940.

William H. Hallman (Jr.) graduated from Georgia Military Academy at College Park, Georgia, in the class of 1945. Football and boxing were his athletic interests in high school and college. After two years as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps, he resumed his studies at the University of Florida and was graduated from the Law School in 1952 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. He was admitted to practice in Florida that year and joined the office of Crawford and Company, Insurance Adjusters, in West Palm Beach, Florida. In 1953 he became associated with the firm of Wood and Cobb in West Palm Beach. Then in 1956 he became associated with the firm of Burns, Middleton, Rogers and Farrell, and served as resident counsel at Boca Raton. In 1958 he established a private law practice in Boca Raton.

Mr. Hallman is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the South Palm Beach County Bar Association, the Palm Beach County Bar Association and the Palm Beach County Junior Bar Association. He served as president of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association for the year 1961. His fraternities are Kappa Alpha social, Phi Alpha Delta legal and Scabbard and Blade honorary military fraternity at the University of Florida. In 1956 he was president of the Palm Beach County University of Florida Alumni Association and in 1957 was district vice president of the Alumni Association for the State of Florida. In 1958-59 he was president of the Boca Raton Kiwanis Club. He is a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church at West Palm Beach. Fishing, hunting, golf and photography are some of his leisure-time interests.

On June 28, 1952, at Zephyrhills, Florida, William H. Hallman married Helen Renfroe, daughter of John C. and Nina (Roberts) Renfroe. Mrs. Hallman graduated from Lakeland High School, attended Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama, and graduated from the University of Florida in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education.

The Renfroe and Roberts families are pioneers of Florida's West Coast. Both families came from Georgia about 1881. The Renfroes settled at Zephyrhills and Lakeland and the Roberts family settled at Ocala and Wauchula. Both families were ranchers and citrus growers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallman are the parents of two sons:

1. William H. Hallman, III, born August 19, 1953, at Lakeland, Florida.

2. John Mark Hallman, born September 5, 1959, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

RICHARD CHARLES CHILLINGWORTH

Richard Charles Chillingworth, who followed his father and older brother in the practice of law in West Palm Beach, was the youngest of three children of Charles Curtis and Jennie Dietz Chillingworth and a great-grandson of Charles G. and Ann Jolley Chillingworth, who came to the United States from Staffordshire, England, in 1835 and settled eventually in the town of Clay, Onondaga County, New York. His father, Charles Curtis Chillingworth, was born in Liverpool, New York, May 12, 1868, and died in West Palm Beach October 25, 1936. His mother, Jennie Dietz, was born in Syracuse, New York, May 26, 1868.

In October 1891 Charles Curtis Chillingworth came to the East Coast of Florida from Atlanta, Georgia, where he had studied law, and taught school for four months in an orange grove near Haulover, about ten miles north of Titusville. He was admitted to the Florida bar at Titusville on February 9, 1892, and practiced law in Florida and Georgia for about forty years, most of that time in West Palm Beach. His original home in West Palm Beach, purchased in 1900 for $2,500, was on the site of the present Harvey Building in the heart of the business district, and the property is still owned by the family.

Richard C. Chillingworth was born in West Palm Beach January 27, 1902. He graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1920, attended the University of Florida three years, and completed his study of law at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, graduating in 1924 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the Florida bar in April 1924, and later to the bar of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, he practiced in the law firm of Chillingworth and Simon, in which his father was senior partner, for some twenty odd years. He had a special aptitude and love for figures, and in 1945 joined the accounting firm of Himes and Himes in which he handled problems of finance and taxation. He was treasurer of the Harvey Building Corporation and of the Tuscawilla Club, in which he held membership. He was also a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity of the University of Florida and of the Union Congregational Church, West Palm Beach.

On September 29, 1926, at West Palm Beach Richard Charles Chillingworth married Rosemary Stevens Whitaker, daughter of Julia Himes and Walter Benjamin Whitaker of Elberton, Georgia, where she was born November 21, 1902. Her mother was born in Albany, Georgia, June 14, 1879, and died February 11, 1960. Her father was born in Enfield, North Carolina.

Rosemary Whitaker graduated from Elberton High School in 1920 and finished a four-year course at the University of Georgia in three years. She was the first woman to receive a degree in Journalism from that university, and following her graduation in 1923 took a summer course in Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1927, now Mrs. Richard Chillingworth, she toured France, Switzerland and Italy in the company of her mother-in-law, who was attending the American Legion Convention as a national committee-woman for the Auxiliary.

Starting in 1933, Mrs. Chillingworth taught at Central High School for ten years. After her husband's death, in 1955, she returned to this work and has been teaching there ever since. She is active in the Parent-Teacher Association and is affiliated with the National Educational Association, the Florida Educational Association, and the Classroom Teachers Association. As chairman she is in charge of the Community Chest drives at the high school, and is past president of the Palm Beach Panhellenic Association, which awards three scholarships annually to college students. She belongs to the Phi Mu sorority, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Norton Art Gallery directors, and the Memorial Presbyterian Church, where she has served young people on Sunday nights for the past twelve years. She and Dr. Ryan Wood were instigators of the idea of serving supper before the Sunday night service for young people.

Richard and Rosemary Chillingworth had four children all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Julia, born September 5, 1929;
2. Jennie, born February 3, 1931;
3. Carol, born October 17, 1936, died December 22, 1942;
4. Charles, born September 13, 1943;

Julia married Archie M. Odum, Circuit Judge at Fort Myers, and they have five children: Carol, Sharon, Richard, Jennie and Jean. Jennie Chillingworth married Edward Arthur Wadsworth, Jr., and they have two children: Edward and William. Charles is not married at this date.

Richard Charles Chillingworth died in West Palm Beach on March 11, 1955. A resolution entered in the Minutes of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County following his death says, in part:

"He was honorable in his dealings and skillful in and devoted to his profesion. He was gifted with a thoughtful, generous and lovable nature of a rare and outstanding quality which endeared him to a multitude of friends in every walk of life who mourn his untimely passing."

PAUL WILLSON POTTER

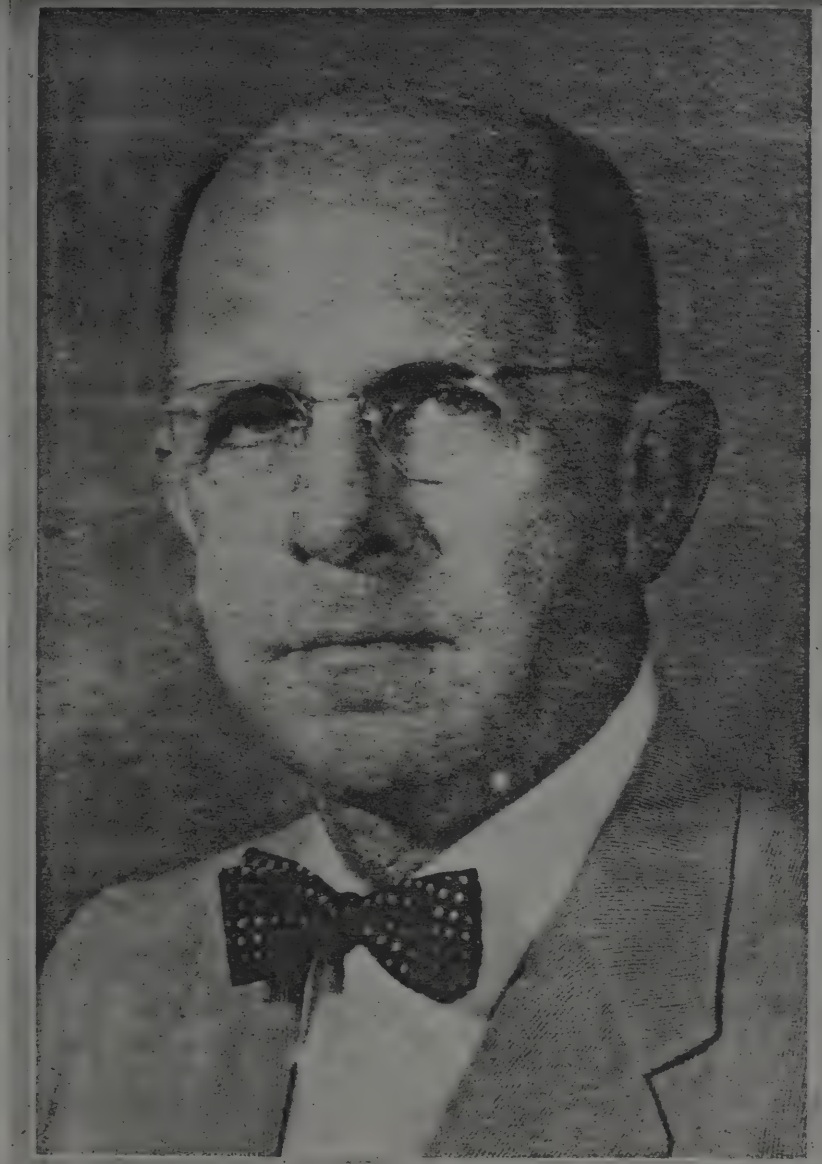
Paul Willson Potter was a practicing attorney in West Palm Beach for more than thirty years and served as city attorney about twenty years. He was very active in civic affairs and led the city in fighting its bonded indebtedness during the depression.

Born in West Palm Beach June 17, 1902, he was a son of Vesta (Willson) and Bernard Miller Potter. His mother was born in Somerset, Kentucky, June 7, 1879, and died November 17, 1944. His father was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 23, 1869, and died January 2, 1951. They came to Florida in the early 1900s and Bernard Potter was a pioneer merchant of West Palm Beach.

Paul Willson Potter received his early education in West Palm Beach schools, graduated from Rollins Academy in 1924 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and from the University of Florida in 1927 with a Bachelor of Laws degree, meanwhile having taken special courses at Cornell University, New York, in 1926.

Mr. Potter practiced law in West Palm Beach with the firm of Winters, Foskett and Wilcox for many years before going into private practice. Early in his career he became assistant city attorney under J. Mark Wilcox, later assuming the top position, and was still serving as city attorney at the time of his death, on August 9, 1958.

He was a member of the Florida Bar and the Palm



David W. Potter

DECEASED 1958

Fay Hall Potter

Beach County Bar Association, a past president of the latter; a member of the legal fraternity, Delta Theta Phi, at Cornell University, and of Theta Chi social fraternity at the University of Florida; a member of the Elks Lodge, the Lions Club, the Flotilla Club, Lake Worth Pioneers Association, and the Palm Beach Society for Retarded Children, whose legal work he did gratis. During World War II he served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and as chairman of the Draft Board. He was also a member and former vestryman of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Paul Willson Potter was married at Winter Park, Florida, June 9, 1925, to Fay Hall, who was born at Spencer, North Carolina, May 27, 1905, daughter of Lula (Munn) Hall, born in Westville, South Carolina, May 30, 1888, and Grover Cleveland Hall, born in Fort Mill, South Carolina, April 14, 1882. He died June 19, 1935, and Mrs. Hall died October 10, 1956. Mrs. Potter's father was named for Grover Cleveland while the future President of the United States was visiting in the Hall home during his campaign in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter are the parents of three children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Paul, Jr., born May 23, 1928;
2. Shirley Harriet, born April 1, 1932;
3. John McDowell, born December 11, 1934.

Paul W. Potter, Jr. married Lenore Dunbar and their children are: Paula Lee, born June 25, 1958; and identical twins, Paul Willson Potter, III, and Douglas Dunbar Potter, born December 6, 1959.

John McDowell Potter married Sandra Peacock and they have a son, John McDowell Potter, II, born December 27, 1959.

GEORGE WELLS POTTER

One of the earliest pioneers of the Palm Beach area of Florida was George Wells Potter, who with his brother, Dr. R. B. Potter, came here from Cincinnati, Ohio, which had been the home of their parents for several years and where their father had a hardware store. There was another brother, B. M. Potter, who also came to Florida. They were natives of Groton, Massachusetts, sons of Luther Fitch and Lydia Ames Potter, both born in Massachusetts.

Born in Groton November 12, 1852, George Wells Potter was educated in private schools in Ohio and studied art at the Cincinnati Conservatory. At the age of eighteen he was a cartoonist for a newspaper, the Cincinnati Enquirer. He possessed marked natural ability as an artist and, after coming to Florida, did an oil painting of the cabin the brothers occupied at Biscayne Bay which his wife prized highly.

Suffering from asthma, he came to Florida for his health in 1878, accompanied by his brother. He built a cabin near Lemon City, pioneering down there, and later homesteaded 160 acres in Palm Beach, which was the family home until 1893. The brothers helped their sister, Ellen Elizabeth Potter, "prove up" on her property in West Palm Beach, and five acres of this site is now part of the property of the Palm Beach County schools, given by her in 1910 when the Central School was moved to the Hibiscus Street site from Clematis Street. Ellen Potter was an extremely charitable and public spirited woman. In August 1893 George built his home at what is now 606 South Olive Avenue on the lake front. As an artist he camped and cruised over the area and also did surveying, being the first official surveyor for the Palm Beach area.

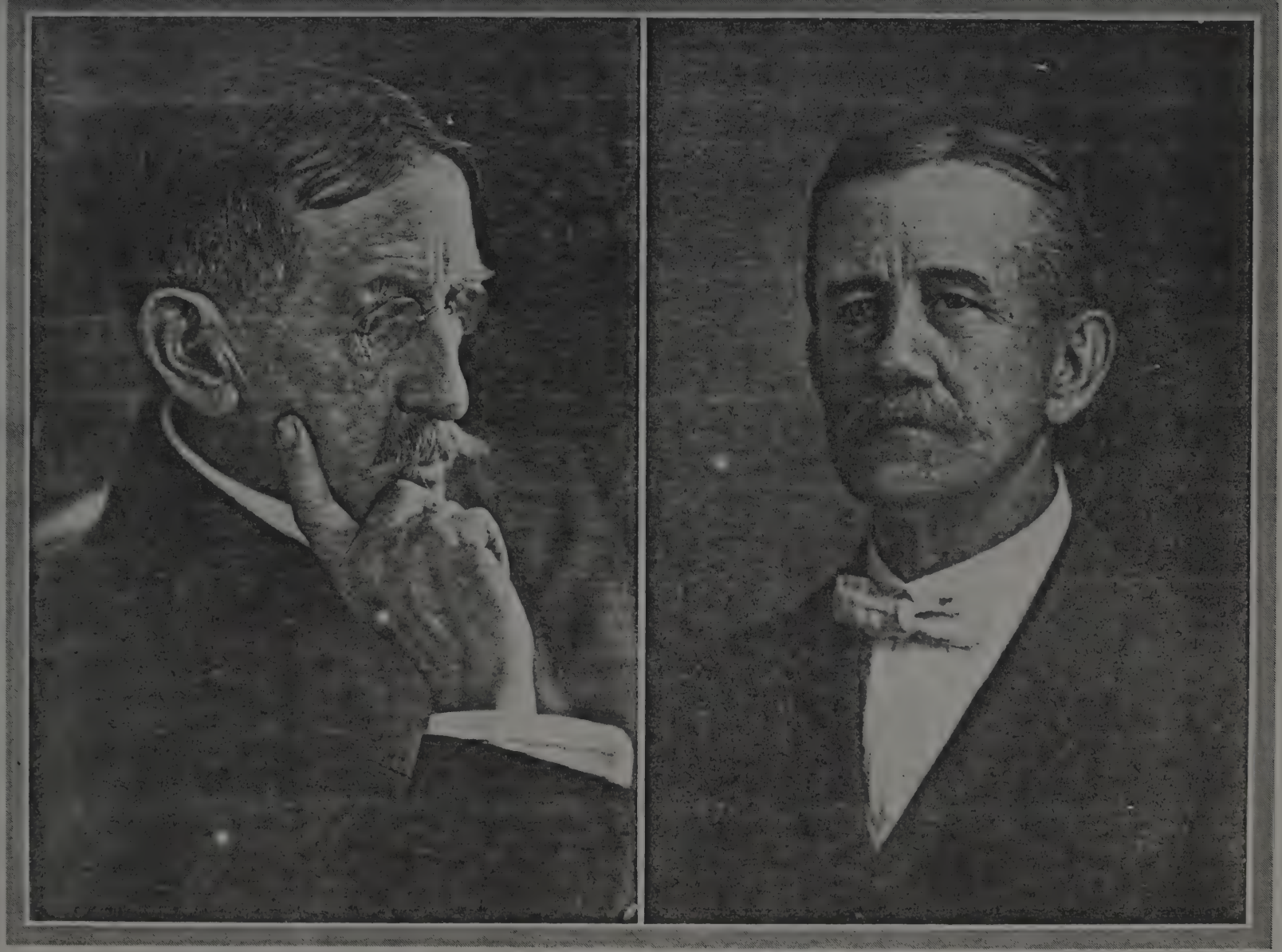
Mr. Potter loved Palm Beach and actively participated in any undertaking that he thought would be of benefit to the community. He served one term as Mayor of West Palm Beach and was very well liked by the people, who came to him for advice. He was a live business man and in addition to being a partner of George W. Lainhart in the lumber business under the firm name of Lainhart and Potter, he was a director in the old Dade County State Bank and first president of the Pioneer Bank, which later became the First National and then the First American Bank and Trust Company. He also enjoyed the distinction of having been a member of the first real estate firm to operate in Dade County, which was composed of Captain O. S. Porter and himself and commenced doing business in 1885. He was secretary of the Dade County Fleming Club, formed in 1888, and was a member of the Union Congregational Church. In his later years when his health failed he disposed of his business interests and retired to enjoy a well-earned rest. He passed away in Asheville, North Carolina, in July 1924, to the profound regret and deep sorrow of the people of Palm Beach County, who mourned his loss as they would have mourned the taking of a brother.

On August 10, 1893, in Michigan, George Wells Potter married Ella May Dimick, who was born in Hillsdale County, Michigan, March 28, 1870, daughter of Anna Geer and Frank Moore Dimick, whose brother was Captain Elisha Dimick. Ella May came to Florida with her family when she was about five years old. They had to stay in Jacksonville for a while because of a yellow fever quarantine, then came down to Palm Beach on a schooner laden with lumber which anchored just outside the inlet. The passengers were transferred to the small boat "Minnehaha" which landed them safely at Lake Worth (the name by which the whole area, including Palm Beach, was known at that time). Their one mule, also a passenger on the schooner, was shoved overboard to swim ashore and the lumber made into rafts which drifted into the inlet.

There were three families of Dimicks and Geers (two Dimick brothers and a sister married to two Geer sisters and a brother). They all lived in one house until other houses could be built and each family had its own home, and they all pitched in and helped each other. Captain Dimick had one of the first boarding houses in that locality.

Ella Dimick Potter had a brother, Eugene H. Dimick, whose home was in Hypoluxo, and a sister, Mrs. Lorena D. Baker of Wildwood, Florida. Her parents, Frank and Anna Dimick, eventually died in the mountains of the Carolinas, where they had gone for their health. Mrs. Potter has lived to see the jungles of her childhood converted into the garden spot of the world. She is a most gracious lady and is held in the highest esteem by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wells Potter had one daughter, Marjorie Lydia, born in West Palm Beach October 21, 1897. On October 28, 1918, she married Jack Sloan Willson, noted West Palm Beach builder, and they had three children. (See Mr. Willson's sketch). After his death, Marjorie Potter Willson married Ben Stewart of Macon, Georgia. They reside in Palm Beach.



George W. Potter

DECEASED 1924

Dr. Richard B. Potter

DECEASED 1909

RICHARD BULCKLEY POTTER, JR.

Palm Beach's first physician was Dr. Richard B. Potter, who enjoyed great popularity, for he was a very successful physician and a warm-hearted man. Dr. Potter brought his brother, George Wells Potter, to Florida for his health in 1878, and established himself in practice in West Palm Beach.

Oldest son of Luther Fitch and Lydia Ames Potter, he was born in Groton, Massachusetts, January 15, 1845. The family was living in Cincinnati, Ohio, when Dr. Richard and George Potter set out for Florida via the Mississippi River, New Orleans and Key West. They spent some time at Biscayne Bay, near Lemon City, where the doctor had taken up a homestead before coming to Palm Beach.

When he finally arrived there, he built a home and office at what is now the foot of Gardenia Street on the lake front in West Palm Beach, and went up and down the lake in a naptha motor launch, visiting his patients. For years he was the only doctor around there. The Indians, who came to him with their snake bites and other ailments, thought he was a miracle man. As president of the Board of Health of Dade County, he had the following notice published in the Florida Star of August 30, 1888:

"Quarantine is hereby declared by this Board against Jacksonville and surrounding points. Persons intending to visit Dade County should provide themselves with unexceptional health certificates, as otherwise they may be subjected to detention or annoyance. For the Board of Health of Dade County, Florida.

Richard B. Potter, M.D., Pres.
Lake Worth, August 15, 1888"

Eventually taken ill himself, Dr. Potter went to Jacksonville for an operation and died shortly afterwards, on July 12, 1909. He was a bachelor.

In the History of Beautiful Palm Beach by J. Wadsworth Travers, published in 1928, the following item appears:

MOTHER LYDIA POTTER
(In Memoriam)

"In 1885, Mother Lydia Ames Potter came to Lake Worth to visit her sons, Dr. R. B., George W., and B. M. Potter. She was accompanied by the daughter, Miss Ellen E. Potter. They were so charmed with the natural beauty of the place that they decided to make it their permanent home. Mother Potter was 70 years of age and everyone looked up to and respected her. She was very hospitable and there was genuine sorrow when in 1907 she was called to her Maker, though she had attained the ripe age of 93 years. Though in poor health before coming here, Mrs. Potter and the son, George W., took on a new lease of life a few months after arrival and both gave the wonderful climate credit for prolonging their tenure of life."

Lydia Ames Potter was born May 11, 1814; died January 18, 1907.

JACK SLOANE WILLSON

A general contractor in West Palm Beach from 1919 until the time of his death, May 2, 1952, Jack Sloane Willson built many of the large public buildings in West Palm Beach, many fine old homes in Palm Beach, and did important construction work for the United States Government elsewhere. He also served as a city councilman for eight or nine years.

Born in Kissimmee September 3, 1893, he was a son of Laten Abbott Willson and Mattie Frazier Willson, both natives of Kentucky. When he was two years old his mother brought him from Kissimmee to West Palm Beach by horse and wagon. He attended grammar school in West Palm Beach, Rollins Academy at Winter Park, high school in Hollywood, and the University of California, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Leaving college in 1917, he enlisted in the University of California's unit of the Army Ambulance Corps, attended Army Medical School in Washington, D.C., was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and sent overseas as Casual Officer with a hospital group, stationed at a base hospital in France. While in Paris he studied at the Sorbonne.

After the war he came to West Palm Beach and organized the firm of J. S. Willson, General Contractor. Among the buildings he erected in West Palm Beach are the Arcade, Potter Building, the Seaboard Railway freight and passenger stations, and the old Post Office on Datura Street. He did much of the construction work at Morrison Field and the Air Field at Boca Raton, the Signal Corps base at Hobe Sound and the Coast Guard station at Jupiter. During World War II he had a farm at Kramer Island where he raised green beans and peppers, shipping to the New York markets.

Mr. Willson was an active member of the American Legion, a Mason and Shriner, a member of the Congregational Church and of Palm Beach Yacht Club, the Tuscawilla Club and the Sailfish Club.

In West Palm Beach on October 28, 1918, he married Marjorie Lydia Potter, born in West Palm Beach October 21, 1897, daughter of George Wells and Ella May (Dimick) Potter. (See sketch of George Wells Potter.) Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Willson in West Palm Beach:

1. Betty May Willson, born May 21, 1920.
2. Jack Sloane Willson, Jr., born May 30, 1925.
3. George Potter Willson, born August 29, 1927, who died October 3, 1952.

Betty May Willson graduated with honors from Palm Beach High School, being second highest in her class, and graduated from Smith College, Massachusetts, with a major in mathematics. After working for her father one year, in 1942 she went to Washington and was with the Coast and Geodetic Survey Division of the Department of Commerce for three years. She came home and for a number of years was active in civic affairs, music and Junior League Welfare work, and helped her mother with the management of their rental property. In 1959 she took off alone for Anchorage, Alaska, where she is employed by the District Engineer's office of the Alaska Computing Survey. She has a cabin there and has staked out a five-acre homestead at Colorado, Alaska.

After four years at Culver Military Academy, Jack Willson, Jr. graduated in 1942 and served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 on a destroyer based in Charleston, South Carolina. Recalled in 1951, he went to radar school and was on a destroyer out of Newport, Rhode Island, which made a trip around Cape Horn, taking a carrier that could not go through the Panama Canal. He left the Navy in 1952 and is now a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Reserves. Having studied architecture, he was with Edgar Wortman for a while, and is now architect for the Palm Beach County School Board, a new job recently created.

Jack married Mary Louise Griffin of High Springs, Florida, in 1950, and they have three children:

1. David Andrew Willson, born August 20, 1951;
2. Mary Susan, born October 9, 1952;
3. Marjorie Elizabeth, born January 8, 1959.

George Willson was working on his Master's degree in civil engineering when he died. He was a brilliant scholar and had a promising future. After studying at Culver Military Academy and California Institute of Technology, he returned to Florida and got his Engineering degree at the University of Florida. Under the guidance of his father, whose health was failing at that time, George built a number of homes in West Palm Beach.

JAMES MALLORY WILLSON

Another member of the Willson family of West Palm Beach, James Mallory Willson is one of those chosen few who are called to the practice of the fine arts, not as a hobby but as a life work.

Son of Laten A. and Mattie Frazier Willson, he was born in Kissimmee December 28, 1890. His father came to Florida from Kentucky in 1882 and settled at Kissimmee, where there was only one house at that time. He had a shoe shop in which he made shoes from tanned deer hides. In 1897 James's mother and younger brother came to West Palm Beach and lived in a houseboat until his mother's father built a house on the lake front, which they later sold. It is still standing. James was seven or eight years old when he came to West Palm Beach. Fern and First Streets were the ends of town and there were many saloons on First Street. A fish market with turtle pens was located where the George Washington Hotel now stands. There was plenty of fish in the lake at that time.

James Willson attended grammar school in West Palm Beach and had his secondary education at Rollins College Academy. After leaving Rollins he went to New York where he attended art school at the National Academy of Design and the Art Students League. For several years, 1914 to 1917, while studying painting in New York he worked for Dr. Charles H. Peck of the Roosevelt Hospital, doing medical illustrations. With him he went to France during the first World War, he being the head of an Army Hospital Unit in Chaumont, where Mr. Willson served for nineteen months.

After the war he returned to Europe and spent twelve years studying in the art galleries and painting, devoting a great deal of time to an etching he made during that period. He has etchings on permanent exhibit in several galleries in this country, and wears a decoration presented to him by the Bey of Tunis.

In 1946 he became associated with the Norton Gallery and School of Art in West Palm Beach, where during the winter months he teaches drawing and portrait painting. He is a member of the Palm Beach Art League.

EUGENE HENRY DIMICK

Eugene Henry Dimick, son of Franklin L. and Anna Geer Dimick, was born in Buckley, Illinois, March 12, 1869. His father was born in Michigan, his mother in New York state, and both died in Highlands, North Carolina, where they went from Palm Beach after a few years here.

Eugene was a young boy when the Dimick family came to Lake Worth. "Gene" Dimick, as he was called, was one of the first eight pupils to attend Palm Beach's first school, opened in February 1886 with Miss Hattie Gale as teacher. He sailed to and from school on the lake in Captain Dimick's sharpie, and gave a lift to his cousin Belle and sisters, Lella and Rena Dimick, who were also early pupils of this school.

When the town of West Palm Beach was incorporated, on November 5, 1894, Eugene H. Dimick was one of the first seven aldermen elected. In 1896 he purchased the drug store that had been established by his uncle, Captain Dimick. This was located at Clematis Street and Narcissus Avenue in West Palm Beach. He sold this drug store in 1905 and moved to Jacksonville, but four years later disposed of his interests there and, returning, took up his residence in Hypoluxo, where he had considerable property, including citrus groves, a farm, and a comfortable home. He died April 8, 1945.

At Rockledge, Florida, Eugene H. Dimick married Meta Belle Wilkinson, who was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Her grandfather built the first hotel in Rockledge and her father was a citrus grower who came to Hypoluxo in 1905. A son and a daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dimick. Their daughter, Louise Laird of Hypoluxo, worked for Lainhart and Potter Lumber Company for many years. She died ten days after her mother died, in 1946.

The son, Howard Eugene Dimick, was born in Palm Beach October 10, 1897; was educated through high school in Palm Beach schools and took business courses at Palm Beach High School. He first worked in a little bank in Okeechobee City, whose president was D. E. Austin, for four years. Returning to Palm Beach, he was employed by T. T. Reese, who owned the Farmers Bank and Trust Company at Clematis and Olive in West Palm Beach, until the crash of 1927. After some months he went to work for Central Farmers Trust Company of West Palm Beach, which was organized by two New York banks, and was there five or six years. In 1933 he joined Claude D. Reese in the real estate business and has been so occupied ever since, except for a period in 1942 when he was with the United States post engineers in building the Army Base at Boca Raton, Florida.

Howard Dimick has served as a member and president of the city council of Hypoluxo and for two terms as president of the Pioneers Association. He is a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of West Palm Beach.

In Chattanooga, Tennessee, on November 28, 1953, he married Mildred Weigle Llewellyn, who was born in Chattanooga May 30, 1905, daughter of Delia and Emil Anton Weigle of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

By an earlier marriage Mr. Dimick has a daughter, Jean Ann (Mrs. Foskett), born in West Palm Beach.

ELISHA N. DIMICK

Of the families who located in Palm Beach in the 1870's, none were more universally esteemed than the Dimicks and Geers. They were all related, three Dimicks having married three Geers. The three Dimicks, whose father was Moore W. Dimick, were Captain Elisha N., Franklin L., and their sister Marion, who married Albert Geer. Franklin's wife was Anna Geer and Captain Elisha's wife was Ella Geer.

These families came to Florida from Illinois in 1872 and had to stay some time in Jacksonville because of

a yellow fever epidemic. In May 1875 they arrived at Palm Beach (then part of the large area known as Lake Worth) in a schooner laden with lumber and one mule. The mule they had to shove overboard to swim ashore, while they themselves transferred to the small boat "Minnehaha" to get through the inlet. The lumber was made into rafts and drifted ashore. All three families lived together for a while until they got homes built for all.

Of those early days Marion Geer wrote: "The first sight of a city in Florida in midwinter to northern eyes is like going to sleep on a bleak, frozen desert and waking up in paradise. The grass was green and the flowers, the orange trees and glistening blossoms were so different from the land of sleet and snow that we had left . . . Our supplies began to get low and, as we wondered where any more were to come from, cans of kerosene, baking powder, seven barrels of lard, boxes of bacon and tobacco were washed ashore at our feet. The good Lord had answered our prayers. A feeling of awe came over us as if a miracle had been performed. Sails had come, too, and when cleansed of the salt water furnished material for duck suits, not to be despised by anyone."

In another instance, as recalled by Mrs. Ella Dimick, in response to prayers a hogshead of lard was cast on the beach. There had been no shortening to cook with for several weeks and the ladies were beside themselves with joy.

When the Dimicks came to Palm Beach the nearest trading post was Titusville, 150 miles north. All supplies were purchased there and brought to Lake Worth by anyone making the hazardous boat trip. Mail was received the same way—sometimes once in two weeks, sometimes once in two months.

Next to Henry Flagler, Captain E. N. Dimick did more to help build up the Palm Beach section than anyone else. He and his family accommodated visitors when there was no other place for them to stay. Later he built the first hotel in Palm Beach, the "Cocoanut Grove," located on the lake front at what would now be the foot of Clarke Avenue. The grounds covered several acres. This he sold to Commodore Clarke in 1892. The Dimicks' father, Moore W. Dimick, also owned a large tract of land in Palm Beach which he sold to C. I. Cragin of Philadelphia, who converted it into a Garden of Eden. South of the M. W. Dimick place was the Geer land, which was sold to R. R. McCormick for $10,000 and sold by him to Henry Flagler for $75,000. This became the site of the Royal Poinciana Hotel. Frank Dimick owned the adjoining tract and sold it to the Brelsford brothers, who erected a store building and operated a general store and the post office. Captain E. N. Dimick's place adjoined this property on the south.

In 1884 Captain Dimick and E. M. Brelsford established the "Celestial" railroad from Jupiter to Juno. This railroad was operated for two years by them and then sold to Captain U. D. Hendrickson, who operated it for two more years.

The first drug store in Palm Beach was owned by Captain Dimick, and also the first drug store in West Palm Beach, which had been started by E. M. Hyer but sold to Captain Dimick before the building was completed.

In 1893 a bank was organized and called the Dade County State Bank. J. H. Brelsford was chosen as its first president but on account of poor health resigned after a few months, and Captain Dimick was made president. He also was on the board of directors. As the town of West Palm Beach began to show symptoms of a boom, a branch was established there in 1895. Later the entire business, building and all, was moved to the west side of the lake. The name of the bank was changed to The Pioneer Bank when Dade County was divided and Palm Beach County created, in 1909. Eventually it became the First National and later, merging with the American National, formed the First American Bank and Trust Company.

Captain Dimick was the first president of the Pioneers Association, which was organized in 1893 for all who made this section their home prior to that date. Mrs. Dimick succeeded her husband as president after his death. H. F. Hammon, who is credited with being the first homesteader of Palm Beach, gave the society a 100-foot lot for a picnic site south of Banyan Road on the ocean. Realizing that this would not be large enough to accommodate the eighty-four pioneers, the society later sold it and, with the help of a donation from West Palm Beach, purchased land between Dixie Highway and Olive Avenue, near Woodlawn Cemetery, since known as Pioneer Place.

Captain Dimick was head of the Palm Beach Improvement Company which, in 1910, arranged with Colonel L. H. Green to sell the 168-acre tract from the lake to the ocean which is now the beautiful residential section known as Royal Park.

When Palm Beach was incorporated as a city in 1911, Captain Elisha N. Dimick was elected its first mayor. He made a most admirable executive and was retained in office for seven years, when he resigned.

WILLIAM ERNEST VANLANDINGHAM, M.D.

Dean of physicians in West Palm Beach and a true pioneer of Florida's East Coast, Dr. William Ernest VanLandingham has rounded out 55 years in the medical profession and more than 40 years as a public health officer in Palm Beach County. He is the oldest living surgeon of the Florida East Coast Railroad and attended the funeral of its founder, Henry M. Flagler.

Son of Samuel Green VanLandingham and Fannie Erie Watts, both natives of Georgia, Dr. VanLandingham was the second child in a family of eleven children, including a set of twins. Their names, dates and places of birth are as follows:

1. Claude W. (a girl), born August 4, 1877, at Cairo, Georgia.
2. William Ernest, born August 7, 1879, at Boston, Georgia.
3. Florence A., born March 23, 1882, at Campville, Florida.
4. Samuel Pierre, born April 20, 1884, at Campville, Florida.
5. Walter Franklin, born July 18, 1886, at Gainesville, Florida.
6. Herbert O., born September 13, 1888, at Titusville, Florida.
7. Howell, born September 13, 1888, at Titusville.
8. Ralph P., born January 18, 1890, at Titusville.
9. Ella Mae, born July 27, 1892, at Titusville.
10. Lawrence Ray, born August 16, 1895, at Titusville.
11. Louis Edgar, born April 13, 1897, at Titusville.

The mother of this family was born in Taylor County, Georgia, February 29, 1856, and died in West Palm Beach March 26, 1933; the father was born in Cairo,

Georgia, January 27, 1853, and died in West Palm Beach August 11, 1936. He came to Florida about 1882 and first lived at Campville in Alachua County, later settling at Titusville, where he was in the lumber business. Titusville was a terminal for the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railroad, (J.T. & K.W.), and lumber was brought there by train and picked up by Dr. VanLandingham's father, who delivered it by Bond Lumber Company's sailboat up and down the Indian River for houses that were being built at various points. Mr. VanLandingham also delivered mail by boat before there was any other system of travel in that area. William Ernest often accompanied his father on these boat trips.

After attending public school in Titusville, he went into the printing office of the Titusville Star, owned by E. B. Wager, and worked as a printer's devil. He was so small that he had to stand on a box to set the type. At some time later he worked for the Miami Metropolis.

In 1901 he went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to attend medical school, but after one year decided to go to Baltimore Medical College, which was later merged with the University of Maryland. During summer vacations he worked at many things, including delivering ice and working in a drygoods store. One summer he worked on the Florida East Coast Railroad, helping to build the railroad to Palm Beach at the time the Poinciana Hotel was built.

Dr. VanLandingham graduated from Baltimore Medical College in 1905, the year the Florida State Board of Medical Examiners was created. His class was the first to have to take the examination, and he holds certificate No. 4—the fourth man to be registered in the state.

At first he went to Miami, where there were three other doctors, one of them Dr. Jackson for whom Jackson Memorial Hospital was named, but soon afterwards he moved to Fort Pierce, where a doctor was needed, and continued to practice there until 1918. During that time he brought into the world the future Governor Dan McCarty and the girl who was to become Mrs. McCarty. The first baby he delivered in Florida was Beanie Backus, the artist.

In the early years of his practice Dr. VanLandingham traveled by horse and buggy, canoe and train, and could flag down any train from Stuart to Melbourne. He sometimes put patients in the baggage car to get them to the nearest hospital, which was at St. Augustine.

In 1918 Dr. VanLandingham moved to West Palm Beach to take the place of two doctors who were scheduled to leave for military service in World War I. There was no hospital there at that time. When Good Samaritan Hospital was opened he served as its superintendent from 1924 through 1926. He was made City Physician in 1919 and City Health Officer in 1926 and held these offices until he resigned in 1953. In January 1945 he became County Physician and director of the County Hospital, and completed fifteen years in this service, resigning as of September 1, 1960. He served one term as president of the Palm Beach County Medical Society and five years as secretary.

When the Baltimore Medical College was merged with the University of Maryland, Dr. VanLandingham received a certificate from the university. In 1955 he was one of a handful of physicians who attended the 50th anniversary of the graduation of his class at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, and was awarded an alumni certificate of appreciation in recognition of his 50 years of service as a physician.

He is a former Mason, a member of the Rotary Club and of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach. In Titusville on September 15, 1904, he married Aleph Mims, who was born in Hazlehurst, Georgia, February 27, 1880, daughter of Casper Neal Mims and Martha Cornelia Girtman. Her father served in the Civil War in Clinch Rifles, Company A, Fifth Georgia Regiment, commanded by Captain Platt under Colonel J. C. Jackson of Augusta. Miss Mims was a school teacher. When she and Dr. VanLandingham were married the whole town of Titusville turned out at the station to wish them well. They had three sons, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Ernest Mims, born July 17, 1906.
2. Casper Neal, born September 30, 1908.
3. Samuel Grey, born September 23, 1914.

The first Mrs. VanLandingham died June 15, 1956, and in 1957 the doctor married Florence E. Groiss in Atlanta, Georgia.

In his youth Dr. Van, as his friends and associates call him, engaged in the sport of bicycle racing in cities up and down the east coast from West Palm Beach to Titusville and won the Florida championship one year. He is also a baseball fan and for five years managed the West Palm Beach team in the old East Coast League, of which he was president in the late twenties.

SAMUEL PIERRE VANLANDINGHAM

Formerly in the dairy business and subsequently an ice cream plant operator, Samuel Pierre VanLandingham of Fort Pierce is now in the real estate rental business and is part owner of a ranch.

He was born in Miami, Florida, April 23, 1914, son of Samuel Pierre and Alma Elsie (Ehrhart) VanLandingham, and a nephew of the eminent Dr. William E. VanLandingham. His grandfather, Samuel Green Vanlandingham, brought his family to Florida from Georgia about 1882. Pierre's father was born at Campville, Florida, April 20, 1884, and died in October 1918; his mother was born in Lisbon, Ohio, July 15, 1892. She married Mr. VanLandingham in Stuart, Florida, January 26, 1910, and after his death at the early age of thirty-four, married Harry Millard McVey at Fort Pierce on February 9, 1922.

Pierre VanLandingham graduated from Fort Pierce High School in 1933 and took a two-year course in Dairy Science at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He worked for Southern Dairies about eight years in all, at Knoxville, West Palm Beach, and Miami. When he left the Miami plant he held the position of assistant plant supervisor.

After he gave up the dairy business, Mr. VanLandingham owned and operated a retail and wholesale ice cream plant at Vero Beach and at Fort Pierce, until 1956, when he entered the real estate rental business. The ranch in which he has an interest is located in St. Lucie County and covers approximately 8,000 acres.

Mr. VanLandingham is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Fort Pierce.

On August 22, 1937, at Fort Pierce he married Jane Ernestine Alderman, daughter of Burgess Elliott and Dollie Lee (Parker) Alderman, whose biographies ap-

pear in these pages. Ernestine was born in Fort Pierce April 5, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. VanLandingham are the parents of two sons, born in Fort Pierce: Kyle Samuel, on December 10, 1951; Larue Pierre, on January 18, 1955.

ERNEST WALTER HISTED, SR.

He used to whistle while he worked, this Van Dyke of photographers, as he was called by Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr. The great and near-great of two continents posed for Ernest W. Histed, Sr., who in his later years made friends with the Florida Indians in his home on the edge of the Everglades near Jupiter, where he died on May 27, 1947, in his 86th year.

He was born in Brighton, England, October 15, 1861, son of John and Harriet Histed. His father was an importer of fine liquors from France. His mother always thought she would come into an estate that belonged to the family before Cromwell seized it.

As a boy of twelve Ernest was working in a grocery store in Brighton when a wealthy man came in one day and made arrangements for him to attend school for one year. In school he studied model drawing. J. E. Mayall, partner of Daguerre, inventor of photography, offered him an apprenticeship in his shop, and there he learned the photographic business from bottom to top. He was allowed to handle the official photographic plates of Queen Victoria's wedding, and one day when the printer did not show up he was given a chance to do printing.

In 1881, when he was twenty, he decided to emigrate to America and wanted to go to Florida, but the clerk in the steamship office discouraged that idea. "Nay, lad, not Florida. The alligators will eat ye alive!", he said. So Ernest went to Chicago. There he worked for a wet plate company, a pioneer photographer who was a rival of Mr. Eastman's company. After three years he moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and opened his own studio, taking tin-types, four for a quarter. With Alexander Moore, a reporter for the Chronicle-Telegraph, (later ambassador to Spain) and Frank Connoley, another reporter, he made an historical scoop in photograph of the great Johnstown flood of 1889, the reporters doing the story.

His reputation grew and he became acquainted with millionaires. Harry Thaw's mother offered to set him up in business. With a good friend, Count Francisco Maria Guardabassi, he sailed for England in 1895 in time for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. On this or another occasion when he was a passenger on an Italian flagship, he was to have dined with the admiral but he couldn't get into his dress suit, so he didn't go. He guessed the admiral never forgave him.

He had a hard time getting started in England. When the Royal Academy in London refused his portraits for exhibition, he went to Willis Clemons, who made the platinum paper he used in printing all his pictures, and showed the portraits he wished to enter in the exhibition; with the result that they withdrew all their entries and put in his instead. The next day the critics acclaimed his work, saying that his poorest picture was better than all the others' best. After that success began to come his way and he became the favorite of the social set. On one occasion he was the lone man at a luncheon with six titled women.

After a year or two with the London Graphic and Illustrated London News as a portrait photographer, he went to Brighton. There Princess Henry of Battenburg, now Mountbatten, asked him to take her picture. She was so pleased with it that she told her mother, Queen Victoria of England, and the Queen requested Mr. Histed to come and take a picture of the Kaiser's mother, the Empress Frederick. The pony cart Mr. Histed had hired to haul his equipment to Windsor Palace did not arrive in time, and in the emergency he used a wheelbarrow. The guards tried to shoo him away and threatened him with "Old Bailey," but at last a maid who knew of his appointment came to his rescue and he was admitted, wheelbarrow and all. The royal family were friendly and very patient and cooperative in posing, he said.

The grand old lady herself, Queen Victoria, also posed for him, and so did Princess Mary, later Queen, then Duchess of York. Among other members of royalty he photographed were Queen Victoria of Spain, Prince Louis of Battenburg, and the Grand Duchess Serge of Russia. The first pictures of his that were published were of a garden party given by Queen Victoria.

When he returned to New York in 1898 Mr. Histed was temporarily out of funds. By way of advertising, he set up the pictures of the Empress Frederick and Princess Mary in drygoods-box frames on Fifth Avenue, and watched to see what would happen. A lovely young lady coming along seemed enchanted by the pictures. She was the daughter of Senator Clarke of Montana, the "Copper King," and was to be married in a few days. With the $5,000 her father paid him for the wedding pictures Histed opened a studio on Fifth Avenue, where he remained in business for many years.

Among his reminiscences of those years were the pale faced little girl who asked him to please take her picture for a dime so her mother would have something to keep when she left her, for she had heard the doctor say that she would soon die of consumption. There was Benjamin Harrison, always wanting to drag him away from picture appointments to play pool; Sir John Irving, the great Shakespearian actor, anxiously asking which side of his face was the strongest; John Burroughs scurrying in, frightened by the cabs and street cars; Tony Drexel and Louie Lorillard, the gay young blades who refused to be serious for their pictures; Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean, owner of the Hope Diamond, bringing three trunks full of clothes to the studio to have two portraits taken. One morning the display window was broken and the portrait of Madame Melba, Australian opera star and toast of Broadway, was missing—stolen by some admirer.

Mr. Histed had a wonderful quality of treating all people alike, rich or poor, royalty or commoner, and was famous for his ability to put his subjects at ease. In those days having one's picture taken was almost a sacred rite. Only family and intimate friends got copies, and rarely the newspapers. As for putting one's picture in an advertisement—he could imagine the reaction of Mrs. John Jacob Astor or the first Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt (both his patrons) to such a proposal. The explosion would have been heard clear to Newport, he said. (Incidentally, Mr. Histed also had a studio at Newport, Rhode Island.)

Ernest Histed, Sr. first came to Palm Beach, Florida, in the 1890's to convalesce from a bout of pneumonia. He bought some property and built a studio on Old County Road, where Phipps Plaza is now. The next winter he bought 300 feet on Lake Worth and 200 feet on the ocean side. Most of this he finally sold off piece by piece, and at the end of the boom in the late twen-

Ernest W. Histed Sr.

Lena Bell Histed

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ties came to Jupiter, where he had been buying property since 1912. He retired in 1934 and went to live in his rambling house in Jupiter, although he went back to his work for a while in West Palm Beach and began using Kodaks at that time. Eastman made special glass plates for him and he had a special technique which involved the use of yellow tissue paper for lighting—a technique the science of photography has caught up with since.

At his home in Jupiter, situated on 200 acres along the Loxahatchee River, twelve acres constituted a jungle garden called the Garden of the Gods, which was landscaped by Mr. Histed and his son. This was a show place for visitors, some of whom were permitted to inspect his portraits, perhaps the most remarkable collection in existence. Representing approximately 25,000 of the celebrities whom Ernest Histed photographed during his career, they are a beguiling facial history of a romantic and rugged era. Their subjects ruled for half a century the business, social and political destinies of nations. The pictured faces—noble, austere, acquisitive, sensitive, proud, defiant, humble, but always fascinating—are as clear and sharp in outline, as soft and striking in effect, as the day they were developed—due, said Mr. Histed, to the fact that they were printed on platinum paper that could be obtained from only one manufacturer in London. Most of Mr. Histed's pictures are now in the Museum of New York City.

At the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City, on February 3, 1908, Ernest Walter Histed, Sr. married Lena Bell Simpson, who was born August 14, 1876, in Lamont, Michigan, daughter of William Abbott Simpson, a native of Hamilton, Ontario, and Sarah Jane Beckwith from Saranac, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Histed became the parents of a son and a daughter: Ernest W. Histed, Jr., born April 21, 1910, in New York City (whose story follows); and Frances Elizabeth, born November 18, 1914, in Washington, New Jersey, now Mrs. Sheldon Webb and the mother of Holly Elizabeth Webb, born September 21, 1957, in Jupiter, Florida.

Mr. Histed had two brothers, Charles and John, and four sisters. Charles Histed went to Auckland, New Zealand, and became a wool exporter. John had a large grocery store in London and was married to the daughter of a wealthy vinegar merchant. One sister was a social worker in the United States. One worked for an uncle who was a great antique collector. The other two married and did not have careers.

ERNEST WALTER HISTED, JR.

The only son of the famous portrait photographer, Ernest W. Histed, Jr. has not attempted to emulate his father's art. He entered the field of commercial photography late in his career, after giving ten years to aerial photography.

Born in New York City April 21, 1910, son of Lena Bell (Simpson) and Ernest W. Histed, Sr. (see foregoing sketch of father), he attended elementary school in Palm Beach, Jupiter High School and Culver Military Academy, a Naval school. After finishing school he ran a charter fishing boat and was in Civil Service at the outbreak of World War II.

He enlisted in the Navy October 26, 1942, and served until December 1, 1945, in Naval Aviation, part of that time at Opalocka Air Base, Dade County, Vero Beach Naval Air Station, San Diego Naval Air Station, and on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Nehenta Bay overseas. He was in Okinawa and, at the time of the surrender, in Japan.

After the war he returned to Civil Service at Palm Beach Base before it was de-activated. About that time he underwent a serious operation and spent a year recuperating. He then returned to the charter fishing boats for a while, and did some work as a commercial painter. In 1948 he took up flying under the G.I. Bill of Rights, received his private pilots license, and did aerial photography for the next ten years. Finally, in 1958, he opened his present shop in Jupiter, where he does commercial photography and sells hobby supplies of a sporting goods nature.

Ernest Histed, Jr. is a member of the Florida Photographers Association, the National Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Jupiter Chamber of Commerce, and Northwood Baptist Church, West Palm Beach. He was married at Simons Island, Georgia, April 24, 1958, to Dorothy Jean Dougherty, who was born in Jasonville, Indiana, July 6, 1923, daughter of Pearl (Bennett) and Vaughn Dougherty. Her father was born in Clay City, Indiana, June 30, 1886; her mother in Brazil, Indiana, July 30, 1895.

By a previous marriage Mrs. Histed, Jr. has two children: Barbara Jenkins, born July 2, 1944, in Indiana; Donald Jenkins, born June 14, 1946, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

ARCHIBALD ALVIN HENDRY, JR.

Archibald Alvin Hendry, Jr., widely known in the Martin County district for his devoted service, is a prominent business man and dealer for the General Electric Company.

He was born July 24, 1903, in Fort Pierce, son of Archibald Alvin Hendry and Amy Ann Cone, born in Benton, Florida. Archibald Hendry, Sr. was one of the largest cattlemen in the state. He and K. B. Raulerson were the original owners of the East Coast Cattle Company when the county seat of Dade County was in Juno, Florida.

After receiving his elementary and some secondary education in Fort Pierce, Mr. Hendry left high school and on November 22, 1917, began to serve a two year term in the Navy, after which he returned to high school. While in the service he was stationed in Key West and Marathon and was active on the destroyer U.S.S. Perry.

From 1930 to 1932 he was in the wholesale and brokerage fruit business in Fort Pierce; entered the beverage business in 1934; and in 1941 became the owner of the Cottage Camp and Trading Post. In 1955 he became the owner of the Tri-County Gas Company, which supplies fuel for cooking and heat, and is the dealer for major gas and electric appliances in Martin County for General Electric Company.

Mr. Hendry is associated in business with his two sons, Archibald Alvin Hendry, III, born February 2, 1934, and John H. Hendry, born July 4, 1936. His wife, Lydia Hannah Hazell, was born in Chester, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1902. She married Archibald Hendry, Jr. in Fort Pierce January 14, 1933.

Mr. Hendry is a member of the Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion, and is affiliated with the Methodist Church. He was Road Superintendent for Martin County for two years, Martin County Fire Chief, Purchasing Agent, Building Inspector, and is now on the Zoning Board for Martin

County. He has been a member of the Central and South Florida Flood Control District, covering seventeen counties, and was head of the Land Department for six years, during which time he purchased approximately one million acres of land.

CHARLES B. ARBOGAST

Successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Stuart since 1925, Charles B. Arbogast is active in developing waterfront property. He helped to form the Hobe Sound Company, which owns the resort at Hobe Sound and Jupiter Island, and owns considerable land in his own right. Holding a position of leadership in his community, he is an integral part of its civic and social life.

He was born at Grand Forks, North Dakota, September 17, 1890, son of Leland Ashby and Lillian (Welch) Arbogast. His father was born in Staunton, Virginia, in 1860 and died in 1928. He was in the grain business in Minnesota and North Dakota with his headquarters in Duluth and Minneapolis. For many years he was traveling superintendent for the Northern Pacific Elevator Company; then organized his own business, the Dakota Elevator Company, which he operated until 1909, when he retired because of ill health. Charles' mother was born in Waco, Texas, and died in 1945 at the age of 75.

Attending schools in Duluth and Minneapolis, Charles Arbogast graduated from the Minneapolis High School in 1909. After further preparation in a business college, he entered the grain business and was associated with different companies until 1917, when the onset of World War I impelled him to enlist in the Naval Air Corps. He served approximately two years, stationed at Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Montauk Point, Long Island, and Hampton Roads, Virginia, and was honorably discharged in March of 1919. After the war he was in the wholesale coal business, selling coal throughout the Northwest until 1925, the year he came to Florida.

Coming directly to Stuart, he began his career in the real estate business as sales representative of a local firm. The following year he entered a partnership with Theodore Dehon, who had been a real estate operator in Stuart. The partnership was dissolved in 1928 and since then Mr. Arbogast has continued as an independent operator and has been very successful. Although he specializes in waterfront property, he handles all types of real estate and maintains, in addition to the main office at Stuart, offices at Hobe Sound, North River Shores and Salerno. Among the subdivisions he has developed are Cocoanut Park and North River Shores, a 450-acre residential development with 7,000 feet of waterfront on the St. Lucie River at Stuart; Seven Oaks Island on Jupiter Island; Indian Hills; Hildabrad Park, and others.

Mr. Arbogast, a Democrat, served as County Commissioner of Martin County for two terms. He was Commander of the American Legion Post in Stuart for two years and is a member of the Forty-and-Eight. He is past president of the Stuart Board of Realtors; was a charter member of the Stuart Rotary Club, and is a member of the Episcopal Church. Stamp collecting is his hobby.

On September 4, 1926, in Stuart, Mr. Arbogast married Eva Dehon, daughter of Theodore and Helen (Middleton) Dehon, both natives of Charleston, South Carolina. Both Mr. and Mrs. Arbogast's ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War and in the Confederate Army in the Civil War. Mrs. Arbogast shares many of her husband's interests. They have had two sons.

Charles B. Arbogast, Jr., born in April, 1928, graduated with honors from The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, in 1949, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is a Registered Civil Engineer in the State of Florida and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and a Registered Land Surveyor in Florida. From 1949 to 1954 he was a civil, structural and construction engineer with Shell Oil Company, Ltd., of Puerto Rico, and at the same time held a similar position with the District Public Works Office of the Tenth Naval District, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Since 1954 he has been engaged in the private practice of engineering in Stuart, Florida, and is a member of the firm of Greenlees, Arbogast and Associates, Inc., Engineers. He is also a real estate broker, associated with his father in the real estate business, and is a director of the Board of Realtors in Stuart and a member of the state and national real estate boards. He is now a Captain in the United States Army Reserve. Like his father, he is active in civic and social affairs.

Middleton D. Arbogast, born in October 1932, graduated from Stuart High School and attended the University of Florida. At the age of eighteen he became a real estate broker and insurance agent and was actively associated with his father until May of 1955, when he passed away at Stuart. He was active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce and other civic affairs and was a member of the state and national real estate boards as well as the local board.

EVANS CRARY, SR.

A devoted man in his profession, Evans Crary, Sr. has served his state and community in numerous political offices for many years. The first Senator of the new district created of St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River Counties, he spent eighteen of his twenty-five years of political service in the State Legislature.

He was born June 25, 1905, in Tampa, Florida, son of Perley Frederick Crary, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1873, who died in 1954; and Alice Lewis, born in Longwood, Florida, in 1883. P. F. Crary served in the State Treasurer's office from 1932 to 1952 and prior to that time was in the real estate business in Tampa.

Evans Crary attended the public schools of Tampa and graduated from the University of Florida in 1927 with an LL.B. degree. He is a member of the Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Now associated with his son, Evans Crary, Jr., in the firm of Crary and Crary, he conducts a private law practice in Stuart, Florida.

From 1932 to 1955 he was County Attorney of Martin County, was City Judge of Stuart from 1930 to 1936, a member of the House of Representatives of Florida 1936 to 1946, and in 1945-46 served as Speaker of the House. A member of the State Senate from 1946 to 1954, he represented the Twelfth Senatorial District as the first Senator of St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River Counties. He is active in the American Bar Association as well as the Florida Bar and is past president of the Stuart-Martin County Bar Association.

In 1935 he was president of the Stuart Rotary in Martin County, is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Elks in Stuart. He belongs to the Stuart #163 Acacia Lodge of the Masons, the Lake Worth Consistory, and the Mahi (Miami)

Temple Shrine. Past chairman of the Board of Stewards for approximately fifteen years, he is affiliated with the Methodist Church.

His wife, Talley McKewn, was born April 7, 1905, in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She is the daughter of William Talley McKewn who was born in 1874 and died in 1923, and Margaret M. Dukes, born in Orangeburg, South Carolina, in 1874. The Crarys were married in Brooksville, Florida, February 4, 1928, and now have two children. They are:

1. Lawrence Evans Crary, Jr., born February 11, 1930, in Stuart, Florida, whose sketch follows.
2. William F. Crary, born September 15, 1932, in Stuart, who married Mary Ann Arnold, born in Madisonville, Kentucky. They have one son, Ricky Crary, born November 23, 1954, in Madisonville, Kentucky.

LAWRENCE EVANS CRARY, JR.

Only six years after graduating with the highest honors in his class, Lawrence Evans Crary, Jr. was appointed County Judge and was selected as one of Florida's five outstanding young men by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce. This young attorney has succeeded in establishing a remarkable record of political service in his county, state, and community.

Born in Stuart, Florida, February 11, 1930, he is the son of attorney Lawrence Evans Crary, Sr., and Talley McKewn. He received his elementary education in Stuart and continued grades nine through twelve at the Bolles School in Jacksonville, Florida. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1951 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration and in 1952 obtained his LL.B. degree from the University of Florida Law School, graduating with high honors and placing first in his class.

Later in 1952 he entered the United States Air Force and served in the Judge Advocate's Department with the 3700th Training Wing at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. After two years he was discharged as a First Lieutenant and now serves as a Captain in the Air Force Reserve. He is currently active as an instructor in the 9883rd Air Reserve Squad in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Now in partnership with his father in their Stuart law office, L. Evans Crary, Jr. was appointed County Judge in 1958, and in that same year was selected as one of Florida's five outstanding young men by the Florida State Junior Chamber of Commerce. Previously, in 1957, he had been awarded as the outstanding young man of Martin County, Florida.

He holds membership in the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity, the Beta Gamma Sigma fraternity, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity in the University of Florida chapter and is a member of the Florida Blue Key. He belongs to the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and was president of the Martin County Bar Association from 1958 to 1959. He is secretary and treasurer of the Florida Council of Bar Association Presidents and serves on the Legal Institutes Committee of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the Florida Bar.

Mr. Crary is Past Master of Acacia Masonic Lodge #163 of Stuart and a member of the Scottish Rite in Lake Worth. He belongs to Stuart-Jensen Lodge #1870 of the Elks in Stuart, was president of the Stuart Rotary Club from 1957 to 1958, is past director and served as president of the Chamber of Commerce in Stuart from 1958 to 1959, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Martin Memorial Hospital, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Martin County Historical Society. He is affiliated with the First Methodist Church of Stuart, where he acts as a trustee and is a past superintendent of the Sunday School.

His wife, Marilyn Overby, born December 3, 1931, in St. Petersburg, Florida, is the daughter of Lawrence A. Overby and Mary Fernandez of New Bedford, Massachusetts. The Crarys were married on June 6, 1951, in Gainesville, Florida, and now have three children. They are:

1. Lawrence Evans Crary, III, born September 15, 1953, in San Antonio, Texas.
2. Robert Michael Crary, born March 13, 1956, in Stuart, Florida.
3. Milicent Ann Crary, born September 29, 1959, in Stuart, Florida.

EDWARD F. MILLER

Edward F. Miller of Stuart is the founder of what is probably the largest Pompon chrysanthemum farm in Florida. In the 1959 season he shipped 550,000 bunches of flowers and expects to increase the number by 100,000 in 1960. Mr. Miller's son, Edward W. Miller, who has been in business with his father since he was twelve years old, is in charge of the growing operations. while the father takes care of the sales and shipping. The senior Mr. Miller has also been very successful in buying and selling real estate in Florida.

Son of Louis and Anna (Folprecht) Miller, he was born in Long Island City, New York, October 3, 1902, and was educated in the public schools of Long Island City, including Bryant High School. His father died in Astoria, Long Island, in May 1942. His mother is living in Stuart, Florida.

Edward F. Miller was an office worker and elevator constructor in his early years and in 1932 was hurt in an elevator shaft fall. In July of that year he bought the Farmers Hotel and Restaurant in Harlem Market. In April 1935 he purchased the Farmers Hotel and Restaurant in Wallabout Market, Brooklyn, New York. When this market, which adjoined the Navy Yard, was condemned for extension of the Navy Yard in 1941, Mr. Miller organized the firm of Edward Miller and Son and opened a Garden Center in New Hyde Park, Long Island, on one acre of ground. Here they had greenhouses as well as the Garden Center.

Mr. Miller, Sr. came to Stuart, Florida, in 1949 and in 1954 started developing the present flower farm. On October 1, 1957, Edward Miller and Son sold the Garden Center in Long Island and Edward Jr. joined his father in Stuart. The Millers have an annual payroll of $120,000 and employ about fifty people in season.

Mr. Miller, Sr. is a member of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association and of Southeastern Florist Association, and a director of Martin County Farm Bureau. He is also a member of the Elks Stuart-Jensen Lodge #1870.

He was first married on August 9, 1924, to Wilhelmina Zinsmeister, who was the mother of his son, Edward Walter, born in New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York, on August 8, 1931. She died March 17, 1954.

In July 1955 Mr. Miller, Sr. married Louise Ogden of Parkersburg, West Virginia. During World War II

Edward Miller

Louise Miller

Louise went to Washington, D.C., and was a statistician for the national housing agency. In 1945 she went to Miami where she started as assistant auditor at the Roney Plaza and later was executive secretary at the Empress Hotel. When she met Mr. Miller she was managing the Surbaban Club Hotel Apartments. She helps her husband in his work and operates a miniature French poodle ranch in conjunction with the flower farm, also a poodle grooming service. This combination of chrysanthemums and French poodles gives the Millers the advertising slogan, "Oodles and oodles of Pompons and Poodles."

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are now building rental luxury cottages and cabana guest houses, with swimming pool, shuffle-board court and boat basin, on their ten-acre ranch located on the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. This ranch was originally the Stanley Ranch, owned by Stanley Beverege of Stanley Home Products, a nationally known company. The Millers offer an attractive package deal for the fisherman with dock and river fishing and deep sea fishing on the "Dude," charter sailfishing boat, which is operated for Edward Miller and Son by Frank Csongedi, charter boat captain in Stuart for the past twenty years. Employees of the company and business associates also enjoy the privilege of trips on the "Dude."

SAMUEL COLSON GAY

The president of Fort Pierce Abstract Company, Samuel Colson Gay is a descendant of pioneer settlers of Alachua County. More distantly, he is a descendant of Jacob Colson who was Captain of the 8th or Rifle Company in the Revolutionary Army, a company composed of volunteers from Georgia. His maternal great-grandfather, William Colson, came to Payne's Prairie (near Gainesville) in 1821 and settled there. He was a planter, owner of Port Crum Plantation. His son, Maxey Dell, Sam's grandfather, with his son Perry Colson, founded and laid out what is now Trenton, Florida, and donated land for the first public school there. When the school site was abandoned they re-donated the site to the county, and the Gilchrist County Court House was erected there and is still in use. Both Sam's grandparents fought in the Civil War; William H. Gay with the Confederate General, Braxton Bragg. The other grandfather was wounded at Olustee. Further information about Mr. Gay's family may be found in the Buccholz History of Alachua County.

Samuel Colson Gay was born at Trenton, Florida, December 10, 1912, son of Samuel Gilbert and Callie (Colson) Gay. His mother, who also was born at Trenton, died at Winter Haven, Florida. His father was born at Providence, Florida, and died at Bartow. He was a farmer and grower of perishable fruit in Gilchrist County, the first to grow watermelons commercially in North Central Florida. He was a Mason, and probably a charter member of Micanopy Lodge.

After graduating from Trenton High School in 1930, Samuel Colson Gay attended the University of Florida. He then went to work for his uncle, B. R. Colson, at the Alachua County Abstract Company in Gainesville, and became vice-president of the company in 1937. Following two years with the Navy (1944-46), he became associated with Florida Southern Abstract and Title Company at Lakeland, but was there only three or four months when he was offered the management of the Fort Pierce Abstract Company. Gradually he acquired a half interest in the company and became its vice-president, and upon the death of D. V. Marquis he acquired the other half interest and became president of the company.

Mr. Gay has lectured on the subject of abstracts at the P. K. Yonge School, which is part of the School of Education of the University of Florida.

He is a member of the American Title Association; past president (1942-43) of the Florida Land Title Association; a member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and past director of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the City Planning Board. While in Gainesville he was very active in the Rotary Club and was editor of the Rotary Bulletin. He also belonged to the Elks Lodge in Gainesville. He is a member of the Pelican Yacht Club, the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, and the Church of Christ. Golf is his favorite sport and he plays in the local tournaments.

Married in 1938 to Norvella Morgan, now deceased, Samuel Colson Gay has two children: Samuel Glenn Gay, born March 14, 1939, at Gainesville, now in the U. S. Air Force; and Sandra Lee Gay, born October 15, 1941, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia. In February of 1954 Mr. Gay married Margaret Williams. He has two stepchildren: Sally McCoy Sample and Susan McDougald Sample.

PAUL ROBERTS EDMUNDS

A realtor of Fort Pierce since 1955, Paul Roberts Edmunds lived a life of wide experience before taking up his present occupation, in which he seems about to reach the pinnacle of success.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, October 18, 1908, he is a son of George Edward and Margaret Roberts Edmunds, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, where his father was a manufacturer of automobile lamps, president of Edmunds-Jones Corporation. The senior Mr. Edmunds was born in Jackson, Ohio, April 28, 1866, and died in Clearwater, Florida, in May of 1947. He served in the Spanish-American war and was a Dollar-a-Year man in World War I. Margaret Roberts Edmunds was born in Columbus, Ohio, January 12, 1876, and died in Detroit, Michigan, in January of 1951.

Paul Roberts Edmunds graduated from the Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and attended Princeton University from 1927 through 1929. He completed his education at St. Johns College of Cambridge University, England, graduating in the class of 1932.

For four years Mr. Edmunds was an analytical reporter for Dun and Bradstreet, New York. From that time until he entered the Army in World War II he was sales manager for National Graphite Company in New York City.

Entering the United States Army in January, 1942, he served with the Transportation Corps, Water Division, until November, 1945, and had attained the rank of Major on discharge. He was injured when the SS City of Birmingham was torpedoed and wounded at the Omaha Beachhead Invasion of France, and was decorated with the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

Mr. Edmunds has been a resident of Florida since 1935. After his return to civilian life he became a yacht broker at Fort Lauderdale, and in 1949 a produce broker at Pompano, in partnership with Mangum and Yates Company. He continued there until May of 1954, when he was semi-retired until he went into the real

estate business in Fort Pierce with his wife. Mrs. Edmunds, a registered real estate broker, had been in the real estate business in Tampa from 1951 to 1955.

Now president of the Florida Industrial Sites, Inc., Mr. Edmunds is developing shopping centers and other commercial properties throughout the state, including a 600-acre subdivision in Okeechobee County and a shopping center and bowling alley in Tallahassee. He has also been very active in the development of the Clark Stores (a variety department store) in Charlotte and Greensboro, North Carolina, and in a proposed one for Tampa and St. Petersburg which will have at least 100,000 feet capacity.

Mr. Edmunds is a member of the Fort Pierce Board of Realtors, the Fort Pierce Civitan Club, Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, Indian Hills Country Club, the New York Athletic Club, and the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce. He is a registered Democrat. Golf and sailing are his favorite sports.

Mrs. Edmunds was Elizabeth C. Boggs Pazin, widow of Captain Peter Pazin, who was killed in a B29 crash at Cedar Keys in 1951. Her children by her first marriage are Peter Livingston Pazin, born January 13, 1942, at Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, and Deborah Joan Pazin, born September 26, 1947, at Richmond, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds are the parents of Margaret Roberts Edmunds, born December 21, 1955, at Richmond, Virginia.

ROBERT CHALLENOR SMITHER

Now a successful grower of citrus fruit in Fort Pierce, Florida, Robert C. Smither is a man whose life story covers a colorful variety of activities.

He was born February 8, 1910, in Manchester, Massachusetts, son of Robert Newkirk and Harriet Roberts Smither. His father was at different times in his life an engineer, an investment broker, and operator of a brewery business in New York.

Robert's education was received at such widely separated places as Hamilton, Bermuda, where he attended the Saultas Grammar School, and Palo Alto, California, where he graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

His career began in a brewery depot in Miami, and he worked there until 1936, when he went to New York and became manager of the Long Island branch of John F. Trommer Company. In 1938 he became an insurance broker in New York City and continued in that business until he entered the Navy in 1942. He served for the duration of the war, in ships and on shore duty, and reached the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After the war he returned to Long Island and was in the real estate business for about two years. In 1948 he went to Campeche, Mexico, and became a shrimping operator, having two boats. Coming to Fort Pierce, Florida, in 1950, he bought 40 acres of citrus groves and since then has bought and set out sixty acres more. He keeps busy managing his groves.

Mr. Smither is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual; on the Growers Advisory Council of Indian River Citrus League; a director of St. Lucie County Soil Conservation Board, and past director of the St. Lucie County Farm Bureau. He is a member of the American Legion, Stephen Gladwin Post #40; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Eugene V. Lish Post #3064; Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge #87, Fort Pierce Commandery, Lake Worth Consistory, and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; the Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce; the Fort Pierce Shrine Club, of which he is past director; Fort Pierce Yacht Club; and is past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ruth Chapter #7. He is a Democrat and a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist, in which he has served on the board of directors and as first reader. Fishing is his favorite relaxation.

In Bayshore, New York, on January 3, 1942, Mr. Smither married Marjorie Louise Faust, daughter of James A. and Anna C. (Schuck) Faust, who was born in New York City March 25, 1912. She is a graduate of Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland and a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority; past Matron of Ruth Chapter #7, Order of the Eastern Star, and a past reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. She is also a member of the Woman's Club and a past president of the Ladies Shrine Club of Fort Pierce. She is currently working for the Florida State Department of Public Welfare.

CALVIN P. POPPELL

Tax assessor of St. Lucie County since 1952, Calvin P. Poppell is following the example of his father, Felix Clayton Poppell, who was the first elected tax assessor of St. Lucie County and served in that office for a total of eighteen years.

The Poppell family came from Sparta, Georgia, and settled in Taylor County near Perry, where Calvin's grandfather was a farmer and cattleman. Felix Poppell came to the Indian River section of Florida about 1877 and settled first on Merritt Island, working on a trading boat under Captain N. B. Broward, who became Governor of Florida in 1905. After a few years he moved to Quay, now Winter Beach in Indian River County, and there planted sixty acres of orange grove. He came to Ft. Pierce in 1918. After his long service as tax assessor of St. Lucie County, he ran for and was elected to the Florida State Legislature at the age of seventy-two. He died at Ft. Pierce in 1941 at the age of eighty-one. Calvin's mother, formerly Isabella Franklin Faulkner, also a native of Taylor County, died at Ft. Pierce in 1945, aged seventy-two.

Born at Winter Beach September 28, 1904, Calvin P. Poppell was educated in the public schools of St. Lucie County, graduating from the high school (now known as the Dan McCarty High School) in 1926, and attended the University of Florida from 1927 to 1929. At a later time he took an evening course in Washington, D.C.

He was a clerk at the Dixie Pelican Hotel at Stuart for one year; then went to work for the Federal State Inspection Service, doing grade certification on fruits and vegetables up and down the eastern seaboard of the United States, and continued in this work for about twenty years, excepting his time in military service in World War II. After basic training at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, he served in the Coast Artillery, stationed at Ft. Adams, Rhode Island. In 1949 he became the owner and operator of the Ideal Supply Company of Ft. Pierce, a feed, seed and general supply house for farmers and cattlemen.

In 1951 Mr. Poppell campaigned for the office of tax assessor and was elected. He took office in 1952 and his term runs through 1960. He is a member of the Tax Assessors Association of Florida and the National Association of Assessing Officers.

Active in the life of his community, Mr. Poppell is a

member of the Elks Lodge #1520 and Moose Lodge of Ft. Pierce; the Ft. Pierce Lions Club, of which he is first vice-president; and the First Methodist Church of Ft. Pierce, in which he is a member of the Official Board of Stewards and teaches eighth grade Sunday School.

Boating on his nineteen-foot cabin cruiser and collecting antiques for his own use are two of his favorite leisure-time activities. Mr. Poppell enjoys horticulture and has a garden full of beautiful plants and flowers.

TROY EDGAR MOODY

Twenty-seven years as Tax Collector of Indian River County and still in office is the record of Troy Edgar Moody of Vero Beach. Mr. Moody, who comes from pioneer Florida stock, is also a citrus grower and cattleman.

He was born in Alachua, Florida, March 25, 1897, son of John Wesley and Emma Cato Moody. His father was a trainman with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and a farmer in Alachua, where he died. His mother was a native of Alachua and died in Orlando. He graduated from Alachua High School and attended the University of Florida one year, then entered the United States Army in World War I. He served in the Artillery with the First Division and took part in five major battles in France and Germany.

When he returned from the Army, Mr. Moody moved to Fort Pierce and for four years worked in the Post Office; then in an Abstract company. In June, 1925, he moved to Vero Beach and managed the East Coast Title and Guaranty Company until some time in 1927, when he organized the Indian River County Abstract Company. He operated this business until September, 1932, when he was first elected Tax Collector, and at that time sold his business to Judge L. M. Merriman.

Mr. Moody has owned citrus groves in Indian River County since 1935, and has raised a commercial herd of cattle since 1948. Starting with leased land, he bought his pasture soon afterwards. His ranch is west of the St. Johns Marsh.

Mr. Moody is a member of the Florida Association of County Tax Collectors, Indian River County Cattlemen's Association, Florida Citrus Mutual, and Indian River Citrus Growers League. An active Democrat, he has been repeatedly re-elected to his present office. He is a member of the John M. Mixon Post #3918 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Felix Poppell Post #39 of the American Legion; is a past Master of Masonic Lodge #250 of Vero Beach and a Noble of Mahi Temple Shrine; a past Worthy Patron of Vero Beach Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; and a member of the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports.

Mrs. Moody was Margaret Louise Poppell, member of another pioneer Florida family, daughter of Felix Clayton and Isabella Faulkner Poppell and sister of Calvin Poppell, Tax Assessor of St. Lucie County. Both her parents were born in Taylor County, Florida, and died in Fort Pierce; her father in 1941, her mother in 1945. She herself was born at Titusville October 24, 1904. Felix Poppell was a pioneer settler on Merritt Island, where he came from the West Coast in 1877. He was the first elected tax assessor of St. Lucie County and served in the Florida State Legislature at the age of 72.

Mrs. Moody is active in the Garden Club and in church affairs. She and Mr. Moody were married in Fort Pierce June 5, 1923. They had two sons. Troy Edgar, Jr., born February 9, 1925, at Fort Pierce, was a Lieutenant in the Paratroop Infantry in the Korean War and was killed in action August 11, 1950—the first from Indian County to be killed in that war. The City of Vero Beach named a park for him. The second son, Tam Poppell Moody, born October 26, 1932, at Fort Pierce, is a deputy tax collector in his father's office. He is a past president of Indian River County Riding Club.

ALBERT E. BACKUS

Since "Beanie" Backus was eleven years old, when he began painting in oils, people began to notice that he had real talent as an artist. His pictures have been shown in the Hall of Art in New York City. His picture, "Beach at Eden," which won the top award at the Florida Federation of Art Show in 1939, represented Florida in the Golden Gate World's Fair in San Francisco that year. Since then he has won five such awards.

Albert E. Backus, son of George Tay and Josephine (Sheridan) Backus and brother of George Sanford Backus, whose sketch follows, was born in Fort Pierce January 3, 1906. He was educated in the public schools of St. Lucie County and attended Parson's School of Fine and Applied Art in New York City. Before World War II he had a studio in the Arcade Building in Fort Pierce, which he shared with Don Blanding.

On January 1, 1942, he entered the U. S. Navy and served with the rank of Quartermaster Second Class aboard the U.S.S. Hermitage, (a troop ship which was the old Conte Bianco Mano), returning to civilian life in November of 1945 after forty-six months service. Shortly thereafter he opened his present studio at Avenue C on the Indian River, which has a large patio gallery. His style is of the representational school and he uses the palette knife technique. He has painted many beautiful landscapes and seascapes.

Mr. Backus is a member of the Florida Artist Group, the Florida Federation of Art, the Indian River Art Association, Vero Beach Art Association, Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, and Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce. In politics he is an Independent.

On April 3, 1950, Albert Backus married Patricia Hutchinson, daughter of Earl F. and Ethel (Ruble) Hutchinson, who died October 2, 1955.

GEORGE SANFORD BACKUS

Operating a sign shop in Fort Pierce since 1927, George Sanford Backus is the son of an early resident, George Tay Backus, who with his brother-in-law, R. L. Goodwin, came to Fort Pierce in 1899 and built his home and others in that area. He was a boat builder and partner of R. R. Gladwin, founder of Sears and Gladwin Boat Yard at Fort Pierce. Later he and a brother, R. T. Backus, became partners in operating the yard. George T. Backus was one of the early pineapple growers in Florida. Born in Newark, New Jersey, November 27, 1868, he died at Fort Pierce September 4, 1952. His wife, mother of George Sanford Backus, who was Josephine Sheridan, was born in New York City September 26, 1870 and died at Fort Pierce December 4, 1942.

R. L. Goodwin, who came to Fort Pierce with the senior Mr. Backus, was largely responsible for the beautification of that city through his activities in the Chamber of Commerce. He also planted and maintained a botanical garden for the city, located on Florida Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets, which is now kept up by the city.

George Sanford Backus was born in Newark, New Jersey, November 22, 1896, and came to Fort Pierce with his parents at the age of three. He was educated in the public schools of Fort Pierce and as soon as he finished school went to work on his father's pineapple plantation and at the Backus Boat Yard. In 1927 he entered the sign business in partnership with his brother, A. E. ("Beanie") Backus, continuing until 1932, when A. E. went on his own as a commercial artist. In 1946 George Backus consolidated his business with that of A. H. Starcher, forming the Starcher and Backus Sign Service, which uses the trade name of "Star-Back." They do highway bulletins and commercial advertising and employ three other persons.

Mr. Backus is a member of the Florida Outdoor Advertising Association, past director of the Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce, a Mason of Fort Pierce Lodge #87, and a member of Veterans of World War I Barracks #499. In World War I he served in the Army Signal Corps, 113th Field Signal Battalion, 38th Division, both at home and abroad, with the rank of Supply Sergeant. In World War II he was a Supply Sergeant in Company D of the Florida State Guard at Fort Pierce. He enjoys boating and fishing and is a member of the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, in which Mrs. Backus also is active in women's golf and has won several awards. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and an Independent in politics.

On June 23, 1946, in Fort Pierce George S. Backus married Lenora Thomas, who was born February 22, 1906, at Frankfort, Kentucky. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas was Alice Gaines Scantland. Mr. and Mrs. Backus have an adopted son, Marvin Jeffrey, born November 11, 1937, now serving in the U. S. Navy at Jacksonville as Airman Electrician Second Class.

ROBERT W. PADRICK

The Padrick Chevrolet agency in Fort Pierce, which has had the Chevrolet franchise since 1931, was established in 1928 as Padrick's Garage by William Grayson Padrick, father of Robert W. A unique feature of Padrick Chevrolet is that they never close, having been open continuously day and night since 1928. The senior Mr. Padrick was born in North Carolina and came to Florida in 1926, settling first at Jensen in Martin County, where he was in the garage business until he came to Fort Pierce in 1928. He raised cattle and horses in St. Lucie County at different times and had a couple of show horses that did tricks. Mr. Padrick was very active in civic affairs in Fort Pierce, where he died in June 1951. His widow, who was Norma Jackson of Kinston, North Carolina, is living in Fort Pierce.

Robert W. Padrick was born in Jensen, Florida, June 8, 1927. He graduated from St. Lucie County High School in 1945 and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1947 through 1951, majoring in Business Administration, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. While in college he was pledged to the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Between his high school and college years Robert spent eighteen months in the United States Army and served in the European theatre in the Ordnance Department with the rank of Sergeant T/4.

Robert Padrick sold his first Chevrolet in 1934, when he was six years old. After graduating from college he returned to work at Padrick Chevrolet, learning details of the business, and had two months at the Post Graduate School of Modern Merchandising and Management at the Chevrolet Motor Division in Detroit, Michigan. In 1954 he assumed his present position of secretary-treasurer of Padrick Chevrolet, his brother, William G. Padrick, Jr., being president. Padrick Chevrolet has often led in various new car and truck sales contests.

Robert is also secretary of Padrick Properties, which is engaged in the cattle business. They have a commercial herd of crossbred Brahman-Hereford and Red Angus cattle on their 7,600-acre ranch near Kenansville, which was purchased in 1954.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Padrick was appointed to the Board of Civil Service by the City of Fort Pierce in 1957 and reappointed in 1959. He served as Campaign Chairman on the St. Lucie County Democratic Executive Committee during the 1955-56 campaign. He is past president of the Fort Pierce Junior Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club; a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Eugene V. Lish Post #3064 of Fort Pierce; director of the St. Lucie chapter of the American Red Cross and past Disaster Chairman of the same; and past chairman of St. Lucie County Sandy Shoes Festival. He is a member of the Fort Pierce Power Squadron, the Pelican Yacht Club, Indian Hills Golf and Country Club (of which his father was a charter member), and a member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce.

At Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on December 16, 1949, he married Virginia Sloan, daughter of William Turner and Mae Richmond Sloan, who was born in Chapel Hill September 5, 1926.

JOSEPH WILLIAM YATES

Owner of the Yates Funeral Home at Fort Pierce, which is one of the most modern in Florida and covers six city lots, Joseph William Yates is an outstanding figure in his profession and is noted for the dignity and sympathetic quality of his service.

Born in Tampa, Florida, November 7, 1911, he is a son of Clayton Joseph and Lillie Cornelia (Sweat) Yates, both natives of Georgia. Captain Jonah Yates, Mr. Yates' grandfather, moved with his family from Brooks County, Georgia, to the south prong of the Alafia River in 1867 or '68 and was a farmer and cattleman in Hillsborough County. His son, Clayton Joseph Yates, had a general store in the first brick building in Plant City. He was one of the first citrus growers and shippers in Florida and had one of the first, if not the first, citrus packing plants. Wiped out financially in the freeze of 1894-95, he moved to Titusville, where he had a general store in partnership with a Mr. Dickey. In 1897 he moved to Miami and built houses there. He was keeper of the House of Refuge, where supplies were kept for people who were shipwrecked on Miami Beach. In 1910 he moved back to Tampa and did some construction work there. During World War I he worked in the shipyard at Jacksonville. He moved back to Titusville in 1918 and in 1920 moved to Fort Pierce, where he was in the wholesale

Joseph D. Cates

fish and oyster business for some time and then became a general contractor and builder. He died in 1937 at the age of 86. His wife's father, Thomas Sweat, built and operated the first grist mill in southern Florida, at Sweat's Mill Pond near Plant City. Lillie Sweat Yates died in Fort Pierce in 1929, aged 54.

Joseph William Yates was educated in the public schools of Hillsborough County through the fourth grade, then in St. Lucie County, graduating from Fort Pierce High School in 1930, and attended Oglethorpe University at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1932-33. Following an apprenticeship with Cox Funeral Home of Fort Pierce, he and Thomas M. Burns, Jr., formed a partnership and took over the Cox establishment, changing its name to Burns and Yates Funeral Home. In 1938 Mr. Yates obtained control of the business and gave it its present name. The new Yates Funeral Home, built in 1942, is the successor to the Fee Mortuary that was founded in 1887 by the father of William I. and Judge Fred Fee. Formerly in partnership with a Mr. Stewart in Melbourne, Mr. Fee moved to Fort Pierce in 1887 and established the Fee Hardware Company and the Fee Undertaking Company.

The present Yates Funeral Home has complete facilities, including an air conditioned chapel with pipe organ, private family room, slumber rooms, and apartments for employees. A selection of all types of caskets is provided. Modern rolling stock includes two hearses, three radio-dispatched ambulances equipped with oxygen, and comfortable invalid coaches available at all hours for the safe removal of the sick or injured. An inhalator, resuscitator, and portable iron lung are also available. Through membership in the National Funeral Directors Association, Yates Funeral Home is able to take care of all details of a funeral, including shipment to any distant city, even in your absence from home. A telephone call will make their services available. Mr. Yates also maintains a funeral chapel at Jensen Beach and one at Okeechobee. For a time he was president of the McCormick Funeral Home at Columbia, South Carolina, but sold out his interest there.

In 1948 he bought citrus groves in St. Lucie County and owns 100 acres.

Mr. Yates is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club of Fort Pierce. Well known in civic and welfare work, he is a former chairman of the Fort Pierce chapter of the American Red Cross, and for a number of years was chairman of camping activities for St. Lucie District, Boy Scouts of America. A former member of the Order of DeMolay, he was awarded its Legion of Honor and served on the St. Lucie County Advisory Committee and the Florida State Advisory Committee of that order. He is a member of Fort Pierce Lodge #87, F. and A. M.; Joppa Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; St. Lucie Commandery, Knights Templar; Mahi Temple, A.A.O.N. of the Mystic Shrine; Lake Worth Consistory of the Scottish Rite; and Ruth Chapter #7, Order of the Eastern Star. His social and sporting clubs are the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club and the Pelican Yacht Club, and he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, in which he serves on the Board of Deacons. In politics he is a Democrat.

Joseph William Yates was first married at Waycross, Georgia, on September 30, 1936, to Hattie Mae Smith, who was born in Savannah, Georgia, July 19, 1914, and died at Fort Pierce April 4, 1954. Two children were born of this marriage:

1. Sara Lillian Yates, born November 24, 1940, now a student at Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia.

2. Joseph William Yates, born September 27, 1944, a student at Dan McCarty High School, Fort Pierce.

On December 27, 1955, at Parkersburg, West Virginia, Mr. Yates married Betty N. Foggin, who was born March 31, 1923, at Parkersburg. A son, Ernest Clayton Yates, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Yates at Fort Pierce on January 10, 1957.

GRANT MITCHELL SWEET

A developer and builder in Fort Pierce since the fall of 1957, Grant Mitchell Sweet has been in the real estate business there since 1955. He was previously in the bakery supply business. Though still a very young man, he has assumed a leading role in the civic affairs of Fort Pierce.

Son of Robert Samuel and Frances Loretta (Frankel) Sweet, he was born in New York City August 4, 1930. His father was born in Russia in 1903, his mother in Philadelphia; and they are living at Great Neck, Long Island, New York, where his father is president of Extrin Foods, Inc.

Grant attended public school in Manhattan, graduated from Great Neck High School in 1947, and attended Syracuse University in 1947-48 and Adelphi College, Garden City, New York, in 1949. With a view to continuing his father's business, he attended and graduated from the American Institute of Baking in Chicago in 1949, and was with Extrin Foods, Inc. until he entered the army.

After serving on inactive duty in the Army Transportation Corps, he went on active duty in October 1952 and served in Korea with the 536th Engineer Field Maintenance Company. Released from the Army with the rank of sergeant in August 1954, he came to Vero Beach, Florida, and was in the mail order bakery supply business there with Crown Flavors, Inc. In 1955 he moved to Fort Pierce and entered the real estate business with Peter Bluesten. He took up residential construction in the fall of 1957. He is currently developing Sweet Homes, an eight-acre tract with mostly custom-built homes, and has recently acquired the subdivision known as New Maravilla Estates, in Fort Pierce.

Mr. Sweet is a member of the board of directors of Fort Pierce Contractors Association, a past member of the board of directors of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce, president of its Committee of 100, and a member of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Fort Pierce Civitan Club, Elks Lodge #1520, American Legion Post #40, Veterans of Foreign Wars Eugene V. Lish Post #3064. Of the Jewish faith, he is a member of Temple Beth El at Fort Pierce and is past secretary of B'nai B'rith. He enjoys hunting, fishing, sailing (his first love), and flying, and has a private pilot's license.

Grant Mitchell Sweet was married at Great Neck, Long Island, New York, on June 19, 1955, to Sondra Hermine Goldstein, daughter of Irving and Hortense Goldstein, who was born in New York February 9, 1936. They have two children, born in Fort Pierce:

1. Scott Andrew Sweet, born May 25, 1956.

2. Douglas Alan Sweet, born May 8, 1959.

WILLIAM IRWIN FEE

A son and grandson of early settlers of the East Coast of Florida, William Irwin Fee grew up in the pioneering days of the Indian River region and set himself to the task of recording the history of that area.

His grandfather, William M. Fee, M.D., who came to Melbourne, Florida, from Warren, Ohio, in 1883, lived next door to the parents of William McKinley in Ohio and, being the family physician, delivered all the McKinley children, including William, the future president of the United States. The doctor's son and William Irwin's father, who dug oil wells in Pennsylvania, was Frank Henry Fee, born in Niles, Ohio, March 9, 1850. He ran an undertaking establishment in Melbourne and later in Fort Pierce, where he also established the Fee Hardware Company and was president of the Fort Pierce Bank. He retired from the bank in 1924, and died in Fort Pierce January 27, 1930. His wife, whom he married in New Castle, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1872, was Margaret Jane Irwin of Wampum, Pennsylvania, who was born January 30, 1849, and died in Fort Pierce January 10, 1922.

William Irwin Fee was born at Galloway Hill, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1873. He received his early schooling in Salina, Kansas, and was self-taught. At the age of twenty he became a telegraph operator for the government at Melbourne and sent the daily weather reports to Jacksonville. The first message he received was that Benjamin Harrison had been elected president of the United States. A few years later he was bookkeeper at the Bank of Melbourne and moved with the bank to Fort Pierce in November, 1902, continuing as bookkeeper at the Fort Pierce bank for a few more years. He then entered the hardware and undertaking business which his father had established and operated these until he retired in 1944. He died at Orlando November 11, 1958.

Mr. Fee served as City Commissioner of Fort Pierce in 1925-27 and in the late thirties became the first chairman of the St. Lucie County Sanitary District. His brother, Fred, a local attorney, has served in the Florida legislature. William was a charter member of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club, a Mason of Fort Pierce Lodge, of which his father also was a member, and a member of the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce, which he served as steward. He founded the Old Timers Association, originally composed of members who came to the Indian River section before the Florida East Coast Railroad was built; now eligible to their descendants. As a hobby of absorbing interest, he carried on extensive research into the history of the Indian River region up to about 1900, gathering his data mostly in personal visits to old timers and from the files of the old Titusville Star, the first newspaper of that area. His son, David, is planning to complete and publish a book about the personal experiences of pioneers of the Indian River section.

William Irwin Fee was married at New Ross, Indiana, September 6, 1911, to Bessie L. Mitcheltree, daughter of David Thomas and Mrs. Mitcheltree (nee Britz), who was born at New Ross, Indiana in 1895, and died in Fort Pierce February 22, 1920. Their son, David Mitcheltree Fee, was born at Fort Pierce December 16, 1913. On March 1, 1938, at Fort Lauderdale he married Mary Jane Lochrie, a native of Windber, Pennsylvania, where she was born June 25, 1918. They have four children:

1. David M., Jr., born August 19, 1939.
2. Letha Jane Fee Fowler, born June 7, 1941.
3. Bonnie Kathleen Fee, born June 20, 1944.
4. Sue Anne Fee, born October 10, 1948.

HENRY MITCHELL JERNIGAN

Starting his career as a banker on Florida's East Coast, Henry Mitchell Jernigan continued in that line of business for a good many years and is now active president of the newly organized Commercial Bank at Fort Pierce. He has had several years experience in the insurance and real estate business. Since 1947 he had built up an extensive real estate business in Fort Pierce.

Mr. Jernigan was born in Fruitland, Tennessee, July 29, 1898, son of A. L. and Nancy (Mitchell) Jernigan, both natives of Hardeman County, Tennessee. His father was a teacher and missionary in Tennessee until his retirement in 1924, when he came to Orange City, Florida. Henry attended public schools in his home state and Union University at Jackson, Tennessee. After the family moved to Florida he attended Stetson University at DeLand.

His first position was with the Fidelity Bank at New Smyrna. He was also connected with several other banks on the East Coast and in 1925 became president of the Melbourne State Bank at Melbourne.

While at Eau Gallie in 1922, Henry saw the great need for lower freight rates to the middle East Coast and as a result organized the East Coast Water Traffic League. He persuaded 600 people to make donations toward a fund for economic study. The Inland Water Ways from Jacksonville to Miami came about as a result of this early activity through the cooperation of the East Coast Chamber of Commerce.

In 1945 Mr. Jernigan helped to organize the Florida Bank at Fort Pierce and served as executive vice-president of that bank for two years. It was during this time that he became a real estate broker, and in 1947 he resigned from his bank position to give full attention to his real estate business and to long-term loans.

In whatever municipality he has lived, Mr. Jernigan has always taken his place with the progressive citizens and has done his full share in advancing the best interests of the community. He was a member of the City Commission of Melbourne for five years and mayor of that city for one year. Since 1950 he has served three years on the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, appointed by Governor McCarty. He has just completed three years on the Florida Real Estate Commission, to which he was appointed by Governor Collins, and for the last year (1958-59) was Chairman of that Commission. For the past five years he has been serving as a member of the City of Fort Pierce Planning and Zoning Board. He is a past director of the Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce and past president of Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club (1953).

A member and former president of the Fort Pierce Board of Realtors, he was regional vice-president of the Fifth District, Florida Association of Realtors, and has been director of the National Association of Real Estate Boards and a member of its Economic Committee. He is also a director of the new Commercial Bank at Fort Pierce.

Mr. Jernigan is a member of the Elks Lodge, the Masons of the York Rite and Mystic Shrine, the

American Legion (having been in the Infantry in World War I), and is a member of Indian Hills Country Club and the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce. He enjoys fishing and hunting.

On May 7, 1932, Henry Jernigan married Ethelyn Atanasoff, daughter of John and Iva Atanasoff, who came from New York state and settled in Polk County, Florida. Mrs. Jernigan is actively engaged in her own real estate business. She is an active member of Soroptimist International of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Garden Club, a member of the Woman's Club of Fort Pierce and the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jernigan have two sons: M. Virgil, born July 16, 1933, and Robert Mitchell, born Novem-

JUDGE WALLACE SAMPLE

A native son and civic leader of Fort Pierce, Judge Wallace Sample has practiced law in that city since 1937. On November 2, 1959, he was appointed by Governor Collins as Circuit Judge of Division C, Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida. He had previously served as Municipal Judge of Fort Pierce.

Judge Sample is a son of Adrian Montrose Sample, an early settler of Florida's East Coast, who was born near Charlotte, North Carolina, September 4, 1869, and died at Fort Pierce December 31, 1933; and of Margaret Ann (Moore) Sample, also born near Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 30, 1876, who died at Fort Pierce May 21, 1921. His father came to Florida in 1893 and settled first at Eau Gallie, where he built an ice plant and was in the fish business. He owned and operated the Indian River and Lake Worth Fish Company, which about 1915 became the Sample Fish Company, and had fish houses at Eau Gallie, Fort Pierce, Salerno and West Palm Beach. D. H. Sample, a brother of Adrian M., came down to Eau Gallie at a later date and took over the fish and ice business there. At Fort Pierce the Judge's father was also a pineapple and citrus grower. Very much interested in education, he served as a member of the School Board and for two or three years was Superintendent of Public Instruction of St. Lucie County.

Wallace Sample was born at Fort Pierce May 30, 1912. He attended the St. Lucie County public schools, graduating from high school in 1930, and continued his education at the University of Florida, where he was editor of the "Seminole," the annual of the University, in 1935. He graduated from the College of Law in 1937 with an LL.B. degree and began the practice of law in Fort Pierce June 7, 1937. For two years he was associated with Alto Adams, Sr., now a retired Justice of the Florida State Supreme Court. In recent years he has been associated with Frank Fee and Otis R. Parker, Jr.

Judge Sample is a member of the Florida Bar and the St. Lucie County Bar Association, of which he is a past president. He is past president of the Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club, past president of the Fort Pierce Junior Chamber of Commerce, and former director of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce. In 1944-45 he was Judge of the Fort Pierce Municipal Court. Between March and December of 1945, following twenty-one weeks of basic training in the Infantry at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he served in the Judge Advocate's Office at Fort Ord, California. He was City Attorney of Fort Pierce 1946 to 1951 and Mayor of Fort Pierce in 1953-54. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce, in which his father was an elder for many years. Both his parents were very active as founders of this church. The Judge's hobby, which he finds little time for in recent years, is fishing, especially fresh water fishing. He is a member of the Pelican Yacht Club.

At Fort Pierce on May 31, 1941, Wallace Sample married Helen Young, daughter of John and Christine Jensen Young of Homer, New York, who was born October 22, 1914, at Glyndon, Minnesota. They have three children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. John Adrian Sample, born May 3, 1942.
2. Christine Ann, born May 6, 1944.
3. Linda Ruth, born April 6, 1953.

CHARLES BLANNING SCOTT

A pioneer settler, farmer, citrus grower and cattleman, Charles Blanning Scott shipped the first completely refrigerated car of beans from the lower East Coast of Florida, and with his brother and nephew developed the first large farms west of the dike lines in St. Lucie County.

He was born March 9, 1880, in Lake City, South Carolina, where both his parents also were born; his father, Charles Thomas Scott, on October 13, 1846; his mother, Mary Graham Scott, in 1849. She died October 20, 1907, at Micanopy, Florida. The father, who fought with General Lee in the Confederate Army, farmed in South Carolina and Florida, where he brought his family in 1891. He died at Ocala April 30, 1925.

Charles Blanning Scott was a boy of eleven years when he came to Island Grove, Alachua County, Florida, with his parents in 1891. He had begun school in South Carolina and continued his education at Island Grove and at Micanopy. After the citrus groves of North Central Florida had been destroyed in the freeze of 1894-95, he began to look around for other opportunities. Henry Flagler had offered free land rent to young farmers as an inducement to develop South Florida. Taking advantage of that offer, young Scott moved to Deerfield Beach in 1899 and began farming there, carrying his tools on his shoulders as he walked to the fields. As time passed the farmers began to use mules and more equipment until, by 1910, Charles Scott had 100 acres in beans and was the first to ship a fully refrigerated carload from that part of Florida.

He moved to Vero Beach in 1923, and while farming west of the city became interested in the rich prairie land west of the drainage district of St. Lucie County. It was too big a job for one farmer to develop, so he called in his brother, the late W. A. Scott, and his nephew, Leslie W. Scott of Boynton Beach, who came up and looked the situation over. The three of them bought a large tract of land and began clearing, diking and making roads. They developed the first large farms in that area.

Mr. Scott also had citrus groves and cattle. Years later his son-in-law, W. R. Goodwin, joined him in business and took over when he retired in 1943. After his retirement he was so fond of growing things that he spent his time among his flowers. His yard was a place of beauty.

Mr. Scott is a member of the Methodist Church but has been inactive for some years, due to ill health.

On November 11, 1908, at Johnson, Putnam County, Florida, in the Presbyterian Church founded by her father and mother, Elizabeth Johnson and Charles Blan-

ning Scott were married. Daughter of Daniel Webster and Ida Vause Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson was born at Johnson, Florida, December 30, 1885. She attended the East Florida Seminary in Gainesville, which merged into the University of Florida by the passing of the Buckman Bill in 1904 or '05.

Her father, Daniel Webster Johnson, for whom the Johnson post office was named after he gave the land for the railroad to come through that section of Putnam County, was born at Fayetteville, North Carolina, August 19, 1846. Before coming to Florida he had served in the Confederate Army in the Civil War. He was the first postmaster and first merchant in Johnson, as well as the founder of the First Presbyterian Church there. He died at Johnson on September 11, 1931. Mrs. Scott's mother, Ida Vause Johnson, was born in South Carolina October 9, 1855, and came to Florida by boat with her parents when one year old. She died at Johnson June 19, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have a daughter, Charlene Blanning Scott, now Mrs. W. R. Goodwin, who is a graduate of Stetson University. She has two children, Barbara Elizabeth and Charles Winston Goodwin. Barbara graduated from Emory University, Atlanta, and married Rev. J. W. Howell, also a graduate of Emory University. Charles attended Gordon Military School at Barnesville, Georgia.

Up to the time of her husband's illness, Mrs. Scott was active in the First Presbyterian Church at Fort Pierce. In November, 1958, she and Mr. Scott celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. During the fifty years of their married life, while Mr. Scott was engaged in farming, citrus production and cattle raising, Mrs. Scott assisted her husband in all his business adventures. Together they saw Florida develop from what was almost frontier land to what is now considered the most promising area of economic and financial growth in the United States.

LESLIE WILLIAM SCOTT

A network of vast agricultural enterprises, extending throughout Florida, into two other states and the Caribbean islands, and two Bahamian Islands, is largely the accomplishment of Leslie William Scott of Fort Pierce, whose activities have had much to do with that city's strength as an agricultural center. Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc., of which he is Chairman of the Board and Director, is the first truck farming venture that has ever been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission on the stock market. Mr. Scott is one of the founders and chairman of the board of the new and ultra-modern Commercial Bank of Fort Pierce, which opened its doors on October 30, 1959.

Born at Orange Lake, Alachua County, Florida, on August 22, 1910, he is the son of William Allen and Ada Johnson Scott. His mother, born at Johnson in Putnam County, Florida, March 4, 1878, is living in Fort Pierce. William Allen Scott was born in Florence, South Carolina, December 21, 1874, and died at Fort Pierce in 1953. At the age of ten years he came to Florida with his father, who farmed at Micanopy, Deerfield, Boca Raton and Pompano. As he grew up, William Allen continued in his father's work of farming in these places. He moved to Fort Pierce in 1936 and carried on farming and cattle raising operations in that locality.

Leslie William Scott was educated in the public schools of Deerfield, Pompano and Fort Lauderdale, graduating from Pompano High School in 1933, and attended a business school in Miami. During the depression years and afterwards he worked with his father in farming and farm management. They raised truck crops at Boynton, Fort Pierce, and in many other locations, their operation being quite large. They were among the first in the state to put in large dikes and pumping stations (a Scott family pioneering project for this area of the United States) making it possible to use land that was not normally arable.

Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc. is a huge vegetable farming operation carried on in many areas of South Florida between the northern boundary of Melbourne and the southern boundary of Pompano Beach, extending more than half way across the state. The Company also has farms in Georgia, South Carolina, Cuba and the Bahamas.

Prior to 1950, Leslie W. Scott and Rudolph Mattson separately had been engaged for some years in farming and in the operation of cattle ranches in Florida. In July 1950 they formed S & M Farms, a vegetable farming partnership in the Fort Pierce and Melbourne areas, and about the same time organized Scott and Mattson to deal in Cuban grown cucumbers. Wishing to decrease the cost of marketing as the volume of their crops increased, they set up their own packing and processing plants. With Meyer and Morris Heller, they organized the Indian River Tomato Packers at Fort Pierce in 1951, and with F. K. Walker in 1954 formed the Pompano Packing Company at Pompano Beach. Numerous subsidiary corporations were formed as the business expanded. Finally, in September 1959, Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc. was organized and took over the business and assets of the four above-named partnerships and all the capital stock of the subsidiaries.

Approximately 5,000 acres of leased land are farmed in Florida each year; about half of this on a year-to-year basis, the other half on term leases. At the present time (January 1960) the Company holds under term leases in the South Florida area 131,500 acres, of which approximately 125,000 acres are undeveloped land. It owns 11,560 acres of virgin farm land in Hendry County, in an area known as Devils Garden, which is being held in reserve for future operations. Because land used by the Company is ditched, diked, cleared and returned to the owners after harvesting in improved condition, owners of farm lands are generally willing to lease to the Company. There are several cooperative plans under which the farming is carried on with the grower-managers.

The principal crop raised in Florida is tomatoes; in Cuba, cucumbers, raised on approximately 500 acres. On two islands in the Bahamas, involving about 650 acres, the Company farms tomatoes, cucumbers and is growing an experimental crop of tobacco. On 100 acres in Georgia a tobacco crop is being raised, as well as tomatoes and peppers. Tomatoes, except the Bahamian crop, are processed at the Indian River plant in Fort Pierce; other vegetables and the Bahamian tomatoes, at the Pompano Beach plant. From 80% to 85% of the sales are made to independent wholesale distributors and re-packers; the other 15% or 20% goes to the major retail chain stores.

The Company employs approximately 85 persons on a permanent basis. During the cultivation and harvesting periods additional employees are engaged, ranging from 400 at the start of the season to a peak of 1800 at the

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height. Dormitories are provided for transient employees.

Like his father, Leslie Scott also raises cattle, a commercial herd of mixed Brahman and Whiteface Herefords, on an 11,300 acre tract of land in St. Lucie County. The business is known as Scott's Ranch, Inc. This land, too, is leased to Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc. for farming operations.

Mr. Scott is a member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, the Florida Cattlemen's Association, and St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association. He is a 32nd degree Mason, member of Fort Pierce Lodge #87, Lake Worth Consistory, Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami, and the Fort Pierce Shrine Club; also a member of Elks Lodge #1520, the Pelican Yacht Club, Fort Pierce Golf and Country Club, the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce and its Finance Committee.

At Stuart, Florida, on December 2, 1934, Leslie William Scott married Mary Frierson, daughter of Thomas E. and Eva Frasier Frierson, who was born at Boynton, Florida, September 14, 1914. Her father came to Florida in 1903 or '04 from Kingstree, South Carolina. He was a farmer and worked on the dredging of the Caloosahatchee River; then went to LaBelle to work, and there he met Miss Frasier. They were married in 1910 and moved to Boynton.

Mrs. Scott is a member of the Pelican Yacht Club, the Eastern Star and the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the Ladies Shrine Club, and is active in church work.

William Frierson Scott, son of Leslie and Mary (Frierson) Scott, was born at Boynton September 19, 1935. He married Beverly Koehler and they live at Fort Pierce Farms. Their children are: 1) Leslie Bruce Scott, born May 16, 1957. 2) William Frierson Scott, Jr., born August 12, 1958. 3) Terri Lynne Scott, born February 4, 1960.

A daughter, Donna Scott, was born August 19, 1948, and died July 13, 1954.

Wayne Allen Scott was born April 4, 1956, at Fort Pierce, and Kenneth Thomas Scott on November 21, 1956, at Mount Dora.

RUPERT JASEN SMITH

Now serving his second term in the State Legislature as Representative of St. Lucie County, Rupert Jasen Smith is one of the younger civic leaders of Fort Pierce, where he has practiced law since his second release from the Navy in 1953. He and his parents are native Floridians and his grandparents are among the pioneer settlers of Florida. Lake Hart near Conway, just south of Orlando, is probably named for the family of Elizabeth Hart, his paternal grandmother, who with her parents came to Conway from South Carolina just after the Civil War.

His father, Charles Lawrence Smith, was born at White City, then in Brevard County, on October 12, 1895. The family moved to Vero Beach in 1900 and Mr. Smith is past master of the Masonic Lodge there. Rupert's mother, who was Alice Marie Boyd, was born in Eustis, Florida, March 12, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith now live in Fort Pierce, where Mr. Smith is a partner and vice-president of the firm of Freshwater Smith Machine Company, which was organized in 1945. The Smiths have two other sons—Lawrence B. Smith of Vero Beach and Ronald H. Smith of Orlando, Florida.

Rupert J. Smith graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1942 and the following November 13th entered the United States Navy. Starting as a cadet at the Naval Air Station in Atlanta, Georgia, he graduated as Assistant Operations Officer with a commission as Ensign and served overseas in the Pacific theatre for two years; released in July 1946. During the school term of 1946-47 he attended the American University at Washington, D.C., and for the next three years attended the University of Florida, where he received his A.B. degree in 1949 and his LL.B. in 1950.

In September of 1950 he opened a law office in Fort Lauderdale, but was there only six weeks when he was called back to the Navy during the Korean war. Reentering in December, 1950, with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade, he served two years as Air Intelligence Officer with Patrol Squadron 40 in Japan and with Fleet Air Wing 14 at Coronado, California, until released in 1953. He resigned his commission on May 7, 1959.

On returning to civilian life once more, Mr. Smith came to Fort Pierce and resumed the practice of law with the firm of McCarty and Brown for a year. On March 1, 1954, he opened his own office in the Raulerson Building, Fort Pierce, his present location.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the St. Lucie County Bar Association, which he served as secretary in 1956; also the National Association of Claimants Compensation Attorneys. He was chosen to represent St. Lucie County in the Florida Legislature in the election of 1956 and again in 1958.

At the University of Florida Mr. Smith joined the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity. He is a member of Fort Pierce Post of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge #1520, the Civitan Club (of which he is a charter member), the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber, the First Presbyterian Church, and Indian Hills Country Club. He has also been active in the St. Lucie County Historical Society and was treasurer in 1955.

In Washington, D.C., on August 30, 1947, Rupert Jasen Smith married Peggy Jane Hamilton, daughter of Lloyd Alexander Hamilton, M.D., and Marguerite Jane (Peterman) Hamilton. Peggy Jane was born May 13, 1925, at Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith have two sons:

1. Rupert Jasen Smith, born February 24, 1951, at Trenton, N.J.
2. Mark Hamilton Smith, born November 26, 1952, at Coronado, Calif.

RUDOLPH MATTSON

Now President of Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc., a very large farming operation extending over South Florida and into Cuba and the Bahama Islands, Rudolph Mattson has been a farmer all his life, starting in with his father when he was six or seven years old.

He was born in Miami, June 24, 1910, son of Richard Mattson, born May 28, 1878, and Saima (Heinonen) Mattson, born February 6, 1890, both natives of Abo, Finland, who came to the United States in the early 1900's and settled at Larkins, now known as South Miami. His father had been a seaman. Here he became a farmer and worked with a Mr. R. W. Brown on a partnership basis, raising mainly tomatoes.

Rudolph attended the public school in Larkins and helped his father on the farm. He continued to farm with his father, who planted about 100 acres of farm land in South Dade County, which he leased. When the

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father died in 1938, Rudolph worked with his father-in-law, W. F. A. Robertson, on his farms, which were also leased lands in South Dade County, until 1941, at which time he came to Fort Pierce and took over the management of farm land which he and Mr. Robertson jointly owned. Two years later they bought more land and began to raise beef cattle.

Meanwhile, in July 1950 Mr. Mattson entered a partnership with Leslie Scott for farming vegetables in the Fort Pierce-Melbourne area, and about the same time Scott and Mattson, a Cuban farming operation, was formed. Mr. Mattson was also a partner with Mr. Scott and others in forming the Indian River Tomato Packers at Fort Pierce in 1951 and Pompano Packing Company at Pompano Beach in 1954. In September 1959 these four firms were merged into one large organization under the name of Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc. Mr. Mattson has taken over the "off shores" operations of the firm. The principal crop raised in Cuba has been cucumbers; in the Bahamas, tomatoes and cucumbers, and an experimental crop of tobacco is being raised there. The company also has a 100-acre farm in Georgia, where the principal crop is tobacco.

Mr. Mattson is past president of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association and is now a director and serving on the Executive Board of that Association. He is a member of Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, Odd Fellows Lodge #29 of Homestead, Masonic Lodge #87 of Fort Pierce, Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami, Fort Pierce Country Club, the Pelican Yacht Club, and the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce.

He was married in Miami June 27, 1936, to Marion Eileen Robertson, daughter of William Frederick Arthur and Elizabeth Schiller Robertson. Her father was born in Trenton, Canada, September 9, 1876; her mother in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1886. Marion was born in Toronto, Canada, October 30, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Mattson have three children:

1. Sonja Eileen, born September 14, 1950, at Kendall, Florida.

2. Richard William, born March 7, 1953, at Homestead, Florida.

3. Robert Charles, born May 7, 1959, at Fort Pierce, Florida.

ELLISON EWELL MENGE

Now owner of Smith's Floral and Gift Shoppe in Fort Pierce, a business he took over from his wife's family, Ellison Ewell Menge is a college-trained electrical engineer and a retired Major in the United States Army Reserve. He is one of the civic leaders of Fort Pierce.

Both Mr. Menge and his father, Ernest Eugene Menge, were born at St. Andrews in Bay County, Florida; the younger man on February 13, 1917, his father on October 20, 1889. His mother, Eddie Mae (Hammack) Menge, was born at Blakely, Georgia, February 6, 1897. Both parents are living in Jacksonville, where they have been since 1927, having previously been residents of Fort Pierce. The senior Mr. Menge was in the railway mail service.

Ellison E. Menge began his education in the public schools of Fort Pierce, graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in Jacksonville in 1934, and from the University of Florida in 1938 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He was employed by the Miller Electric Company of Jacksonville as an engineer until 1941.

Having been in the R.O.T.C. in college, Mr. Menge was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve in 1938. In 1941 he was called into active duty and served at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, as Company Commander in the replacement training center of Company E, Third Signal Training Battalion. In 1943 he was sent to Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; then sent to England and appointed Assistant Signal Officer of the Fifth Corps. He was in the D-day Invasion of France and served through five major campaigns. Just before the war's end he was transferred to SHAEF and was in the Plans and Operations section of the Signal Division. He was awarded the bronze star and bronze arrowhead and returned to the United States in December of 1945 with the rank of Major in the Signal Corps Reserve. Recalled to active duty in 1951, he served as Battalion Commander of the 39th Signal Support Battalion, which he organized, trained and took overseas to Occupied Germany. In 1952 he returned again to the United States and to inactive status, and is now on retired status with the rank of Major.

On his return from the service in 1945, Mr. Menge entered the florist business with his wife and her family. In 1914 George William Smith, Mrs. Menge's father, came to Fort Pierce and was a one-man telephone company, familiarly known as "Telephone Smith." The first office of the Brevard County Telephone Company, as Mr. Smith's business was officially known, was in the Fee Building, corner of Second Street and Avenue A. About 1925 he sold out to the Southern Bell Telephone Company, with whom he continued until his retirement in 1952. Mr. Smith has also been a grower of citrus and horticultural products.

Meanwhile Mrs. Smith, who had been running a florist business in her home for a good many years, in 1934 opened Fort Pierce's first florist shop in the Arcade Building. It was the only floral business in Fort Pierce until 1946. The shop was enlarged through the years until, in 1952, the property at 725 Orange Avenue was bought and the present shop built. Mrs. Smith is still active in the business and in florists' organizations. For three years up to 1946 she was chairman of the Florist Telegraph Delivery Association, a national organization.

Mr. Menge is a member of the Florida State Florists Association, of which his wife has been vice-chairman for two years and chairman for one year; and a charter member of the Allied Florists Association of St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River counties, and has served as president of that organization since its inauguration two years ago. Mrs. Menge and her mother, Mrs. Smith, are also charter members of this Association.

Interested in civic advancement and in all that pertains to the welfare of his community, Mr. Menge is a member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and past chairman of the Merchants' Division. He served four years, 1954-58, on the St. Lucie County School Board of Trustees and was chairman for the last two years. In 1957 he was General Chairman of the annual Funds Drive of the St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a member of Elks Lodge #1520 and of the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce and its Finance Committee.

At Fernandina, Florida, on August 8, 1938, Ellison Ewell Menge married Sara Lou Smith, who was born in Fort Pierce on November 24, 1918. Her father, George William Smith, was born in Kentucky; her mother, Belle Morgan Smith, in Sweetwater, Tennessee. As indicated by the foregoing account, they are both living

and active in the community life of Fort Pierce. Both were charter members of the Indian Hills Country Club and Mrs. Smith is a member of the Fort Pierce Woman's Club.

The Menges have two sons:

1. Ellison Ewell, born April 5, 1939, at Jacksonville, now (1959) a Junior at the University of Florida School of Engineering. Upon graduation from high school Ellison was awarded the Bosch and Lomb Science Award and also received the scholarship medal in Science and in Mathematics. It is very rarely that one student gets both awards. He is a past Master Councilor of St. Lucie Chapter of the Order of DeMolay and is now president of the DeMolay Club at the University of Florida.

2. Richard Francis Menge, born June 7, 1946, at Fort Pierce, is now a student at St. Lucie County Junior High School.

ADRIAN MOORE SAMPLE, M.D.

A retired physician of Fort Pierce, Dr. Adrian Moore Sample is a son of a pioneer of that district and feels himself to be among the pioneers. He remembers helping his father in the pineapple patch about their home on Citrus Avenue and Indian River Drive when he was five years old, and in 1914 he was the first delivery boy for the Miami Herald in Fort Pierce. He has been local physician for the Florida East Coast Railroad for the past twenty-two years and still serves in this capacity. He is also a citrus grower since 1938 and a cattleman since 1948, and is kept busy at present by these interests.

Born in Fort Pierce March 18, 1902, he is a son of Adrian Montrose and Margaret Ann (Moore) Sample, natives of Charlotte, North Carolina. His father was born September 4, 1869, and died in Fort Pierce December 31, 1933; his mother, born April 30, 1876, died in Fort Pierce May 21, 1921.

His father came to Florida as a young man in 1893 and arrived in Fort Pierce in 1896. He was a fisherman for about three years, until he established himself in the Indian River and Lake Worth Fish Company, organized about 1902, which was re-organized as the Sample Fish Company about 1915. In 1900 he built an ice plant at Sebastian which burned down in 1904, and in 1906 he built another in Eau Gallie.

The raising of pineapples in St. Lucie County was started about 1895. Besides Mr. Sample's ten-acre patch around his home there was another patch, not owned by the Sample family, where the court house now stands.

The doctor's father was one of the organizers of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce. He was a member of the St. Lucie County School Board from 1917 to 1929 and Superintendent of Public Instruction in St. Lucie County in 1929-30. During World War I he was a secret special agent for the United States Government. The doctor's mother was a Past Worthy Matron and a charter member of Ruth Chapter, the Order of the Eastern Star.

Adrian Moore Sample graduated from St. Lucie County High School, now Dan McCarty High School, in 1920, attended the University of Florida in 1921-22, and then went to Davidson College at Davidson, North Carolina, from which institution he was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1924. He took his medical training at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and received his M.D. degree in 1928. From May 1, 1928, to December 1, 1929, he interned at the Germantown Hospital in Philadelphia and then was resident physician at the Riverside Hospital in Jacksonville until October 1, 1933, when he returned to Pennsylvania and continued his studies at the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania for two more years.

On March 21, 1936, he came back to Fort Pierce and opened his office at 207 Orange Avenue, whence he carried on a general practice of medicine, including surgery, until he retired in 1957. While in active practice he was on the staff of the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, and the St. Lucie-Okeechobee-Martin County Medical Association, in which he served as secretary for twenty years and was president in 1948. He was District Councilor of the Florida Medical Association for three terms.

As a citrus grower and cattleman, Dr. Sample is a member of St. Lucie Cattlemen's Association, Fort Pierce Growers Association, and the Farm Bureau. His groves are in St. Lucie County; his ranch, on which he has a commercial herd, is in Okeechobee County.

From 1934 to 1936 Dr. Sample served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in North Carolina and Tennessee as a medical officer with the rank of First Lieutenant. While in college at Davidson he belonged to the Gamma Sigma Epsilon chemical fraternity, and at Jefferson Medical College he was a member of the Ptolemy Society and the Bland Obstetrical Society. He is a past Master of Fort Pierce Lodge #87 (1940-41) and a 32nd degree Mason of Lake Worth Consistory. A member of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club for the past twenty-three years, he was president in 1949-50. In the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce he was an elder for twelve years.

Dr. Sample has been very much interested in historical work. He served as president of the St. Lucie County Historical Society in 1958 and is now president of the Historical Pageant Society of St. Lucie County, of which he is a charter member.

Reminiscing, he tells of an incident when he was four years of age. He became separated from his father in a pineapple patch at twilight and was discovered just at dusk, purely by accident. Otherwise he would undoubtedly have perished by the mosquitoes. At this same place several years later a child lost his life under identical circumstances. Transportation to the pineapple patch was by boat two miles down the river, or by mule and wagon on the sand trail.

The doctor recalls the hurricanes of the early 1900's, with hardly any warning service, and the assembly of families in his old home, on account of its strong construction and its survival during previous hurricanes.

CUSHMAN SHELTON RADEBAUGH

For twenty-five years, from 1925 to 1950, Cushman S. Radebaugh practiced law in Orlando, but for the past two decades his chief interest and activity has been in the cattle business. He bought his first herd in 1938 and acquired 200 head of cattle the first year, leasing land for pasture. In 1940 he bought his first pastures in Orange County and in 1948 added land in Volusia County. This acreage was sold in 1955 when he moved his cattle operations to St. Lucie County, where he now

raises a commercial herd of Braford. He was among the pioneers in the use of improved pastures in Florida.

Cushman S. Radebaugh was born in Union City, Tennessee, August 3, 1903, son of Otis Barclay and Lalla Belle (Shelton) Radebaugh. The Radebaugh family came originally from Holland. Peter Radebaugh, a farmer, moved from Bedford, Pennsylvania, to Urbana, Illinois, with his son, Samuel Barclay Radebaugh, who became an attorney and married a member of an old English family, Laura Gere. Their son, Otis Barclay Radebaugh, was born in Urbana, Illinois, February 12, 1869. He graduated from McCormick Optical College, Chicago, and practiced as an optician at Union City and Nashville, Tennessee, and at San Angelo, Texas. Following his retirement in 1938 he came to Orlando, Florida, where his son had already been a resident for some years, and died there March 25, 1958. Mr. Radebaugh's mother was born in Union City, Tennessee, in 1872 and died in Orlando in 1954.

Following his early education in the public schools of San Angelo, Texas, and Nashville, Tennessee, Cushman Radebaugh graduated from Montgomery-Bell Academy at Nashville in 1921 and received his LL.B. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1925. He was a member of Sigma Phi Omega fraternity at the academy and of Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Theta Phi at Vanderbilt.

Beginning in 1925, he practiced law in Orlando with the firm of Giles and Gurney for two years, and after that was on his own. He practiced in all Florida courts and all Federal courts, including the United Supreme Court and the U.S. Treasury. Though inactive in law now he retains his membership in the Florida Bar and the Orange County Bar Association.

Besides cattle the Radebaugh family has citrus interests, located in Indian River County, now operated by the youngest son, LeRoy Neil Radebaugh. The cattle and citrus land equipment are operated as a partnership. Mr. Radebaugh also raises quarter horses for use on the ranch.

Holding membership in the national, state, and local cattlemen's associations, he is a past vice-president of the American Cattlemen's Association, was president of the Florida Cattlemen's Association for two years, 1951-1952, and president of Central Florida Cattlemen's Association, of which he is a charter member, from 1941 to 1947. He was a director of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation for sixteen years; served on the Florida Soil Conservation Board, appointed by Governor Dan McCarty; and was appointed by Governor Collins to the Agricultural Services Committee, which has just completed a reorganization of the Florida Department of Agriculture. He is a charter member and former director of the Orlando Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Orlando. In the First Methodist Church of that city he was a steward for some thirty years, a member of the official board and chairman for four years. He served a short time in the Navy toward the end of World War I. As a hobby he has a collection of workable guns.

On June 27, 1927, at Orlando, Cushman S. Radebaugh was married to Adelma Giles, a member of one of Orlando's oldest and most prominent families. She was born there August 17, 1902, daughter of James LeRoy and Nannie C. (Bartlett) Giles.

James LeRoy Giles, son of LeRoy Barber and Sarah Elizabeth Giles, was born in Georgia June 16, 1862, and brought to Zellwood, Orange County Florida, when six months old. He was in the real estate and building business and built the first mercantile house in Orlando, a three-story brick building; also the Charleston Block, the Orlando Bank and Trust Building, and many fine residences. He was active in the development of the First National Bank and the Citizens National Bank of Orlando and served as cashier of both; was director of the Empire Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Georgia; one of the organizers of the Board of Trade; one of the founders and a president of the Orlando Country Club; and a promoter of the Orange County Fair Association. He played an important part in the Chambers of Commerce of Orange County, Greater Orlando, and the Junior Chamber, and was elected Mayor of Orlando four times. He was president of the Kiwanis Club, an Elk, a Knight of Pythias, a steward and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A pioneer citrus grower in Florida, he was at one time one of the largest growers of Orange County. He married Nannie C. Bartlett, daughter of Henry and Martha (Knox) Bartlett, who was born in McKenzie, Tennessee, February 18, 1862, and died in Orlando September 9, 1933. Her father was a large cotton grower in Louisiana. James LeRoy Giles died in Orlando May 3, 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Cushman S. Radebaugh are the parents of four children, all born in Orlando:

1. Cushman Shelton, Jr. (Cush), born September 19, 1928. He married Joan Coleman of Evanston, Illinois, and they live in Fort Pierce.

2. James (Jim) Giles, born June 2, 1930, who married Joy Johnson of Orlando, a ministerial student at Sewanee, Tenn.

3. LeRoy Neil (Neil), born June 16, 1931, who is not married at this time, and lives in Fort Pierce.

4. Nancy Nevill, born July 12, 1936, who married Hans Grosklos. They also live in Fort Pierce.

Cush and Jim attended Suwanee Military Academy and all three boys attended Oklahoma A. and M. College. Cush was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and both he and Jim belonged to Block and Bridle fraternity. Neil was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. Cushman Jr is a director of Florida Cattlemen's Association and a member of the executive committee of the American Cattlemen's Association. He and James are charter members of Central Florida Cattlemen's Association.

NATHAN ("TETE") HOLMES

Nathan Holmes has been in the cattle business since he was old enough to ride a horse, at about the age of seven, when his father began giving him calves to build up his herd.

The Holmes family has been in Florida as long as anyone can remember. Nathan's father, Henry Allen Holmes, was born in Lake City November 9, 1856, and moved to Brevard County when he was seven years old with his mother and step-father, Henry Parker. He died in Henderson, North Carolina, August 26, 1927. Nathan's mother was Joanna J. Morgan, born in DeSoto County, Florida, March 6, 1853, died at Fort Drum February 21, 1894.

"Tete" Holmes was born at Fort Drum, north of Tantie, now known as Okeechobee, on August 12, 1891. He attended the public school and left home when he was sixteen to go to work for the East Coast Cattle

Mary L. Holmes

Nathan Holmes.

Company as a cowboy. From 1926 to just before World War II, he and Frank Raulerson were partners in the cattle business under the name of Holmes and Raulerson. They then divided their cattle and went out each for himself. After World War II Mr. Holmes sold 13,700 acres he owned on the Kissimmee River and bought 25,000 acres in north Okeechobee County, which has since been sold. He now owns four sections of land in Hendry County which is in pasture and has about 800 head of commercial cattle. In the days of the open range he had as many as 12,000 head, and was one of the first men to bring Hereford cattle to the southern part of Florida. Now his bulls are mostly thoroughbred Brahman. He used to sell most of his cattle to the Lykes Brothers and still sells them many head. He was acquainted with all seven of the brothers and knew Howell and Tom particularly well.

Mr. Holmes is a member of the Florida State Cattlemen's Association and St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association and served eight years on the Florida Livestock Sanitary Board, to which he was appointed by Governor Millard Caldwell. He is a member of Fort Pierce Elks Lodge, which he occasionally attends, an inactive member of the Oddfellows of Fort Pierce, and a member of the First Episcopal Church. Both he and his wife are members of the Pelican Yacht Club. Mrs. Holmes is a member of the Women's Benefit Association, Baldwin Rebecca Lodge of Fort Pierce, the Pilot Club of Fort Pierce, the Anna Miller Circle of Fort Pierce Elks Auxiliary, and is active in women's church work, being past president and now treasurer of St. Martha's Guild.

Mrs. Holmes is the former Mary Louise Stracke, daughter of Carl Louis and Mary Anna (Behar) Stracke, and was born in Stuart, Nebraska, November 9, 1895. She married Mr. Holmes at Fort Drum on January 18, 1914. They have three children:

1. Vieva Louise Holmes Hardie, born December 27, 1916, at Fort Pierce, who married Grover Conrad Hardie, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Hardie.

2. Nathan Laverne Holmes, born November 29, 1920, at Fort Pierce, who married Laura Genevieve Thompson.

3. Margaret Louisa Holmes Carlton, born October 15, 1924, at Fort Pierce, who married Reuben Wright Carlton, son of Charles Carlton of one of the oldest pioneer families of Florida.

All three have their homes in Fort Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Hardie have two sons, Conrad, Jr., and Richard. Nathan Laverne Holmes has three children, Verda Elaine, Nathan Stanley, and David Alan. Margaret Holmes Carlton has two children, Reuben Wayne and Margaret Louisa.

MERRITT HOYT SCOTT

A man of many skills and activities who has had a wide and varied business career is Merritt Hoyt Scott, now vice-president and one of the owners of Farm Supply Headquarters, Inc. of Fort Pierce. He is also a cattleman and has a herd of 100 registered polled Hereford on his 200 acres of ranch land in St. Lucie County.

A Vermonter, he was born in St. Johnsbury July 18, 1896, son of Harry Merritt and Abbie (Hoyt) Scott. His mother died in St. Johnsbury. His father, born at Glover, Vermont, died at Fort Pierce. Harry Scott and his brother Amos came to Florida during the boom of the twenties and were the developers of Scottsmoor, located in Brevard County.

Merritt Scott graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1915 and from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, where he studied electrical engineering, in 1917. From late in 1917 until just after the Armistice in World War I, he served as a cadet flyer in the United States Army Signal Corps, which was the early aviation service.

Before entering militáry service he worked for a short time as a research engineer with Henry L. Doughty Company in Toledo, Ohio, and at Bartsville, Oklahoma. After the war was over he returned to this company and again worked at Toledo and at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, for a period of six to eight months, doing research work. Several patents were recorded in his name for his work in petroleum and also in artificial gas. From 1923 to 1925 he operated electric power plants at Mansfield and Lorain, Ohio.

In September 1925 he came to Scottsmoor, Florida, and there built a small power plant and established a lumber business with his father under the name of Scottsmoor Lumber Company. In 1928 he became the distributor for Gulf Oil Corporation at Titusville and in 1930 transferred to Fort Pierce, where he continued as distributor for Gulf for eighteen years.

Mr. Scott bought his first cattle about 1933 and kept them on leased pasture south of White City. About 1936 he divided his cattle in a partnership with Osborne O'Quinn, with whom he had been co-founder and owner of O'Quinn Motor Company at Fort Pierce, and sold his interest in the automobile business at that time. In early 1939 he bought an interest in Taylor-Munnell Machine Works, which is still in business in Fort Pierce. In 1943 he and R. D. Munnell organized and built Munsco Mills, a citrus dehydrating plant producing citrus pulp. Mr. Scott became sole owner of the plant and operated it until 1955.

Farm Supply Headquarters was established as a feed store about 1954 by David Putnam, Sr. Three years later Warren Clausen and Sanford Gibson bought the business from Putnam and in 1958 Mr. Scott leased the building to them and bought a third interest in the business, becoming vice-president of the company. They are local Purina dealers and have a small mixing plant where feeds are mixed for regular customers and for general sale.

Mr. Scott is a member and honorary director of St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association, a member of American Hereford Association and American Polled Hereford Association, of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club (past vice-president), Elks Lodge #1520, and the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce.

He was married in Gardner, Massachusetts, January 3, 1921, to Rita Linekin, daughter of George and Alice (Cramer) Linekin, who was born September 18, 1895, in Barre, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have a grown son and daughter, both married: David Roger Scott, who is with Polk County Abstract Company at Bartow; and Sylvia Scott Sapp, wife of Alton Sapp, a cattleman, formerly of Osceola County. They now live in Fort Pierce where Alton is associated with Farmers Supply Headquarters.

ELMER ROWLAND ENNS

Elmer R. Enns, who has been in the insurance business in Fort Pierce since 1946, came to that city in 1923 as a citrus grove manager and developer. The Enns family of Inman, Kansas, became citrus grove owners

in Florida when a subsidiary of Enns Milling Company at Inman invested in 160 acres about twelve miles southwest of Fort Pierce, on Midway and Shinn Road. Elmer and his uncle, N. F. Enns, set out this grove in 60% oranges, 35% grapefruit and 5% tangerines. The family's citrus interests were sold in 1940.

Born at Inman, Kansas, August 13, 1900, Elmer Rowland Enns is a son of Abraham Cornelius Enns, a flour mill owner-operator at Inman, who was born in Russia in 1865 and died at Inman in 1901. He had served that city as Municipal Judge. Elmer's mother, Anna Gertrude (Wiegand) Enns, was born in Germany June 20, 1868, and died in Wichita, Kansas, in 1954.

Graduating from Inman High School in 1918, Elmer entered the Infantry Detached Service in the Student Army Training Corps in September of that year and was discharged in December, 1918, with the rank of corporal. He then furthered his education at Kansas State College and McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas.

For the next seventeen years, or from 1923 to 1940, Elmer Enns was occupied with the management and development of citrus groves. From 1940 to 1946 he was with the Florida Extension Service in charge of foreign farm labor in St. Lucie County. Late in 1946 he entered the insurance business with the Walsh Insurance Agency in Fort Pierce, and in 1949 bought the Houston Agency, located in the Raulerson Building, which then became known as the Houston-Enns Agency. In October of 1958 the name was changed to Enns Agency and the location moved to 401 South Sixth Street.

The Enns Agency represents Aetna Insurance Company, American Indemnity Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Safeguard Insurance Company, Consolidated American Insurance Company, New York Underwriters Insurance Company, and Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc:

Mr. Enns is a member of the National Association of Insurance Agents, the Florida Association of Insurance Agents, and the St. Lucie County Association of Insurance Agents, in which his son Edward holds the office of vice-president. A lifelong Democrat, Mr. Enns served on the St. Lucie County School Board from 1947 to 1953 and was vice-president for two years. He is a member of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge #1520, the Moose Lodge of Fort Pierce, the Indian Hills Country Club, and the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce, in which he has served as deacon and elder and was clerk of the session one year. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

At Fort Pierce on November 12, 1926, Elmer Rowland Enns married Margaret Susan Gladwin, who was born in Fort Pierce July 20, 1902. She is a member of two old families of Florida, the McMeekins and the Gladwins. Her mother was Florence McMeekin, born in Johnson, South Carolina, who died at Fort Pierce December 29, 1948. The settlement of McMeekin in Putnam County was named for Dr. Francis Marion McMeekin, her father, a well known physician and statesman who served in both houses of the State Legislature and as County Commissioner. His wife's father, Andy Johnson, came to Florida about 1845.

Mrs. Enns' father, Robert Reed Gladwin (born in Higanum, Connecticut, died at Fort Pierce June 17, 1942) was the first to ship grapefruit out of Florida and was one of the pioneer citrus growers in the Fort Pierce Farms area. He came to McMeekin about 1880 and from there went to Titusville, where he was in the ice business with his father, Stephen Gladwin, until he moved to Fort Pierce, about 1900. There he was in the fish business with A. M. Sample, Sr., and then in the boat-building business under his own name. Gladwin Boat Company later became the Backus Boat Company. With Jackson Luce he established the Jackson Luce-Gladwin Company, hardware and marine supplies, a partnership which was dissolved about 1920.

Mrs. Enns is secretary of the Cora Stickney Harper Chapter of the D.A.R., a member of the P.E.O., and is active in the Woman's Presbyterian Organization. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Enns in Fort Pierce:

1. Robert Nicholas Enns, born August 20, 1927, who married Catherine Duster of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They live in Fort Pierce.
2. Edward Gladwin Enns, born March 22, 1933, who married Diane Dye of Fort Pierce, where they also live.
3. Susan Gladwin Enns, born July 2, 1942, now (1959) a senior at Dan McCarty High School, Fort Pierce.

HOWARD MONTRAVILLE HORTON

A civic leader of Fort Pierce who served as City Clerk and Treasurer and several times as interim City Manager, for thirteen years, and was the most active member of a committee that built Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital, Howard M. Horton began his business career as a banker, following his father's lead, and worked up to Cashier of the Bank of Fort Pierce, where his father was Vice-President at the time, before trying other fields of activity. He is now part owner and Secretary-Treasurer of Sunrise Lumber and Supply Company, Inc., of Fort Pierce and a partner with his wife and son in Horton's, Inc., which started as a small book and office supply store back in 1925 and has now expanded to a large, modern store handling a full line of books, office supplies and equipment, stationery and gifts.

His father, Charles Montraville Horton, born in Twin Mountain, New Hampshire, was brought to Florida when he was eight years old. Starting with the Melbourne State Bank, he eventually became President of the Fort Pierce Bank and Trust Company and also served as tax assessor of St. Lucie County for several terms. He died in Fort Pierce in 1934 and his wife, who was Grace Phillips of Chicago, Illinois, and Melbourne, Florida, died in Fort Pierce in 1916.

Howard Montraville Horton was born in Melbourne, Florida, on November 2, 1893, and received his education in the public schools of Melbourne and Fort Pierce. He was the sole member of the first graduating class of St. Lucie County High School in 1911. He attended the University of Florida after that but left the University late in 1912 to start work in the Bank of Fort Pierce, where he was later promoted to the office of Cashier. In 1918 he gave up banking to become manager of the St. Lucie County Ford Agency. In 1920 he went to Wabasso as office manager for the Deerfield Groves Company and the American Fruit Growers, remaining there for five years. While there, he and his wife were instrumental in building the present schoolhouse in Wabasso, now in Indian River County.

When they returned to Fort Pierce in 1925, Mrs. Horton opened Horton's Book Store, which was located on Second Street north of Avenue A. Meanwhile, Mr. Horton was in the real estate business until, in 1927, he joined his wife in the bookstore business. In 1942 he purchased an interest in Sunrise Lumber and Supply Company but did not become active in that endeavor

until 1946. He is now Secretary-Treasurer of that corporation. In 1952 his son, Howard Jr., took over the management of the bookstore, office supply business, which had become Horton's, Inc.

Mr. Horton was appointed City Clerk and Treasurer of Fort Pierce in 1933, which office he held until his voluntary resignation in 1946. While with the city he was called upon to serve as City Manager for several comparatively short periods. It was during that period that he and Mrs. Horton took an active part in construction of Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital, Mr. Horton being the most active member of the fund raising and building committee and Mrs. Horton heading the committee which furnished and equipped the hospital. During this same period, Mr. and Mrs. Horton were the main force behind the organization and construction of the St. Lucie County Garden Center.

Mr. Horton is a director of the St. Lucie County Bank and a member of the Board of Governors of Indian River Mental Health Clinic. He was the first President of Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital and was chairman of their last large fund raising drive for expansion; has headed drives for the St. Lucie County Chapter of American Red Cross; has been a director of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, and was formerly an active Rotarian.

He and Mrs. Horton are members of the First Presbyterian Church, where he has served several terms as Chairman of the Board of Deacons or Trustees, and has served as an Elder in the Church several years but is now no longer an officer. In 1953, when the Church adopted a major remodeling and expansion program, he served as chairman of the fund-raising, financing and building committees, having previously taken the lead in other fund raising projects for the Church. He is a charter member of Indian Hills Golf and Country Club and of Pelican Yacht Club.

Mrs. Horton, the former Florence Marjorie Taylor, daughter of Fred Makepeace and Alena Durr Taylor, was born in Fairfield, Iowa, on November 14, 1894. She and Howard Montraville Horton were married in St. Augustine, Florida, on August 18, 1915. In the past she has been very active in the St. Lucie County Federation of Garden Clubs, having served as President for some time of Fort Pierce Garden Club, and in the construction and opening of Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital. She is now serving on the board of St. Lucie County Mental Health Association. She is a member and former president of the Soroptimist Club and has always been active in church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton are the parents of a daughter and a son, both born in Fort Pierce:

1. Marjorie Durr Horton, born September 9, 1917, is a chief psychiatric social worker in charge of a psychiatric treatment clinic in Rochester, New York.

2. Howard M. Horton, Jr., born September 22, 1928, is secretary-treasurer and manager of Horton's Inc., Fort Pierce. He married Billye Juanita Skaggs of Fort Pierce and they have three children: Marji, Jennifer and Barbara.

WINFIELD DAVIS BROWN, D.D.S.

A Fort Pierce dentist for the past twelve years, Dr. Winfield Davis Brown is active in his professional associations, in Masonic organizations, and in the civic life of the community in which he has chosen to live. He is one of the nine directors of the Commercial Bank of Fort Pierce, which was opened in October, 1959.

Dr. Brown comes from Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he was born December 9, 1913, son of Joe West Brown, born in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, October 31, 1879, died October 9, 1955, and Lillie Faye (Mayfield) Brown, born in Cherokee County, South Carolina, September 9, 1879, died September 11, 1954. Both parents died in Spartanburg. The father was a textile superintendent for Hamrick Mills at Gaffney, South Carolina.

Winfield Brown graduated from Spartanburg High School in 1931 and from Wofford College in 1935 with an A.B. degree. He attended Emory University School of Dentistry at Atlanta, Georgia, and received his D.D.S. degree there in 1946. While at Emory he took part in a specialized Army training program in 1943-44.

After receiving his degree Dr. Brown practiced dentistry in Charlotte, North Carolina, for eight months; then came to Florida State Hospital at Chattahoochee, where he was senior dentist during the year 1947. He came to Fort Pierce in January of 1948 and opened an office in the Peacock Building, where he carried on his dental practice for six years. In 1954 he moved to his present location at 414 Avenue A. Here he has four well-equipped operating rooms.

Dr. Brown is a member of the East Coast District Dental Society of the Florida Dental Association, the National Dental Association, and Delta Sigma Delta national dental fraternity. He is a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish and York Rites, and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami, and a past director of the Fort Pierce Shrine Club. He is also a member of Fort Pierce Rotary Club, Elks Lodge #1520, the Pelican Yacht Club, the Indian Hills Country Club, the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce, and has served on the board of stewards of that church. In politics he is a Democrat. For recreation he enjoys golf and occasionally a little hunting.

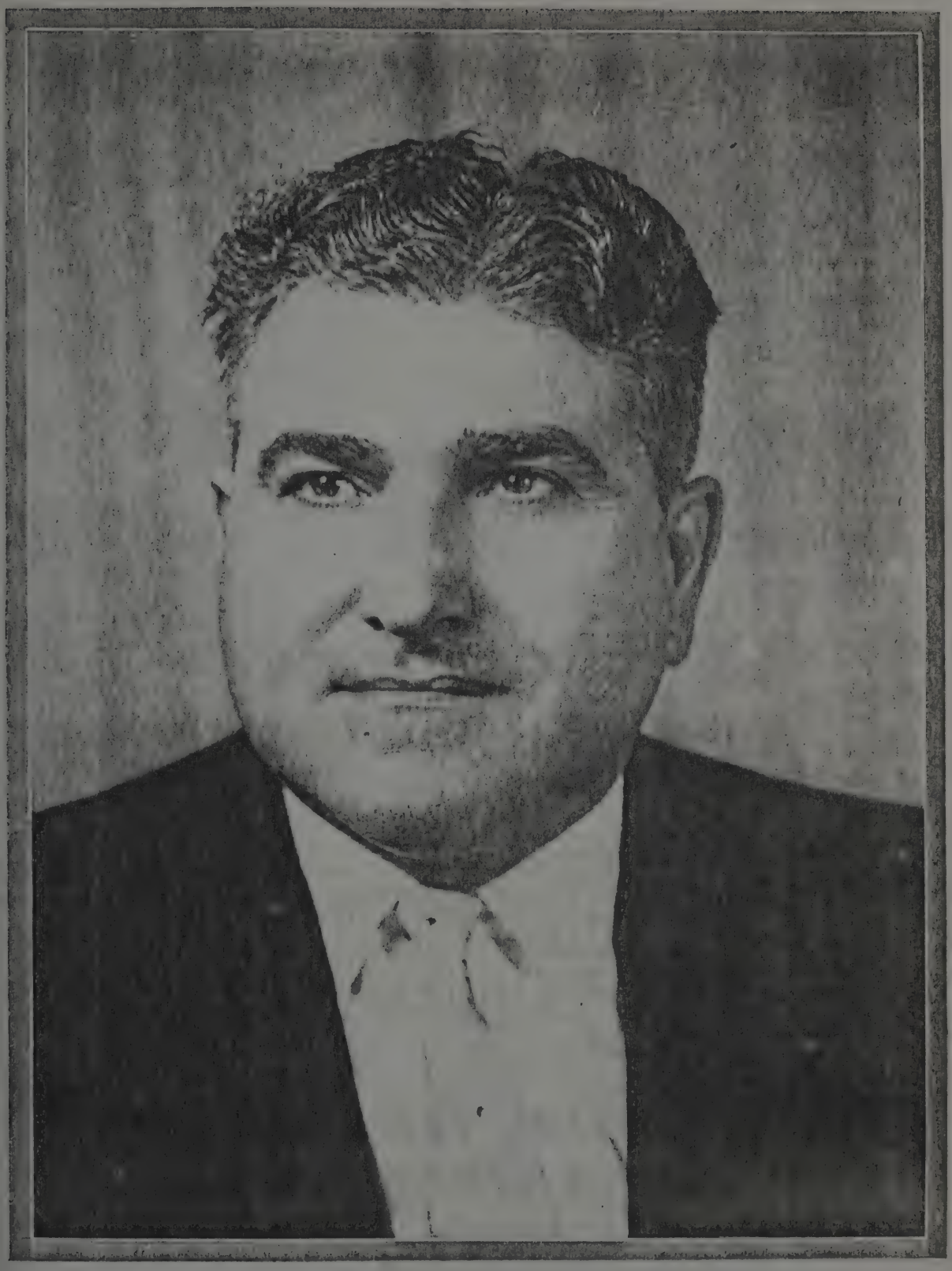
In Spartanburg, South Carolina, on June 8, 1940, Dr. Brown married Venetia Tribble, who was born in Anderson, South Carolina, on August 8, 1916. They have three daughters, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Pamela Jean, born August 30, 1949.
2. Penelope Ann, born July 3, 1953.
3. Peggy Lynn, born August 6, 1958.

SHEFFIELD THOMAS ABOOD

Since coming to Fort Pierce in 1947, Sheffield T. Abood has gained a high reputation in the business world and has received the Packer Redbook Good Business Character award for ten consecutive years. Mainly in the produce business as chief executive of several corporations, he also owns the Sunrise Boulevard Shopping Center in Fort Pierce and is one of the directors of the Commercial Bank, recently opened in that city.

Mr. Abood was born in Jacksonville, Florida, January 27, 1914, son of Michael and Latiffie (Rahaim) Abood, both natives of Lebanon, where the father was born in 1895 and the mother in 1899. Michael Abood came to Jacksonville from Lebanon when he was about twelve years old. He became a cigar manufacturer in his own name, Abood Cigar Company, and was the organizer of Better Food Stores throughout Florida. He was president of the Syrian American Club, the Lebanon American Club, and organizer of the Phoenician Club, all of Jacksonville, and was a Knight of Columbus. He died in Jacksonville September 26, 1956.



Sheffield T. Alwood

Sheffield Abood graduated from Andrew Jackson High School and attended Jacksonville Business College. After four years in the produce business for himself, he became assistant manager of Jacksonville Produce Market in 1938 and continued in this position for six years, during which time he was also a partner in and manager of Jacksonville Produce Truck Terminal. Entering the U. S. Navy in 1944, he served in training boats at Jacksonville, as acting Chief of Police at Jacksonville Naval Air Station, and was discharged in 1947 with the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

He came to Fort Pierce in 1947 and organized Abood Tomato Corporation. About 1950 he began growing tomatoes on leased land in St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties. In 1952 he planted sixty acres of citrus groves in Fort Pierce, and sold them in 1957. Tomatoes Unlimited, Inc., of which he is general manager and part owner, was organized in 1959. This corporation ships from Homestead, West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce in Florida, from Cape Charles, Virginia, Dallas, Pennsylvania, Donna, Texas, and King City, California. Mr. Abood is also general manager of Homestead Tomato Cooperative of Homestead, Florida, president of Abood Tomato Corporation of Fort Pierce, and owner of Abood Brokerage Company. The Sunrise Boulevard Shopping Center, which he also owns, was opened August 26, 1959, and includes an A. & P. store, a bakery, drugstore, five-and-ten, watch repair store, sport shop, laundry, and insurance agency.

Mr. Abood is a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce, past director of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, a life member of Fort Pierce Moose Lodge, a member of Elks Lodge #1520 Knights of Columbus Council #3416, the Indian Hills Country Club, the Pelican Yacht Club, and St. Anastasia Catholic Church. He is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest and in Porr's Directory of Executives. In politics he is a Democrat. He says his work is his hobby, but he does some hunting.

At Stockton, California, on October 1, 1949, Sheffield Thomas Abood married Anne Elizabeth Kegerreis, daughter of Edward and Kathleen Kegerreis of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where she was born March 8, 1929. The Aboods have four children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Mary Louise, born November 24, 1950.
2. Sheffield Thomas, Jr., born November 11, 1951.
3. Anne Elizabeth (Nancy), born April 29, 1953.
4. Kathleen Carol, born May 19, 1954.

MEYER CHARLES HELLER

Meyer Heller, now Executive Vice-President of Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc., a large truck-farming operation with headquarters in Fort Pierce, has been engaged in the produce business all his life, starting with his father in New York City when he was sixteen.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1907, he is a son of Charles I. and Rose (Hefter) Heller, both born in Rumania. His father died about 1940 in New York City, where his mother is still living. He attended the public grade schools and Commercial High School in New York City and went into the produce business with his father at Washington Market, New York, in 1923. From 1925 to 1930 he worked wth Bernard Abel & Company and Heller Brothers, both of New York City. After he was married in 1930 he entered the business of his father-in-law, Sam Gordon, in Patchogue, Long Island, New York. This became Gordon-Heller Produce Company about 1934. In 1936 or '37 he formed his own firm, Meyer Heller & Company, shippers of Long Island potatoes, cauliflower and other vegetables, and continued to run this business until 1944, when he became a resident of Florida, operating there in the winter and in Long Island in the summer months.

Mr. Heller first came to Florida in 1937 on a vacation and decided that this was where he would live. He began growing tomatoes in Florida in 1937. From 1944 to 1950 he represented Samuel P. Mandell Company of Philadelphia as a buyer. In the fall of 1951, with Leslie Scott and Rudolph Mattson, he formed the Indian River Tomato Packers, a partnership which continued until July 31, 1959, when they formed the Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc., a parent company which owns some twenty subsidiaries, mostly engaged in farming but including a real estate corporation which owns most of their real estate.

Mr. Heller was elected to the School Board of St. Lucie County in 1952 and served three years, resigning to devote full time to his business. He is a member of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Pierce Rotary Club, in which he was sergeant at arms four or five years, Elks Lodge #1520, the Indian Hills Country Club, and a charter member of the Pelican Yacht Club. Of the Jewish faith, he is a member of Temple Beth'El, president of the temple and congregation, and a member of B'nai B'rith. His wife is active in the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El.

In New York City on October 5, 1930, Meyer Charles Heller married Dorothy Gordon, daughter of Samuel Gordon, who died in 1947, and Minerva (Goldstein) Gordon, who is living in Patchogue, Long Island, New York, where Dorothy was born August 27, 1913. The Hellers have three children:

1. Norman Gordon Heller, born December 30, 1931, at Bayshore, Long Island, New York, an electronics engineer, graduate of Georgia School of Technology, who lives in Atlanta with his wife and son. He married Bettsie Elfenbein of New London, Connecticut. Their son is Jeffrey Scott Heller.

2. Edward Harold Heller, born April 16, 1936, at Port Jefferson, Long Island, New York, a graduate of the University of Florida in Agriculture, now attending the University of Florida Law School. He married Carolyn Frohsin of Alexander City, Alabama.

3. Charlotte Isabel Heller, born June 2, 1942, at Port Jefferson, New York, a senior at Dan McCarty High School, Fort Pierce, and a twirlette in the High School Band.

The Hellers have a summer home at Davis Park on Fire Island, New York, where they relax for about three months.

LAWRENCE WILLEY

Since February of 1949 Lawrence Willey has been with the Broward Poppell Insurance Agency at Fort Pierce, one of the leading insurance agencies on Florida's East Coast. This agency represents the following companies:

Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, Twin City Fire Insurance Company, Great American Insurance Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Home Fire Insurance Company, American Employers Fire Insurance Company, Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, American Equitable Insurance Company, United States Aviation Underwriters, Inc.,

Pan American Fire and Casualty Company, American Foreign Insurance Association, Factory Insurance Association, Centennial Insurance Company.

Born in Bridgeville, Delaware, July 23, 1921, Lawrence Willey is a son of Nemiah and Anna (Harris) Willey. His father was a farmer in Delaware. He graduated from Dover High School, Dover, Delaware, in 1940, and went with DuPont Company, Nylon Division, at Seaford, Delaware, as a machine operator.

In August, 1942, he entered the United States Army Air Force, took flight training and received his wings as flight engineer and top turret gunner. He served with the Eighth Air Force in Europe and was shot down over Muenster, Germany, on October 19, 1943, and held a prisoner of war at Prison Camp Stalag 17B, Krems, Austria (the location of a well-known movie) until May 3, 1945. He was awarded the Air Medal and discharged in November, 1945, with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Returning to the DuPont Company, Mr. Willey worked in the shipping department until May of 1946, when he took a year's leave of absence and came to Florida the following September. In November, 1946, he became manager of Warren's Laundry and Dry Cleaners at Fort Pierce and continued in this business until February, 1949, at which time he joined the Broward Poppell Agency as an agent in all insurance lines. In June, 1953, he bought into the agency, which then became Broward Poppell Agency, Ltd., a partnership between Mr. Willey and Mr. Broward Poppell. Mr. Poppell died September 20, 1959.

He is a member of the Florida State Association of Insurance Agents, a member and past president of St. Lucie County Association of Insurance Agents, a director of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and a past member of the St. Lucie County Junior Chamber of Commerce. On August 12, 1959, he was appointed to the St. Lucie County Planning and Zoning Commission by the County Commissioners, but, due to the death of his partner in business, resigned from the Commission on October 30, 1959.

Mr. Willey is a member and past Esquire of Elks #1520, a director of St. Lucie County Sandy Shoes Festival Committee, and served as County Chairman (1952-54) of St. Lucie County chapter of the American Cancer Society. He is a member of the Fort Pierce Post of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a past president and now director of Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, and a past director of the Pelican Yacht Club. In the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce he has served on the official board of stewards.

On February 12, 1948, at Fort Pierce, Lawrence Willey married Cora Lou Burgess, daughter of Perry and Helen (Noble) Burgess, who was born in New York April 8, 1924. Her mother is an interior decorator in Fort Pierce. Mr. and Mrs. Willey have two children, both born in Fort Pierce:

1. Helen Candace, born October 24, 1952.
2. Lawrence Edgar, born May 16, 1955.

Mr. Willey's main hobby is golf, but he also enjoys fishing.

HARRY SAYLOR JENNINGS

Among the agricultural and horticultural leaders of St. Lucie County, Harry Saylor Jennings of Fort Pierce is owner and operator of the Indian River Cut Flower Company, a chrysanthemum farm with a growing capacity of about five acres, and is also a truck farmer, growing tomatoes primarily. In addition, he is president of Bre-Luc Corporation, a holding company in St. Lucie and Martin counties.

He was born August 21, 1926, in Stuart, Florida, where his mother also was born, on November 11, 1900, and died on January 28, 1957. She was Mary Witham Jennings. Lane Hart Jennings, Harry's father, was a civic leader of St. Lucie County for many years. Born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1898, he was brought to Florida about 1900 by his parents, who settled at Walton in St. Lucie County. There he became a truck farmer and commercial fisherman. He served St. Lucie County as Commissioner for seventeen years and as chairman of the board four years, and was a member of the Florida State Association and the National Association of County Commissioners. Taking an intense interest in his job as commissioner, he spent many extra hours in the office and often acted as a buffer in the sessions of the Commission by his calm and friendly demeanor. He was also chairman for many years of the St. Lucie County Welfare Board, his pet project, and was instrumental in building the St. Lucie County Welfare Home. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a veteran of World War I. He died at the Veterans' Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was visiting with his wife, on March 25, 1953.

Harry S. Jennings graduated from St. Lucie County High School in 1944 and from the University of Florida in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; then took postgraduate work at Florida State University for two years. From 1948 to 1953 he was with the Florida Industrial Commission in Tallahassee as State Labor Economist, and for the next five years was Farm Replacement representative with the same Commission at Fort Pierce. In 1958 he leased land in south St. Lucie County and began growing tomatoes, and in July, 1959, acquired the chrysanthemum farm, which now takes his full time. He ships flowers to both southern and northern markets.

Mr. Jennings is a member of Martin County Flower Growers Association, Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce, and a director in a group that plans to establish a bank at Jensen in the near future. He is secretary of St. Lucie County Democratic Executive Committee and was an original member of the St. Lucie County Planning and Zoning Board. Active in the Lions Club, he is a past president, director and treasurer, and is now zone chairman of the Fort Pierce area through North Palm Beach. He is a member of the Pelican Yacht Club and Jensen Beach Community Church.

At Orlando, Florida, on August 8, 1948, Harry Saylor Jennings married Emily Strawn, who was born in Orlando, July 9, 1929, daughter of James Edward and Martha May (Elrod) Strawn. Her father was born in McDonough, Georgia, April 24, 1898; her mother in Griffin, Georgia, April 11, 1901. Both are living in Orlando. Mrs. Jennings is active in the St. Lucie County Parent-Teacher Association and is first vice-president of Indian River Drive Garden Club, in which Mr. Jennings' mother was a charter member. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings:

1. Lane Edward, on July 7, 1949, at Tallahassee.
2. Linda Kay, on August 20, 1955, at Fort Pierce.
3. Lee Ann, on July 19, 1956, at Fort Pierce.

Mr. Jennings' great-grandfather, David O. Saylor, was one of the first to manufacture Portland cement in America. He organized the Saylor Portland Cement

Company in 1866 and a few years later discovered the process for manufacturing what he called anchor cement. In 1873 the company began the manufacture of Portland cement, and was the first to produce it on a large scale.

NIELS WILLIAM JORGENSEN

A citrus grower and owner of a citrus nursery at White City, Niels William Jorgensen has the distinction of having been the first white boy to be born at White City after it was founded, and his father planted the first citrus trees there. Like his father, who served two or three terms as County Commissioner, Mr. Jorgensen has been serving St. Lucie County in that capacity for the past ten years, and is also active in many other civic and fraternal organizations. He has the unusual record of having served in the United States Navy for a total of twenty-one years, including three years in Haiti on loan to the Haitian Army.

Mr. Jorgensen's parents were born in Denmark: his father, Niels Christian Jorgensen, on November 16, 1866; his mother, Annie Margaret Christensen, on April 8, 1876. They came to White City from New Jersey about 1894. The senior Mr. Jorgensen was a farmer and citrus grower and served on the St. Lucie County School Board as well as on the Board of County Commissioners, and was one of the founders of the Dutton Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Born May 4, 1896, Niels William Jorgensen attended the public schools of White City and was ripe for military service when the United States entered World War I. Joining the Navy on May 22, 1917, at Atlanta, Georgia, he took training at the United States Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., and at the United States Naval Hospital, Annapolis, Maryland. Having decided to make a career of the Navy, he was loaned to the Haitian government and was in Haiti from April, 1923, to May, 1926. There he became a First Lieutenant in the Guarde de Haiti and was Adjutant of the Medical Department, in charge of the medical supply office. In October of 1933 he transferred to the Fleet Reserve. Called back to active duty early in 1942, he served at the United States Naval Hospital at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, until December 10, 1946, when he was retired with the rank of Chief Pharmacist's Mate.

White City was always home to Mr. Jorgensen, even while he was in the Navy. In 1922 he bought eight acres of land there, and set it in citrus trees in 1924. This original grove was sold and in 1933 he began planting another fifteen acres. He went into the citrus nursery business in 1948, opening Jorgensen Nursery at White City. This and the management of his own grove constitutes his business interest.

In 1950 Mr. Jorgensen was elected to the St. Lucie County Commission and after serving two years was re-elected in 1952 and again in 1956 for four-year terms. He is now chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and has served several times in that capacity. He is a member of the Florida State Association and the National Association of County Commissioners. In connection with his work as commissioner he is a member of the Martin-St. Lucie Inlet and Bridge District Committee, chairman of the St. Lucie County Indigent Board, past chairman of the St. Lucie County Welfare Board, director of St. Lucie County Tuberculosis Association, and past chairman of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Fire Board.

He is a member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and of its Committee of 100; a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Fort Pierce Citrus Growers Exchange, and the Indian River Citrus League; a past director of the Florida Farm Bureau Association and a member of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association; past president of the White City Improvement Club and of the White City Cemetery Association; a member of Elks Lodge #1520, Moose Lodge #248, both of Fort Pierce, and the Legion of the Moose #46 of Hollywood, Florida; of Masonic Lodge #87 of Fort Pierce, the Fort Pierce Shrine Club, and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; of Knights Templar Commandery #17 of Fort Pierce, Supreme Forest of Tall Cedars, Tyrian Council #36. He is an elder of the Dutton Memorial Presbyterian Church in White City.

In military service organizations Mr. Jorgensen is a Shipmate in the Fleet Reserve Association, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, U. S. Barrack #499 and a "Cootie" (honorary V.F.W. degree) of Pup Tent #33; a member of Steven Gladwin Post #40 of the American Legion for 33 years, and of the Eugene V. Lisk Post #3064 of Fort Pierce.

He was married in Sacramento, California, September 21, 1920, to Beatrice Martha Elizabeth Hodge of Hodgeville, Illinois, where she was born March 26, 1899, daughter of John William and Della (Randolph) Hodge. Her father was born in Hodgeville December 14, 1864, and died in Sacramento, California, December 13, 1944; her mother, born in Raum, Illinois, October 2, 1874, died in Sacramento December 14, 1943. The Hodges came to Florida in 1892 and had property on Merritt Island near Orchid in Brevard County, where they lived and farmed for a few years, returning to Illinois in 1899. They came back and settled at Fort Pierce, then known as Edgartown, where Mr. Hodges was one of the first school teachers and was Superintendent of Schools in St. Lucie County from 1910 to 1918. He was a Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen are the parents of four daughters:

1. Helen Elizabeth, born April 3, 1922, in Sacramento, California, married Thomas B. Venne of Oakland, California.

2. Dorothy Rosalind, born February 1, 1924, at Port au Prince, Haiti, married Harold Jones of Okeechobee, Florida.

3. Joan Marie, born January 18, 192-, at Port au Prince, Haiti, married Eddie M. Jones, Jr., of South Carolina.

4. Joyce Sybil, born February 4, 1930, at Agana, Guam, married W. R. Coman of Jacksonville, Florida.

Aside from his work, Mr. Jorgensen enjoys fishing, hunting, and canasta.

L. HERBERT KINCAID

Founder and President of Arvida Groves Corporation and Arvida Fruit Company, L. Herbert Kincaid has been running his own business of one kind or another since he was in his teens, even while he was gaining knowledge and experience by working in a bank and as a stock and bond salesman. The range of his interests has covered cattle raising, real estate developing, construction, and citrus growing.

Mr. Kincaid was born in Durham, North Carolina, December 3, 1901, son of Lloyd Kincaid, who was born in Leesburg, Virginia, January 26, 1872, and Eunice Paris (Markham) Kincaid, born in Durham, North Car-

olina, October 5, 1878. Both parents are living in Fort Pierce. The senior Mr. Kincaid is a retired banker.

Herbert Kincaid received his early education in the public schools of Washington, D.C., and San Antonio, Texas, graduating from San Antonio High School in 1916, and attended Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Virginia. He worked as assistant cashier in the Franklin National Bank, Washington, D.C., and then sold stocks and bonds.

As early as 1920 he was interested in cattle and had a ranch near San Antonio, Texas, which was sold in 1924, when he entered real estate developing in Miami. Before that he had been in the construction business in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He became interested in citrus in 1932-33 and acquired groves in Lake County, the last of which was sold in 1942, when he moved to Fort Pierce. He developed 500 acres of citrus groves in St. Lucie County which were sold to the Arvida Groves Corporation, when he founded that company with Mr. Arthur V. Davis; which company now owns and operates over 2,000 acres of citrus in St. Lucie County. Having known Arthur Vining Davis for a long time, Mr. Kincaid set up the Arvida Groves Corporation in January, 1956, and the Arvida Fruit Company in September, 1956, and has headed these two companies as president since their beginning. Together they employ 150 to 160 people. In September, 1956, they purchased Fort Pierce Cooperative, a packing house capable of handling a half-million boxes of fruit in a season. The two corporations operate as independent growers and shippers, maintaining their own sales offices and shipping under their own labels, which are River Royal, River Gem, Golden Glow and Rite Flavor.

Mr. Kincaid has various other corporate and partnership interests in South Florida. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and assisted in the organization of the St. Lucie County Farm Bureau, of which he was president for many years. He is a member of the board of trustees for the Constitution and Free Enterprise Foundation, New York City, a national board, and also serves as a member of the Florida Conference Board of Managers for the Conference of American Small Business Organizations, of Chicago, under the co-chairmanship of Fred A. Hartley, Jr., co-author of the Taft-Hartley Labor law. He is a member of the Founders Club, Florida Sheriffs' Boys Ranch, an early member of the Pelican Yacht Club, a member of the Methodist Church, and a Democrat in politics. Fishing and boating are his preferred pastimes.

At High Point, North Carolina, on March 17, 1927, Mr. Kincaid married Chat Starrette, daughter of William T. and Lillian (Howard) Starrette, who was born May 25, 1904, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Until recently she was very active in Garden Club work.

WILLIAM GRAYSON PADRICK

Elder son of the founder of Padrick Chevrolet in Fort Pierce, William Grayson Padrick (II) became president of this company in 1951, following the death of his father. He also is founder and owner of Fort Pierce Gas Company, Inc., a gas fuel and appliance business, and has a large ranch in Brevard County. He is prominent in automobile dealers and cattlemen's associations, in Chamber of Commerce and other civic activities, and has an impressive record for service in World II.

Born in Henderson, North Carolina, March 2, 1916, he is a son of William Grayson and Norma (Jackson) Padrick, both natives of North Carolina. His father came to Jensen, Florida, in 1926 and to Fort Pierce in 1928 and was in the garage business in both places. Padrick's Garage in Fort Pierce became the Chevrolet agency in 1931. The senior Mr. Padrick also raised cattle and horses.

The younger William Grayson Padrick began his education in the public schools of Henderson, North Carolina, and continued at Jensen, Stuart and Fort Pierce, Florida, graduating from Fort Pierce High School in 1934. He then attended The Citadel at Charleston, South Carolina, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1938.

From 1938 to 1942 he ran an appliance business, Padrick Norge, in Fort Pierce. Late in 1938 he started a gas fuel (liquid petroleum) business which was continued during his absence in military service, and in 1950 this and his appliance business became Fort Pierce Gas Company, Inc.

Entering the United States Army in February, 1942, he served with the 101st Airborne Division and took part in the D-Day landing in France, in the Battle of Bastogne, in Holland campaigns and other major battles. He was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with two oak-leaf clusters, Presidential Citation with oak-leaf cluster, and Infantryman's Combat Badge, and was released from the Army in the fall of 1945 with the rank of Captain.

On his return from the service Mr. Padrick joined his father at Padrick Chevrolet and took over the presidency after his father's death in 1951. His younger brother, Robert, is secretary-treasurer of the company.

In 1951 William Padrick became the owner of the 7,600-acre P-4 Ranch in Brevard County, where he is raising a commercial herd, crossing Hereford, Brahman and Angus cattle. The idea of this crossbreeding program is to take advantage of three hybrid vigor crossbreedings and by using the Red Angus to gain uniformity in the color of the herd, the ultimate objective being to develop a strain of cattle most suitable to the Florida climate and conditions. Mr. Padrick has a Cessna Skylane which he uses to fly to his ranch, and recently flew to Oklahoma and Texas on cattle business.

He is a past president of the St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association, past director of Florida State Cattlemen's Association, past president of Fort Pierce Automobile Dealers Association, and past director of the Florida Automobile Dealers Association. A member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce for twenty-one years, he has been vice-president and director many times. He may be called the founder of the Sandy Shoes Festival, which was begun in 1955 having "sold" the idea to the Chamber of Commerce the County Commissioners, and the St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association. He was a member of the St Lucie County Planning and Zoning Board from 1956 to 1959 and was chairman of the board most of that time also served on the Fort Pierce Planning and Zoning Board. He is past president of the Fort Pierce Merchants Association, past president of Fort Pierce Rotary and past president of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Junior Chamber of Commerce (1939-40). He is a member and past post commander of the Steven N. Gladwin American Legion Post, a member of Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, and a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce, which his wife's father helped to establish. His favorite sport is hunting.

At Blowing Rock, North Carolina, on July 31, 1940, William Grayson Padrick married Elouise Barry Sample, who was born at Fort Pierce December 25, 1918, daughter of John McCoy and Mary Ann (Harris) Sample. Her father was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 3, 1877, and died at Fort Pierce April 2, 1940; her mother was born at Chester, South Carolina, April 15, 1885, and died at Fort Pierce July 27, 1959. They came to Fort Pierce from Rutherfordton, North Carolina, in 1910. Mr. Sample was a citrus grower and operated a wholesale grocery business under the name of East Coast Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Padrick are the parents of four children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Elouise Barry Padrick, born November 4, 1942.
2. William Grayson Padrick, III, born June 29, 1946.
3. Cynthia Ann Padrick, born March 25, 1948.
4. Mary Jane Padrick, born September 1, 1959.

DON D. REED

Don Reed has been in the automobile business since he finished school, and since 1952 has been a partner in Reed-Haughton Motors at Fort Pierce. He is also vice-president of Florida Import Cars, Inc., of Fort Pierce, whose business is selling all types of imported cars. At the present time he is chairman of the Florida Zone, Automobile Dealers Council, Pontiac Division, of General Motors, and of the Southeastern Regional Pontiac Division of General Motors, and an alternate member of the National Council of Automobile Dealers, Pontiac Division, of General Motors.

He was born in Harrisburg, Illinois, December 25, 1912, son of Thomas Reed, a coal miner at Harrisburg, and Lillian May (Vaughn) Reed. His father was born near Clay, Kentucky, September 4, 1884, his mother in 1888, and both died at Harrisburg, Illinois; his father on September 19, 1955, his mother in 1928.

Don Reed graduated from Harrisburg High School in 1928 and from Pan-American Business College, Miami, in 1932. He worked for the Oakland Division of General Motors at Pontiac, Michigan, in motor assembly; then for Waggoners Service Station in Chicago for about a year. Coming to Miami early in 1930, he was employed by Table Supply Stores as a truck driver and worked up to general manager of the company. He left this company in 1942 to establish Miami Motors at 166 Northwest 36th Street, Miami, and operated that business for two years; then opened Regil Motors with R. E. Gilmore and continued in that partnership for eight years.

In 1952 Mr. Reed and E. D. Haughton formed a partnership and purchased Bass Motor Company, a Pontiac-Cadillac agency at Fort Pierce, and changed the name to Reed-Haughton Motors. This business has grown with the community and more than tripled since 1952, now employing fifty people. Florida Import Cars, Inc., of Fort Pierce, was organized in 1956 by Ralph Horning, Jr., who is president, with Don Reed as vice-president and E. D. Haughton as secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Reed is a stockholder in The Commercial Bank at Fort Pierce. Appointed to the St. Lucie County Port Authority in 1953 by the County Commissioners, he served until 1954. He is past chairman of the Underprivileged Children's Commitee of the Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club and past chairman of the Disaster Committee of the St. Lucie County chapter of the American Red Cross; a member of Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, the Pelican Yacht Club, and the Methodist Church. He enjoys boating and most sports and has refereed many of the fights held in Miami and Fort Pierce and served as a judge of professional and Golden Gloves fights.

At Fort Lauderdale on December 25, 1932, Don D. Reed married Lillian Beatrice Vaughn, who was born in Augusta, Georgia, September 5, 1914, daughter of James F. Vaughn, a retired attorney at Miami, and Mary (Laughton) Vaughn. The family came to Miami about 1915. Mrs. Reed is active in the Woman's Club of Fort Pierce and in the Visiting Nurse Association.

A son, Richard Barrie Reed, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don D. Reed in Miami on March 28, 1935. He is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and General Motors Institute, Flint, Michigan, and is now employed at Reed-Haughton Motors. He married Carol Luffburrow of Macon, Georgia, and they have a son, Richard Barrie Reed, II.

HOYT CAMPBELL MURPHY

Hoyt Campbell Murphy came to Fort Pierce in 1946 and was in the hotel business until 1948, when he entered the real estate business. He now has six branch offices on the East Coast of Florida and employs fifty-two persons.

His father, Thomas Maynard Murphy, was born in North Carolina and died in 1936 in Cleveland, Tennessee, where he was a farmer; his mother, Florence (Haney) Murphy, was born at Charleston, Tennessee, November 13, 1877, and is living in Fort Pierce.

Hoyt Murphy graduated from Bradley High School, Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1931, attended Bob Jones College at Cleveland and Bryan University at Dayton, Tennessee, and graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1935 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, returning there for postgraduate work. For seven years, 1935 to 1942, he was Principal of Chilcutt Junior High School in Bradley County, Tennessee. During World War II he served the United States Government as foreman of the Ordnance Department of Hercules Powder Company, Chattanooga, Tennessee. After that he was manufacturer's representative for several furniture companies until April, 1946, when he came to Fort Pierce, Florida, and went into the hotel business. He became a real estate broker in 1948 and now, besides his main office in Fort Pierce, has two other offices there and branch offices at Jensen Beach, Stuart, Vero Beach, and one in Brevard County. In 1955 he purchased the Holiday Hotel, located on Fort Pierce Beach, and changed the name to Holiday Beach Motel.

Mr. Murphy is a member of the local, state and national realtors associations, past president of Fort Pierce Board of Realtors, past president of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, a member of Fort Pierce Rotary Club, Elks Lodge #1520, the Pelican Yacht Club and the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce. A Democrat, he was a member of the Finance Committee for Governor LeRoy Collins' gubernatorial campaign and was also active in the campaign of Governor Dan McCarty. In his leisure time he enjoys fishing, hunting and swimming.

Mr. Murphy was married in Fort Pierce September 24, 1955, to Dorothy Elizabeth Caprioglio, daughter of Prospero and Gemma Caprioglio. They have two children, born in Fort Pierce: Margaret Anita (Peggy), born January 20, 1957; Hoyt Campbell Murphy, Jr., born October 29, 1959.

WARREN WILLIAM CLAUSEN

A most prominent merchant and citizen of Fort Pierce is Warren William Clausen. His best known business enterprise in Fort Pierce is the Farm Supply Headquarters, of which he is part-owner.

Warren William Clausen was born in Chebanse, Illinois, June 22, 1922, son of William Clausen and Vernal Irene Rosendahl. His father, a grain farmer and livestock raiser at Chebanse and Martinton, was born January 31, 1892, in Cook County, Illinois, and died July 8, 1950, in Martinton, where his wife, born February 26, 1894, in Ashkum, Illinois, now resides.

After graduating from Chebanse High School in 1938, he attended Ohio State University until June, 1942, where he became a member of the Alpha Zeta honorary fraternity. In June of this same year he entered the United States Air Force as an instructor and was discharged December 22, 1945, with the rank of staff sergeant. It was at this time that he returned to his birthplace to farm the family land in Chebanse.

On June 30, 1943, he married Phyllis Mae McKee, daughter of Herbert LeRoy McKee and Henrietta Skinner, in Kankakee, Illinois, the place of her birth in December of 1921.

After selling his interests in Chebanse, Mr. Clausen moved to Fort Pierce, Florida, in 1951. He first was employed in Fort Pierce by the NACO Implement Company as a salesman. Later, in September of 1952, he became manager of the Farm Supply Headquarters. At the present time Mr. Clausen owns one-third interest in the Farm Supply Headquarters.

Earlier in March, 1952, he had purchased about two hundred acres of land on Orange Avenue in the Kings Highway District. This was a commercial cattle operation and was sold in 1957.

Mr. Clausen is an active member of the Lions Club and Elks Lodge #1520 in Fort Pierce. In the past he was president of the St. Lucie County Cattle Association. He and his wife are also interested in the St. Lucie Junior High School P.T.A., of which Mr .Clausen was president in 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Clausen have two children both born in Kankakee, Illinois. They are:

1. Paula Diane Clausen, born August 7, 1947.
2. Marsha Christine Clausen, born August 31, 1950.

THOMAS A. SCOTT

A retired citrus grower and shipper of St. Lucie County, Thomas A. Scott had the first and only tiled groves in this part of Florida. The tile, designed to control the irrigation of the citrus trees, was placed four feet underground. From his packing house in White City Mr. Scott used to ship fifty to sixty thousand mail-order packages of gift fruit in a season.

Son of John Scott, a farmer in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and Mary (Harmey) Scott, he was born at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1890, and was educated in the public schools of Chester, Pennsylvania. About 1908 to 1910 he played pitcher in Class C baseball in the Tri-State League for Trenton, New Jersey, and for Camden, New Jersey, an independent team, and other independent teams until about 1913. When his father retired, Thomas took over the operation of the farm in Pennsylvania.

After World War I he and his brother-in-law, F .S. Younghusband, came to Florida and settled at Ankona in St. Lucie County. They grew pineapples up to 1928, when they planted 200 acres of citrus groves and experimented with tile as an aid to irrigation. Their packing house at White City, eight miles south of Fort Pierce, now on highway U.S. 1, was built in 1926. Mr. Scott retired in 1951 and sold the groves and the packing house. Since then he is occupied mainly with the landscaping of his home property on South Indian River Drive.

Mr. Scott is a Democrat in politics, a member of Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, and of St. Anastasia Catholic Church. Mrs. Scott is active in St. Anastasia's Catholic Woman's Club. As Mary Delores Murphy, daughter of Edward and Bridget (Monigle) Murphy, she was born in Wilmington, Delaware, October 17, 1896. The Scotts were married in Chester, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1923. They have three children, all born in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Thomas A. Scott, Jr., born October 12, 1924, is a graduate of Villanova University, Pennsylvania, and the University of Florida, where he received a Master of Bacteriology degree. In 1953 he opened Scott Medical Laboratory in Fort Pierce. He is active in the Fort Pierce Knights of Columbus.

Mary Jane Scott, born March 5, 1934, is a dental hygienist in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Joseph Harmey Scott, born March 27, 1938, is in business in Miami, Florida.

JOE H. WICKHAM

Founder and president of Wickham and Jessup Construction Company of Eau Gallie, Joe H. Wickham has been in the construction business since 1934. He is also one of the founders and a director of Eau Gallie Federal Savings and Loan Association and has served as County Commissioner of Brevard County, District Five, since 1952, as well as being active in many civic and social organizations.

He was born at Ames, Iowa, December 20, 1911, son of Dora (Rich) Wickham, (who also was born in Ames, Iowa, and lives in Eau Gallie), and of John Quincy Wickham, whose family were early settlers of Iowa. He was born at Zearing in that state and died at St. Augustine, Florida. He was a civil engineer and came to Florida to look at some property in Melbourne which he had bought "sight unseen." He worked with Melbourne-Tillman Drainage District as a civil engineer, did contracting and engineering work for many years, and was City Engineer of Eau Gallie.

After graduation from Eau Gallie High School, Joe Wickham worked with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey Department as an instrument man. About 1934 he began working in the construction business and in 1936 was a partner in Guerin Construction Company. In 1940 with H. N. Jessup he formed the Wickham and Jessup Construction Company, which was later disbanded. Mr. Wickham was Superintendent of Construction at Melbourne Air Station when he entered the Navy in the winter of 1942. Commissioned a Warrant Officer at Melbourne, he was a construction officer with the Seabee Battalion in the South Pacific during World War II and was severely burned in a plane crash on Emiru Island, north of the Solomon Islands. He was released from the service in December, 1945, with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Returing to Melbourne, in January, 1946, he reestablished Wickham and Jessup Construction Company. Mr.

Joe D. Patman

Jessup died in 1956 and his son, H. W. Jessup, joined the firm following his graduation from the University of Kansas. The company does residential and industrial construction and employs about twenty people.

Mr. Wickham is a member of the Brevard Contractors Association, a charter member of Florida Sheriffs Association, a charter member of Melbourne Elks Lodge and Melbourne Lions Club, a member of Florida Association of County Commissioners, and vice-chairman of the County Commissioners of Brevard County, in which he is serving his third term. He was Fire Chief of Eau Gallie Fire Department and a member of the Fire Department for approximately thirty years. From 1947 to 1952 he served as a City Councilman of Eau Gallie. He was first commander of J. W. Mathers Post of the American Legion at Eau Gallie and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans Melbourne Chapter #32. He belongs to Masonic Lodge #143 of Melbourne, Bahia Temple Shrine, Lake Worth Consistory, Melbourne Shrine Club, and the Sojourners Missile Test Range Chapter #366, a Masonic body. He is a past president of the Melbourne Music Association. At the First Methodist Church of Eau Gallie he was choir director and a member of the Board of Trustees for many years. He holds a private pilot's license and enjoys flying and swimming as recreation.

At Lanark, Illinois, on March 17, 1946, Joe Wickham married Bernice Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fry, who was born in Polo, Illinois, July 19, 1913. They have two sons, both born in Eau Gallie: John Lee Wickham, born November 16, 1947; David Louis Wickham, born December 24, 1950.

IRA MALCOLM McALPIN, JR.

A native of the West Coast of Florida, Ira Malcolm McAlpin, Jr., has been a Certified Public Accountant in Fort Pierce since 1949, and is now president of the East Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. His father, Ira Malcolm McAlpin, Sr., has been teaching in Florida schools for the past twenty-five years, most of that time in Plant City, where he now teaches at the municipal high school.

The senior Mr. McAlpin was born in Mayo, Florida, August 18, 1895. As Lenora Hatcher, his wife was born at Mayo in Lafayette County March 8, 1897, and at Mayo, also, Ira Jr., was born on August 19, 1918. He graduated from Plant City High School in 1935 and from the University of Florida in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Adminstration. At the university he became a member of Theta Chi social fraternity.

World War II being in progress when he graduated from college, Ira McAlpin, Jr., entered the United States Army in August, 1942, and the following month was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He served with the 633rd Tank Destroyer Battalion in the United States until June, 1944, then with the 44th Field Artillery Battalion of the Fourth Infantry Division in France and Germany. Wounded in the Hurtgen Forest in Germany in November, 1944, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star and was hospitalized until February, 1945. He then returned to his unit and to the United States in July, 1945, and was separated from the Army with the rank of Captain.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. McAlpin was employed as a bookkeeper by Prosser Fruit Company at Plant City for about a year. In January, 1947, he joined the C.P.A. firm of Pentland and Gray at Sanford, Florida, as a junior accountant, and two years later came to Fort Pierce as a partner in the accounting firm of Choate and McAlpin. Mr. Choate left the firm in 1951 and Mr. McAlpin continued his practice alone until July 1, 1958. At that time C. B. Ripley became his partner and the firm name became McAlpin and Ripley.

Mr. McAlpin is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and of the Florida Institute, now president of the East Coast chapter; a member of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, and is on the Advisory Committee of the Indian River Junior College. He is a Democrat in politics, a Mason of Fort Pierce Lodge #87 and Tampa Consistory, past president of the Fort Pierce Lions Club, a member of Elks Lodge #1520, American Legion Post #40 (Steven N. Gladwin), and the Pelican Yacht Club. Fishing and boating are his preferred recreations. He is a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce, in which his wife teaches first grade Sunday School.

Mrs. McAlpin was Jennie Haddix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Haddix, and was born in Richmond, Kentucky, July 15, 1921. She married Ira McAlpin, Jr., at Brandon, Florida, August 19, 1950. They now have three children, all born in Fort Pierce: Ann Karen on November 14, 1953, Betty Kay on May 1, 1957, and David Brian on September 29, 1958.

ERROL SHIPPEN WILLES

Senior member of the law firm of Willes and Bittan of Fort Pierce, Errol S. Willes has been practicing law on the East Coast of Florida for the past thirty years, most of that time in Fort Pierce, and is now president of St. Lucie County Bar Association. He has served as attorney for the St. Lucie County School Board since 1941 and as City Attorney of Fort Pierce since 1952.

Mr. Willes' father, Frederick William Willes, was one of the pioneer English settlers of Florida and an influential citizen of the East Coast. Born in Wolwich, England, April 7, 1872, he came to Lady Lake, Florida, an English settlement in Lake County, in the year 1886 and moved to Jensen in 1890. He was an extensive pineapple grower, citrus grower and truck farmer in St. Lucie County. He helped build All Saints Episcopal Church at Jensen and was one of the founders of Planters Bank there, which in 1898 was moved to Fort Pierce and became the St. Lucie County Bank. He was a charter member of Gilbert's Bar Yacht Club and the Midrivers Country Club on Sewalls Point. Frederick Willes died at Stuart, Florida, November 29, 1937. His wife, who was Elizabeth Grace Dunn, born March 12, 1876, at Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, died at West Palm Beach December 27, 1947.

Born at Jensen, Florida, October 8, 1907, Erroll Shippen Willes received his early education in Jensen public school and graduated from Stuart High School in June, 1925. In June, 1930, he received an LL.B. degree from the University of Florida and opened his law practice in Stuart. After a short while there he moved to Fort Pierce and continued to practice his profession singly until October of 1950, when Benjamin A. Bittan became a partner and the law firm of Willes and Bittan was formed.

Mr. Willes practices in all state courts and in the United States District Courts. Now president of the St. Lucie County Bar Association, he is also a member of the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association;

a member of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member and past president of Fort Pierce Lions Club, past secretary of Moose Lodge #248, and twice past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #1520—the only present member of the lodge to be so honored. He is also an Oddfellow and a Woodman of the World. A member of the Executive Board of the Diocese of South Florida of the Episcopal Church, he has been Junior and Senior Warden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and chairman of the building committee that built the present church.

He was married at St. Andrew's Church in Fort Pierce on October 15, 1932, to Marjorie Tylander, who was born in Fort Pierce February 26, 1912, daughter of William Emanuel and Minerva (Cook) Tylander. Her mother was born in Conway, Massachusetts, and died at Fort Pierce in May, 1935. Her father was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 1, 1877, and came to Florida before the turn of the century. He graduated from Stetson University and was an organizer of the East Coast Lumber and Supply Company of Fort Pierce, which has branches in several other cities, and of Dade Lumber Company of Miami, Tylander, Inc. of West Palm Beach, and Tylander Lumber Company of Fort Pierce. He was instrumental in founding the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Fort Pierce, which he serves as president; is a Rotarian, Mason and Shriner, and has been very active all his life in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Errol S. Willes are the parents of two children, born at Fort Pierce:

1. Richard Errol Willes, born April 4, 1934, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy and is now a Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Laredo, Texas. He married Jo Ellen Peacock of Jacksonville.

2. William Frederick Willes, born October 4, 1939, is now (1959) a junior at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

CHARLES R. P. BROWN

Prominent in legal circles in Fort Pierce, Charles R. P. Brown has been in practice there since 1946 and is now serving his second term as Assistant State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit. Mr. Brown also plays a leading role in the civic life of Fort Pierce.

Born at Pikesville, Maryland, October 23, 1916, he is a son of Charles R. P. Brown, Sr., and Mary Welsh Howard Rhodes, both natives of Maryland, where his father was born June 13, 1881, and his mother on July 8, 1882. His father came to Florida to buy citrus as a commission broker. He died in Pikesville in July, 1925. Mrs. Brown died at Fort Pierce in May of 1956.

The education of Charles Brown, Jr., was begun in the town of his birth and continued in Orlando, Florida, where he graduated from high school in 1935. Going on to the University of Florida he graduated in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Adminstration, and after two more years of study in the College of Law received his LL.B. degree with honors, having the second highest rating in his class. He was a member of the Florida Blue Key, the Phi Kappa Phi scholastic fraternity and the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, of which he was historian.

In August of 1941, Mr. Brown began to practice law in Orlando as an associate in the firm of Tilden and Hays. On October 9, 1942, he entered the United States Army Air Corps and served in the India-China Wing of the Air Transport Command at Jorhat, India. Having applied for Officers Candidate School, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in July, 1945, and served until April 1, 1946, at which time he went on inactive status. His reserve unit, the 492nd Aerial Photo Interpreter Team, was recalled to service in September, 1950, and served with the First Division, G-2 Section, in Germany. He was finally released from the Army in January, 1952, with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Upon his first return from the Army, Mr. Brown came to Fort Pierce and in April, 1946, entered into partnership with John Moore McCarty. On September 19, 1957, Mr. McCarty was appointed Circuit Judge, and Mr. Brown then formed a partnership with Byron T. Cooksey, who had been an associate in the firm of McCarty and Brown for the previous two years.

In February of 1953, Mr. Brown became Administrative Assistant to the late Governor Dan McCarty while the latter was governor. He was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court of Fort Pierce in the fall of 1953 and served until he resigned in June, 1955. Appointed Assistant State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit July 31, 1955, and reappointed by Governor Collins in July, 1959, he is now serving in this office. In October, 1958, he was appointed to the City Planning Board of Fort Pierce by the County Commissioners.

A member of the American Bar Association as well as the state and local bars, he is a past member of the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar and a past president of St. Lucie County Bar Association. He is also a past president of the Fort Pierce Junior Chamber of Commerce and of the Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club; a director of the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital, past director of St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and has served as fund chairman of St. Lucie County March of Dimes and the St. Lucie County Cancer Crusade. He holds membership in the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, the Alumni of the University of Florida and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church he is a member of the vestry. For relaxation he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Charles R. P. Brown was married at Fort Pierce on August 16, 1950, to Jean Mustaine, daughter of Charles Donald and Florence (White) Mustaine, who was born at Fort Pierce July 31, 1925. She is a member of the Singers Seminar, a Fort Pierce group which presents concerts twice a year; also a member of the choral group of the Sandy Shoes Festival and has sung with this group since the festival started. She is very active in church affairs, particularly choral work.

The Browns have three children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Suzanne LaClaire Brown, born June 23, 1944.
2. Charles R. P. Brown III, born February 28, 1955.
3. Donald Welsh Brown, born July 21, 1956.

WALTER PETERSON

In April of 1900, an immigrant Swedish boy of seventeen arrived in Belleville, New Jersey, and went to work as coachman and gardner for a Dr. Skinner. Today he is a director of two banks in Fort Pierce; owns forty acres of citrus grove; can look back to fifty years in the fishing business on Florida's east coast; and is winding up thirty years as a distributor for the

American Oil Company, having been with that company in Florida longer than all but one man.

Walter Peterson, son of Peter John, a farmer, and Hanna Olson Peterson, was born at Jemjo, near Karlskrona, Sweden, November 21, 1882. He finished high school at Jemjo before embarking for America.

About 1903 he came to Fort Pierce, Florida, and got started in the fishing business. By 1911 he had a fleet of six boats and began operating a wholesale fish business under his own name, the Walter Peterson Fish Company. His fleet increased through the years until, about 1930, it had reached the size of 52 boats. This large fishing fleet Mr. Peterson continued to operate for another twenty-three years, finally selling it in 1953. The property occupied by his fish business he sold to the City of Fort Pierce for parking space.

In April of 1930, Mr. Peterson was appointed distributor for the Pan American Petroleum Corporation, now the American Oil Company, and he still holds this agency. He bought his first ten acres of citrus grove in 1917 and planted twenty more acres, all of which was eventually sold. Then he bought forty-five acres on Orange Avenue Extension and in time added another twenty-five acres, which he has planted. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, and his wife, who also has a grove, is a member of Fort Pierce Growers Association.

From about 1930 to 1946 Mr. Peterson served the City of Fort Pierce as Commissioner. He is a director of the Florida Bank and director and vice-president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, both of Fort Pierce; also a past director of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Comerce, an honorary member of the Florida Sheriff's Association, a life member of Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital Association, and a charter member of Elks Lodge #1520 which he served as trustee for fifteen years. A Mason, he is a member of Fort Pierce Lodge #87, Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami and Fort Pierce Shrine Club; also a member of the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce and the Pelican Yacht Club.

Mr. Peterson was first married in Brooklyn, New York, on September 21, 1912, to Marie Swenson, now deceased. Their daughter, Ethel Marie, was born August 21, 1913, at Fort Pierce. She married Harry James Kickliter, State Senator from the Ninth District of Florida, and they have a son, Harry James Kickliter, Jr.

On July 21, 1928, at Fort Pierce, Mr. Peterson married Vida Bean, daughter of Charles H. and Isabella (Phillips) Bean, who was born June 3, 1894, in West Virginia. Mrs. Peterson is a member of the Anna Miller Circle of the local Elks Lodge and the Rebecca Lodge of the Order of Oddfellows at Fort Pierce.

BURGESS ELLIOTT ALDERMAN

The names of Alderman, Hollingsworth, Parker, Blount, and Willingham are bound up with the history of pioneer days in Florida. About 1850 James Alderman, grandfather of Burgess Elliott, moved from Thomas County, Georgia, to Hillsborough County, Florida, and settled on the Big Alafia River, where he became a large landowner and cattleman, owning over 30,000 head of cattle on the open range. He was an influential citizen and his large family became prominent and worthy men and women throughout Florida. In 1956 Burgess Elliott Alderman was presented with a plaque by the St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association, which reads:

"To B. E. Alderman, pioneer cattleman for fifty years, in recognition of his contribution to the cattle industry."

But actually in this year Mr. Alderman can look back to seventy years of handling cattle, for he started in as a cowboy at the age of twelve, and he is now eighty-two.

He was born at Pine Level, DeSoto County, Florida, on August 6, 1877. His father, William Alderman, was born in Thomas County, Georgia, in 1838, and died at Micco Bluff on the Kissimmee River, Florida, about 1878. He was a cattleman in the Alafia River section of Hillsborough County. B. E.'s mother was Martha Jane Hollingsworth. The name of Hollingsworth appears on the muster rolls of the Seminole War in the Fort Meade district about 1856. Martha Jane Alderman died at Bassinger, Florida, December 23, 1929.

B. E. Alderman received his early education in a one-room schoolhouse in Arcadia, taught by a Mr. Bogges, another pioneer name in Florida's history. One of his earliest jobs was setting out citrus groves for George Rogers. At the age of twelve he came to Bassinger and worked as a cowboy for various cattlemen. Twenty years later, in 1909, he moved to Fort Pierce and continued to work as a cowboy for the East Coast Cattle Company for another nine years. About 1918 he became an independent operator in the cattle business.

In 1936, Mr. Alderman bought 9,000 acres for a ranch in Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties. Known as the Alderman Ranch, it is now operated by his son and two daughters. Their brand is U.L. and they raise commercial cattle, Florida bred mixed with Hereford and some Shorthorns, which are sold at private sales and at the Okeechobee Livestock Auction Market. The family also has citrus groves in St. Lucie County.

At Bassinger on March 24, 1901, Burgess Elliott Alderman married Dollie Lee Parker, who was born at Whittier, now Kenansville, in Osceola County, on May 19, 1882. Her father, Reddin Blount Parker, was born near Bartow February 29, 1848, and died in Osceola County February 18, 1891. Her mother, Ellen Willingham, was born at Fort Meade May 14, 1851, and died at Fort Pierce March 8, 1933.

Reddin Blount Parker, Sr., son of Streaty Parker and Mary Blount, married Ellen Willingham, daughter of William and Annie Hilliard Willingham, at Fort Meade, Florida, on August 7, 1868. They lived in Bartow until 1879, when Mr. Parker moved his family and cattle to Osceola County and started a ranch and farm between Lake Jackson and Lake Marian. He drove his beef cattle to Tampa, 200 miles, and shipped them to Cuba and other sea ports. He lived on his ranch and farm until his death in 1891. It has been sold many times but is still called the Parker place.

The children of R. B. and Ellen (Willingham) Parker were:

1. Bertha Parker Walker, born October 28, 1871, at Bartow; died March 4, 1939, at Okeechobee.

2. Jack Marion Parker, born June 6, 1878, at Bartow; died November 1, 1952, at Fort Pierce.

3. Dollie Parker Alderman, born May 19, 1882, at Whittier (Kenansville); living in Fort Pierce.

4. Annie Letitia Parker Daughtry, born November 5, 1885, in Osceola County; living at Indiantown, Martin County.

5. Reddin Blount Parker, Jr., born February 17, 1889,

Burgess Alderman, Sr.

Dollie Alderman

in Osceola County; died December 12, 1940, at Fort Pierce.

When they were married Mr. Alderman brought lumber for the house they were to build at Fort Bassinger, by two yoke of oxen and a wagon, from Fort Drum to Bassinger. The house is still standing. The Aldermans celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on March 24, 1960.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Alderman:

1. Burgess Elliott, Jr., born at Bassinger on March 22, 1903, married Frances Allen of Jacksonville, and they have two children, James E. and Linda Joyce (Alderman) DeLoney.

2. Thekla Ellen (Alderman) Sauls, born April 11, 1905, at Bassinger, married Bertram Sauls of Jacksonville Beach. They have a son, Leslie. Leslie and Saundra Sauls have a daughter, Cindy Louellen.

3. Leslie Leon Alderman, born at Bassinger September 20, 1907, died at Fort Pierce April 4, 1924.

4. Jane Ernestine (Alderman) Van Landingham, born April 5, 1915, at Fort Pierce, married Samuel Pierre Van Landingham of Fort Pierce. They have two sons, Kyle and Larue.

Both Mr. Alderman, Sr., and his son, Elliott, are members of St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association and of Florida Citrus Mutual and Fort Pierce Growers Association. Elliott is a member of St. Lucie County Farm Bureau. For several years he was Superintendent of Mail at the Post Office in Fort Pierce. Both father and son are Democrats and members of the Presbyterian Church.

The following obituary notices are of interest to the Alderman and Carlton families. Their inclusion was requested by Mrs. B. E. Alderman, Sr.

"We are pained to chronicle the death of one of Osceola county's most prominent and respected citizens, the late William Alderman, who died at the home of his son, D. L. Alderman, at Fort Bassinger on Monday, Januarv 30, 1893. Mr. Alderman had been several months suffering with lung troubles, and recently dropsy of the heart which was the immediate cause of his death. Mr. Alderman settled on the Kissimmee River several years ago where he was largely engaged in the cattle business, and by close attention and honorable dealings he had become one of the largest cattle owners in South Florida. To the afflicted family we join all the good people of Osceola County in extending our heartfelt sympathy." Osceola Gazette.

"Funeral services for Mrs. M. J. Alderman, 84, resident of Fort Bassenger for many years, whose death occurred Wednesday morning (December 23, 1929), were held at the Fort Bassenger cemetery at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Deceased is survived by seven sons and one daughter, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral services. One son, B. E. Alderman, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Thekla Sauls, reside in Fort Pierce."

"Indian Town, Florida—Our entire community was shocked by the very sudden death of one of our prominent young men, Kile Alderman, on March 2nd (1921), at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Alderman was born September 19, 1898, at Bassenger, Florida. He came to Indian Town in 1918 and has been employed by Bower Brothers ever since. While here Mr. Alderman made many friends who deeply regret his sudden death. He was recently married to Miss Hettie Shivo of Indian Town, who survives him. He is also survived by his father and mother, two brothers and two sisters, all residing in Fort Pierce, Florida, to whom our community extends its deepest sympathy."

"Mrs. Ellen Willingham Parker, 82, long a resident of Fort Pierce, died at her residence on Orange Avenue at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday from a complication of heart trouble and pneumonia.

"Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of the H. Ryland Cox funeral home with the Rev. W. C. Fountain, pastor of Hendry Memorial Methodist church, officiating. Interment will be in the Fort Pierce cemetery. Dr. G. C. Hardie, in charge of the music, will be assisted by Collis H. Brenner, Mrs. Arthur Jennings, Mrs. N. G. Platts and Mrs. Maud McCombs.

"Mrs. Parker was born May 14, 1851, in Hillsboro County, Florida, where she lived until 1907, when she came to Fort Pierce to make her residence. On August 7, 1868, at Fort Meade, she married R. B. Parker, who died on February 18, 1891. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. S. Walker of Okeechobee, Mrs. J. T. Daughtry of Brighton and Mrs. B. E. Alderman of Fort Pierce; two sons, J. M. Parker and R. B. Parker, Jr., of Fort Pierce; a sister, Mrs. Matilda Waters; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her sons and daughters were all at her bedside at the time of her death. Mrs. Parker joined the Methodist church in the year 1872 and lived a faithful, consistent Christian unto the end."

"Mrs. Matilda (Willingham) Waters, aged 90, resident of this community for many years, died early Tuesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. W. Carlton, at Ten-Mile, after an extended illness.

"Funeral services will be conducted at the Carlton cemetery at Ten-Mile at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, with Rev. G. H. Moore of the First Baptist church officiating and the Fee Mortuary Co. in charge. The deceased is survived by seven daughters, Mrs. Carlton, Mary Montesdoca of Ten-Mile, Mrs. Alice Childers of Fort Pierce, Mrs. Joseph Godwin of Fort Meade, Mrs. Adeline M. Gruber of Kissimmee, Mrs. Donella Raulerson of Bartow and Mrs. Ada Bass of St. Cloud; together with a number of other relatives."

Mrs. Alderman, Sr., also submits the following item:

" 'The Memories of an Old Man,' printed March 4, 1951. Mrs. Alma Hetherington in her column of the St. Cloud News tells of a visit with an old-timer, Gabe White, who came from Georgia in 1874. His memory is good. He told Mrs. Hetherington many interesting stories of pioneer days in Florida.

"I asked him what he had heard about the mystery of the old Parker place, north of Kenansville, Florida, and he said that Reddin B. Parker lived and died there and it was believed that he had lots of gold buried there somewhere and that his spirit haunted the place, guarding his gold. There has been lots of digging around there but no gold found. Cow hunters camping there were wary of any noise they heard. Many would run in terror if they heard unusual sounds. The supposed buried treasure was never found, that anyone knows about.

"Another old timer was Bill Willingham. He had a big cattle ranch west of Kissimmee River.

"The old man proudly informed Mrs. Hetherington that he was the only volunteer from this section for service in the Spanish-American war. Only four men went from this county."

LESLIE LEON ALDERMAN

The reason why some are allotted a long span of life and others a very brief one is one of the mysteries which may be revealed in the life to come. Of those who die in the freshness of early youth the words of the poet, Francis Thompson, seem to apply:

"But just as their young eyes grew sudden fair
With dawning answers there,
Their angel plucked them from me by the hair."

At the age of sixteen Leslie Leon Alderman, son of Burgess Elliott Alderman, Sr., and Dollie Lee (Farker) Alderman of Fort Pierce, was killed in an automobile accident on his way home from Lemon City, Dade County, where he and his classmates had participated in a baseball game between Fort Pierce High School and Dade County Agricultural High School. The date was April 4, 1924. Born in Bassinger, now Okeechobee, then Osceola County, September 20, 1907, he had lived in Fort Pierce since he was a year old, and was a sophomore in Fort Pierce High School at the time of his death.

News of the tragedy cast a pall over Fort Pierce. Funeral services were held in the local Presbysterian church, conducted by the Rev. H. W. McCombs assisted by Dr. E. P. Thomson. Every available seat in the auditorium and connecting rooms was occupied by fellow students, friends and loved ones, and many were standing. There were elaborate floral offerings, including beautiful wreaths from the local Miami and Lake Worth high schools and from his classmates. Rev. McCombs, one of his teachers, paid a beautiful tribute to the character and life of the boy, mentioning his popularity in school, his studiousness and his clean life. Interment was made in the local cemetery, and the procession of cars extended from Avenue A clear to the cemetery. The pallbearers were fellow members of the high school baseball team: Allen Norris, Clair Smith, C. F. Ordway, Jr., Edgar Roylance, Calvin Poppell, and Wadsworth Trowell.

An obituary in a local newspaper paid the young victim the following tribute:

"Clean in his speech and habits, ambitious and diligent in his work, magnanimous even in his play, and faithful to every trust, he was in truth a most excellent and admirable boy, and in proportion as we enjoyed his society and gloried in his achievements we do now mourn his loss."

Nearly two years later, on February 26, 1926, the graduating class of that year, which was Leslie's class, dedicated a memorial to "the greatest sport and most manly boy who has graced our high school." The bronze relief slab bore the inscription:

"In honor and affectionate appreciation of

LESLIE L. ALDERMAN

May the memory of his fine character and spirit ever be cherished by the students of Fort Pierce High School."

The Rev. H. W. McCombs led the devotional services. The dedicatory speech was made by William Tylander of the class of '26, who said:

"As a representative of the Senior Class, I take pleasure in presenting to you a memorial of our beloved classmate—Leslie Alderman. We desire that the students of Fort Pierce High School have always before them in this memorial a reminder of that higher type of student. We all know that in Leslie were exemplified those qualities which, if followed by each one of us, would make Fort Pierce High School not only the best school in the state but the best in the world. A high sense of honor, clean sportsmanship, good scholarship, a fine sense of helpfulness and cooperation, unselfishness and cheerfulness—these were some of the characteristics of our friend and classmate. May this memorial be a constant reminder of our dear friend and of a type of student which we may all become if we desire."

Ernestine Alderman, Leslie's little sister, unveiled the memorial to her brother.

In accepting the memorial in the name of the school, the principal, Mr. Taylor, said in part:

"In the long stretch of time this slab will crumble and decay . . . But the life and character of Leslie Alderman will live on. You stood shoulder to shoulder with him for right. You felt his heart-throbs in the struggle for truth. You caught his inspiration for higher ideals. You are better because Leslie Alderman lived. He lives today in your better selves. You in turn will hand on this noble life, and Leslie Alderman will live foreever."

The following verses were written by a classmate for a school year book:

LESLIE
By Calvin Poppell

"That was an awful date last year,
When we went on our two days' trip;
And one, not knowing the end was near,
Was happy;—for we had no tip.

That, tho' we played our game that day,
And on the morrow would do the same,
He who was leader in our play,
Would be gone—leaving only his name.

We won one game and lost the other.
Not so bad—after all we'd gone through;
We talked of the day when we might play another,
What the future held—no one knew.

Then, at last, we were homeward bound;
Telling jokes—having lots of fun,
Singing—or maybe just making sound,
Rarely finishing the song begun.

We saw headlights, but had no care—
We'd passed a hundred cars since dark;
Of course this car would onward fare.
We never saw the roadway mark!

Then!—A tree ahead! We heard a crash!
Crawled out! Who was hurt the most?
The car resembled a heap of trash;
The fellows lay like lifeless posts.

One was cut and one was bruised,
While two of us seemed all right,
But even now I grow confused
When I think of that dreadful sight.

Brave Leslie, who always helped us win!
Dear old classmate, faithful friend,
Who stuck to the team through thick and thin;
Poor Leslie! for him, this was the end!

It was hard, fellows, to meet his mother,
That dear old mother who had been his guide;
His weeping sisters—his father—his brother.
Of whom he had been the joy and pride.

We laid him to rest 'neath the whispering pines,
That his sleep might go on forever more,
Where happy birds sing and the bright sun shines,
And in the distance—old ocean's roar.

Who will keep watch o'er the lowly mound
That covers the form of one so dear?
For that we are all in loyalty bound—
Keep watch—and remember—year after year!"

WILLIAM LANGFORD RICE

William Langford Rice planted his first tomatoes when he was eleven years old and has been a tomato grower most of his life. Out of the first crop he grew on his own, about 1936, he shipped 17 carloads off 17 acres. This was at Rockdale, between Perrine and South Miami. He moved to Fort Pierce in 1948 and established W. L. Rice Farms, which he operated successfully until 1957, when he sold out to Jack Esformes Corporation. His fall crop of 1953 ranked tops in the New York market. Mr. Rice continues to farm, although on a smaller scale.

He was born in Miami May 20, 1916, son of Richard Hoyle and Naomi Delores (Mayolini) Rice, who was born at Key West March 31, 1888, and is living in Miami. Richard Rice was born at Tucson, Arizona, December 14, 1885, and died in Miami March 21, 1944. With his father, Tom Rice, he came to Florida from Fort Scott, Kansas, about 1901. They bought acreage and started planting small grapefruit groves. They had a packing house at Coconut Grove and later at Kendall and Goulds, all in Dade County. With a Mr. Peacock, Richard Rice founded the Peacock-Rice Lumber Company of Coconut Grove about 1920, and the Coconut Grove Boat Works, a corporation he served as president, about 1926. On his converted grove property in southwest Miami he built "Vedado," a boom-time real estate development. He was active in Dade County politics and was Commissioner about 1917.

William L. Rice attended Miss Harris's School on Brickell Avenue in Miami for the first four years, then the public schools of Dade County, and graduated from Ponce de Leon High School, Coral Gables, in 1934.

After raising tomatoes in the Miami district for some fourteen years, he came to Fort Pierce and leased land at Indian Trail Ranch, which was formerly virgin pine land. In the spring of 1954 he had about 400 acres in production there and 350 acres elsewhere in the vicinity of Fort Pierce, and also had 160 acres planted in watermelons. He had his own packing plant at Fort Pierce where the tomatoes were graded, sized and processed, and on the third morning after being picked they were delivered in New York City. His top-label tomato was "Billy's Pride" and his second best "Little Bill," named for his young son.

However, raising tomatoes in Florida is not all roses. As Mr. Rice put it, you can win in the long run with the help of the fertilizer companies, the Lord willing and weather permitting. First there is clearing, ditching, diking and installation of pumps on virgin soil. After diking his fields Mr. Rice flooded them and then pumped them down, holding the water level to the desired height. He figured on one pump for every 20 acres, and in the spring he pumped for some 90 days to keep the moisture during the dry season. On the other hand, too much rain will spoil the crop. Tomatoes require 90 to 100 days to mature, and from the time they are two weeks old until the last tomato is picked, they have to be sprayed. He used a spraying machine for each 50 to 60 acres. Modern equipment is a "must" in the tomato industry, and it all adds up to a big investment before a tomato is picked.

Mr. Rice is a member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association and served as an alternate member of the Florida Tomato Committee of Orlando. He is a member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, a past director of the First Mortgage Corporation of Fort Pierce, now inactive, a charter member of Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, a member of Elks Lodge #1520 and the Pelican Yacht Club. In politics he is a Democrat and in religion an Episcopalian.

At Miami on January 21, 1946, he married Celia Maria Marcotte, daughter of Alfred L. and Corinne (Benard) Marcotte, who was born at Willsboro, New York, November 9, 1917. Mrs. Rice has been vice-chairman of St. Lucie County Planning and Zoning Board, a director of the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital Association, secretary of the St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and last year (1958) was chairman of the Cancer Drive. She is active in the Fort Pierce Woman's Club and in many other civic projects and bridge circles, and is a member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

The Rices have three children, the first two being children of Mrs. Rice by a previous marriage. They are:

1. Jean Ann Pierce Parks, born November 16, 1936, at Plattsburg, N.Y.

2. Martina Yvette, born April 22, 1942, at Syracuse, N.Y.

3. William Langford Rice, Jr., born November 16, 1953, at Fort Pierce.

AL C. GORDY

Al C. Gordy, the General Manager of the Fort Pierce plant, W. R. Grace and Company, Davison Chemical Division, has been in the fertilizer business since 1931.

Mr. Gordy became sales representative for the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company on the east coast of Florida in 1931 and continued to work for this company until July, 1936, when he and three others organized the Indian River Guano Company which manufactured fertilizer.

He was president and general manager of the Indian River Guano Company until it was sold to Naco Fertilizer Company in 1950. At that time he became Sales Manager of Naco. In 1954 Davison Chemical Company took over the active management of the Naco Fertilizer Company and Mr. Gordy was made General Manager of the Fort Pierce plant, which position he holds at the present time.

Meanwhile, from 1937 to 1955, Mr. Gordy was a partner in another business, the Gordy and Sloan Cattle Company. This business was sold in 1955. During that period of time he was a member of the St. Lucie County

Cattlemen's Association. He was also one of the organizers of the St. Lucie County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Gordy's original home was in Girdletree, Maryland, where his parents were also born. They were Rufus A. Gordy and Bertie P. (Figgs) Gordy. Both died in Fort Pierce, Florida, his father in November, 1926, and his mother in May, 1954.

Born January 21, 1901, Al graduated from Girdletree High School in June, 1918, and from Washington College, Chesterton, Maryland, in June, 1923, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. While attending college he was a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams. He was captain of the basketball team in his senior year. Al was also president of his freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. He took an active part in their student government; in fact, was one of the organizers of this form of student control at Washington College. He served on the Student Council during his sophomore, junior and senior years and during his senior year was president of this governing body. At the end of his senior year Al was votcd the most outstanding male college student.

After graduating from college, he played professional ball with both Newark and Buffalo International Leagues.

In the fall of 1923 he bought a ten-acre grove in west St. Lucie County, Florida, and has lived there ever since. In 1925 he had twenty-five acres of grove property and during the years did own as high as 200 acres of citrus groves. The last of his groves was sold during the year 1958.

Mr. Gordy is a member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, of Elks Lodge #1520, a charter member of the Pelican Yacht Club and of the Indian Hills Country Club, now inactive in the latter. He is a Democrat, but over the years has never taken too active a part in politics.

FRED V. MONAHAN

Fred V. Monahan, President of Floors and Carpets, Incorporated, is one of the most civic-minded citizens of the Fort Pierce community.

He was born August 30, 1920, at North Bergen, New Jersey, son of Christopher J. Monahan, born January, 1895, in New Jersey, and Elsie Louise Christiansen, born January, 1897, in Fairview, New Jersey. Both parents are now living in West New York, New Jersey. Christopher Monahan is associated with the General Chemical Corporation at their Edgewater, New Jersey, plant and is planning on retiring soon.

Fred Monahan had his first schooling at St. John's Catholic School in Fairview, New Jersey, graduated from the Cliffside, New Jersey, High School in 1938, and obtained his B.S. degree from Fordham University in 1948. His years at the University were not easy ones, for he attended his classes in the evenings and had several part-time positions during his remaining free hours. He was employed at this time by the General Chemical Company and was also an actor. After serving his time in the Army he worked for Gimbels, New York, as a buyer in their store.

He retired for about a year, from 1951 to 1952, and then went to Fort Pierce, where he was employed by the J. C. Penney Company as a salesman. He was married October 5, 1952, at Fort Pierce, to Rosalind C. Ozmon, born January 5, 1926, at Mt. Vernon, New York. She is the daughter of Walter Ozmon and Mollie Rhoder.

After his marriage he worked for a paint company and then a carpet company, each for a short time, after which he and C. Tom Peterman, along with others who have since been bought out, established Floors and Carpets, Incorporated, in April of 1954. Floors and Carpets, Incorporated, located at 1307 Orange Avenue, contracts to install all types of flooring and floor covering, and also handles a complete line of finished building supplies such as hardware, fixtures, doors, and the like.

Being very much interested in golf and civic work, Mr. Monahan is a member of the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club and in 1957 was president of the Fort Pierce Lions Club. He is currently the district governor of district 35D in the Lions International, and serves as secretary-treasurer of the Florida Council of Governors of the Lions. He is the president of the St. Lucie County Welfare Board, president of the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, vice-president of the St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Federation of the Blind, and since 1957, has served on the St. Lucie County Indigent Board. A Democrat, he served as city commissioner in Cliffside, New Jersey, from 1945 to 1952.

Mr. Monahan has had an outstanding military career. He served with the 77th Infantry Division from 1942 to 1946 and after receiving special training for a combat unit, was stationed in the Philippines, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, where he was severely wounded in both legs and was in Army hospitals from late 1944 to 1946. He was awarded the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star with clusters, and the Purple Heart with clusters. He was discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant, a battlefield commission, and after receiving this permanent rank he retired from the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Monahan are both interested in the St. Lucie Retarded Children's Association with Mrs. Monahan being the immediate vice-president of the organization. She also has served as the state secretary of the Florida Retarded Children's Association and presently is a director of the St. Lucie County Regional Library.

The Monahans have three children. They are:

1. Patrick Chang Monahan, born August 22, 1954, in Korea.

2. Michael Ozmon Monahan, born October 17, 1955, in Fort Pierce.

3. Kelly Louise Monahan, born May 23, 1958, in Fort Pierce.

STEPHEN ALEXANDER MISIK, JR.

On the occasion of his candidacy for the office of City Commissioner of Fort Pierce in November, 1958, the Fort Pierce News-Tribune printed the following comment on the qualifications of Stephen A. Misik, Jr.

"Steve Misik is one of the outstanding younger business men of Fort Pierce. He would be just as outstanding as a city commissioner. He has what it takes . . . ability, judgment, business experience and a sincere desire to serve his community. This desire to serve is no new thing—he has demonstrated it by constructive and valuable work over the years in various community projects and local organizations.

"Not only is his general background solid, but Misik's basic knowledge of construction—that's his busi-

ness, after all—would prove a valuable asset. And, being a resident of Fort Pierce since 1946, he has the knowledge of local conditions essential to sound planning. He stands, clearly, for the continuation of sound business principles in city government, orderly expansion of our utilities, and greater development of our economy. He is the kind of young, progressive businessman every city needs in its government."

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 3, 1916, he is a son of Stephen Alexander, Sr., and Agnes (Nagy) Misik, both natives of Hungary, where his father was born November 4, 1885, and his mother on April 27, 1891. Both are living in Fort Pierce. The senior Mr. Misik was in the construction business with his son until he retired in 1951.

Steve was educated in the public schools of Ashtabula, and worked in a bakery there from 1931 to 1936. He started his apprenticeship as a carpenter in April, 1936, and has been in construction work ever since.

In June, 1944, Steve Misik entered the United States Air Force at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, and took basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. He attended Weather Observer School at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, and served as weather observer at Mitchell Field, Long Island, and Lunkin Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio, until February 5, 1946, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal.

Coming to Florida in May, 1946, he and his father organized the S. A. Misik Construction Company, which in 1954 was incorporated as Misik-Lester Construction Company, Inc. They do both commercial and residential building. They have built additions to the Francis K. Sweet School, Fort Pierce, the St. Lucie County Junior High School, Okeechobee High School, and the Fort Pierce National Guard Armory. All the homes in block 8 of the Tucker Terrace subdivision and 24 homes in Misik's resubdivision of Maraville Park were built by them, and they are in the process of building the Country Club Estates consisting of 39 lots, all in Fort Pierce, and 25 homes in the Pinewood Subdivision in Fort Pierce.

Mr. Misik is a member of the Fort Pierce Contractors Association, past vice-president of the First Mortgage Corporation of Fort Pierce, Inc., a director of Auto Supply of Vero Beach, Inc. and Auto Supply of Fort Pierce, Inc., and secretary of Jet Enterprises of Florida, Inc., with offices at Fort Pierce. For a few years he was a cattleman, having bought a 225-acre ranch in 1950 on which he had 175 head of commercial cattle when he sold the outfit in 1954.

Elected Commissioner of the North Side District of the City of Fort Pierce, he took office December 11, 1958, and through this office represents the City Commission on the St. Lucie County Library Board as a director of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a past vice-president of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and was a director at the time of the organization of the Sandy Shoes Festival.

Active in Masonry, Mr. Misik is a member of Fort Pierce Lodge #87, Lake Worth Consistory, Mahi Temple Shrine at Miami, the Southeastern Shrine Clown Association, and Fort Pierce Shrine Club, of which he is a past director. He has been an Elk for 23 years and is a member of Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce; a member of Stephen N. Gladwin Post #40 of the American Legion for 14 years; a member of the Pelican Yacht Club, Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, and Trinity Lutheran Church of Fort Pierce. His wife is active in the church choir and in women's church work.

Mrs. Misik is the former Frances Charlotte Macy of Ashtabula, Ohio, where she was born February 9, 1922, daughter of Aaron Alonzo and Fannie (Arvidson) Macy. She married Mr. Misik in Ashtabula on October 15, 1939. They have four children:

1. Stephen Alexander Misik, III, born in Ashtabula, Ohio, September 4, 1942.
2. Sharon Frances, born in Ashtabula June 21, 1944.
3. Sally Pamela, born in Fort Pierce December 7, 1953.
4. John Aaron Misik, born in Fort Pierce July 21, 1956.

For recreation Mr. Misik enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

OLIVE WESLER COMMONS

The "House of Commons" of Coconut Grove is the home and studio of the artist, Olive Wesler Commons, who was among the first to discover the possibilities of utilizing Florida motifs in ceramic art. Her specialty is Platinum Palm Ware, which won the "Highest Award of Merit" at the New York World's Fair of 1939-40.

Olive Wesler was born in the city of Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, June 8, 1880. Her father, John Conkle Wesler, who was born in Wayne County, Indiana, was apprenticed as a youth to a builder of brick houses. During the fifties, sixties, and seventies of the 19th century, he built many one-room schoolhouses in Indiana and Ohio and also built residences. As a teenager he was a student in a schoolhouse he helped to build. Olive's mother was Annie B. Parrish, a native of Greenville, Ohio. The future artist was educated through high school in Richmond, Indiana. She specialized in art at school and took lessons in art from private teachers.

On June 19, 1902, she married Arthur B. Commons, who was born in Richmond, Indiana, November 7, 1879, son of Lindorff and Alice (Harvey) Commons, both natives of Wayne County, Indiana. As a young married woman she began painting china and became a noted artist in her home town, where she was active in a number of art clubs.

When, in 1908, she and her husband moved to an island in the St. Johns River in Central Florida, she found much to inspire her in the native scenery and began sketching the rugged grace of live oak trees in a smoky drift of Spanish moss; the splendor of sunset and dawn across the water; the beauty of palms and pines and sea birds in flight. Every window in her island home framed a magnificient view. One day she painted one of these scenes on a small porcelain medallion and sent it to a friend in the North. The result was so pleasing that she made several to be mounted as jewelry for Christmas gifts.

Florida visitors, seeing these, insisted on buying them as souvenirs; and so, with the aid of her husband, Olive Commons went into business. Her "Cameonas", tiny pieces of china painted with Florida scenes and mounted as jewelry, became very popular. At least 2,000 a year were sold, mainly to stores througout the state, and many were sent out each year to all parts of the United States and to foreign countries.

In 1924 the Commons family moved to Miami and took up their abode in Coconut Grove, where Mrs. Commons still maintains her studio. A clever bit of advertising was done by her husband in the

Olive W. Commons

following verse, headed by the title, "House of Commons":

"The Banyan is a spreading tree;
It spreads and spreads, as you will see.
It grows in a land where the sun is bright;
It grows all day and grows all night.
It bears no fruit except a fig
That's good for nothing but a pig.
But the Banyan tree does have a use,
For elastic is made of Banyan juice.
It gives you shade when the weather's warm
And it sheds the rain in time of storm.
The largest Banyan in the U.S.A.
Is found at Douglas and Main Highway.
Just six miles south of the center of town,
Where all the visitors drive around.
Under this tree, in a bungalow,
There lives an artist that you should know.
In the 'House of Commons' she does her chore,
And visitors have made a path to her door.
If a little curious you might be,
A visit will solve the mystery.
3940 Main Highway, Coconut Grove."

It was after moving to Coconut Grove that Mrs. Commons developed her unique medium—the use of platinum in painting on china. Motifs of graceful palms, live oaks with festoons of Spanish moss, and other typical Florida scenes are adapted to pleasing shapes of tableware, flower holders and other articles of best grade china. Miniatures in platinum, as well as colors, are painted on porcelain and mounted as tie clips, dress clips, brooches, and so forth. Some of the pieces are done in reverse design, the motif in white against a background of platinum. Whatever the combination, the gleaming silver color against the fine white china is beautiful, and it has the advantage over silver and some other metals that it will not tarnish but retains its lustre permanently.

No two designs are exactly alike. Each piece is free-hand work, equisitely executed to the minutest detail. Each one is painted twice and fired twice to insure permanence. A white heat, or 1800 degrees, is necessary to melt the glaze of the china and fuse it with the platinum design. The process is protected against imitation by copyright. Having her own kiln in her studio, Mrs. Commons does all of her firing as well as the designing and sketching.

Tourists have made a beaten track to the "House of Commons" in Coconut Grove, and the works of art they carry away are carefully preserved as treasures in many homes. The creations of this clever artist have not only brought her nation-wide attention but have carried to the coldest climates a touch of Florida's warmth and beauty.

An illustrated full-page article on the "House of Commons" and its artist, under the title "Florida Scene in Ceramics", by Helen Stewart Knaus, appeared in the Sunday magazine of the Miami Daily News of January 16, 1949. This article is freely quoted in this biography.

Mrs. Commons is a member of the Miami branch of the League of American Pen Women, Inc., a former member of the Coconut Grove Woman's Club, and a member of the Second Church of Christ Scientist of Miami. Both she and Mr. Commons taught Sunday School classes and were interested in children. Mr. Commons was a contributor to the start of the University of Miami and his name is among those placed in the cornerstone at the dedication ceremony. His death occurred in 1945. To his sales promotion and management Mrs. Commons attributes the business succes of her venture.

DAMON BRONK INGRAM

Damon Bronk Ingram, founder of Ingram's Appliances in Fort Pierce, was born May 12, 1905, at Delta, Alabama, son of George Forrest Ingram and Frances Smith. George Ingram, born in Delta, was a farmer and for twenty years prior to his death was Postmaster at Delta. His wife died in Delta also.

Damon Ingram received his first educational training in the public schools of Delta, and later in 1925, graduated from Lineville High School in Lineville, Alabama. Shortly after his completion of high school, he graduated from Massey Business College in Montgomery, Alabama. He also completed two years of study with La Salle Extension University in Chicago, Illinois.

He worked in the Fort Pierce Bank and Trust Company in 1925 as a bookkeeper until the bank failed in 1927. When it reopened again in 1928, he was employed there as the head teller until 1932 when he became the office manager in the Fort Pierce Agency of the Gulf Oil Company. In 1942 he became office manager of the Humphries Tire Company in Fort Pierce for a period of four years. Still associated with Humphries, he worked another eight years for the company as store manager. On March 25, 1955, he opened Ingram Appliances in a building a few doors from the one where the business is presently located. Ingram Appliances employs eighteen people and is an authorized Maytag and Westinghouse dealer. They also handle RCA televisions and radios.

Mr. Ingram is a member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, serves on the vocational guidance committee of the Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club, and belongs to the Democratic Party. He is affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce, where he serves as chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is also director of the Adult Training Union and heads the Indian River Baptist Association as director. His spare time is spent tending his gardens, fishing, and attending almost all athletic contests.

His wife, Melda Brooks Hudson, born April 13, 1907, at Barfield, Alabama, is the daughter of Francis Walter Hudson and Nonnie Boak. The Ingrams were married at Lineville, Alabama, August 11, 1927, and now have one married daughter, Martha Elizabeth Ingram Wright, born July 4, 1933, at Fort Pierce. She and her husband, William E. Wright, manager of Ingram's Appliances, now live in Vero Beach, Florida. They have one daughter, Cynthia Lynn Wright, born at Vero Beach, Florida, June 20, 1957.

NELS DINESEN HANSEN

A beloved member of the White City community and successful citrus grower was Nels Dinesen Hansen. A native of Denmark, he came to this country and started his citrus business with but a few trees. Today he has left his wife with a prosperous and lucrative business which involves the packing and shipping of prime quality gift fruit.

Nels Dinesen Hansen (born September 13, 1872, at Langeland, Denmark, died February 28, 1958, at White

City, Florida) was the son of Hans and Jorgine Jorgensen, a farming family in Denmark. He had some public schooling while still in his native country and later obtained further educational training in Wisconsin.

In 1894 Mr. Hansen came to White City by way of boat and purchased about ten acres of land which he first used to raise vegetables. He was also employed by the Card's Pineapple Plantation located along the Indian River. He started his citrus groves with about fifty trees in 1897 and eventually expanded the business until it became a forty-acre grove.

Mr. Hansen was the manager of the White City Fruit Company from 1923 until 1943 when he opened a packing house on U. S. Highway #1 (now known as the Hackney Fruit Company). In 1951 the White City Fruit Company was destroyed by fire. The packing house on U. S. #1 was sold by Mr. Hansen in 1944 and in 1947 he built a packing house in his back yard which his wife, Mrs. N. D. Hansen, operates today.

Nels Hansen was a member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Florida Citrus Mutual in which his wife still holds membership. He belonged to the Woodmen of the World and was secretary of the White City Council for many years. He associated himself with the Democratic party and was affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

In Fort Pierce on July 4, 1923, Nels Hansen married Johanne Christine Andersen, born in Denmark August 19, 1898, daughter of N. C. Andersen and Caroline Christensen.

The Hansens had one son, Paul Dinesen Hansen, born in Fort Pierce April 5, 1924, who died in Fort Pierce February 24, 1944.

ARTHUR RICHARD HELSETH

Arthur Richard Helseth of Fort Pierce is recognized as one of Florida's most progressive citrus men, not only as a grower, but as the discoverer of the Helseth Lemon, a variety that has aided the citrus industry in a small way to get a better root stock for some of our poorer soils.

He was born March 26, 1897, at Viking (now Indrio) in St. Lucie County, Florida. His father, Jens Helseth, was born July 19, 1858, in Norway, and died June 19, 1944, in Miami, Florida; his mother, Agatha Grue, also a native of Norway, was born June 20, 1870, and died in 1921 in Miami. When Jens Helseth came to the United States from Norway he first went to Minnesota, and later in 1895 went to Indrio, where he homesteaded about eighty acres of land. One acre of this land was donated to the Viking Cemetery Association for their cemetery located in Indrio, Florida. A commercial fisherman, carpenter, and pineapple planter, he eventually expanded his planting business to about fifty-five acres, and did his own packing and shipping.

Arthur Helseth's first educational training was received in a one-room school at Indrio and in the Fort Pierce schools. He graduated in the first graduating class of the St. Lucie County High School in the spring of 1916. After completing school he farmed with his father, growing tomatoes, cabbage, and Irish potatoes until July of 1918 when he entered the Motor Transport Corps of the United States Army. He was stationed at Camp Jessup, Georgia, and after serving ten months, was discharged with rank of Sergeant. Upon his return to St. Lucie County in the summer of 1919, he continued to farm and work on a grove area which he had set out in 1918.

He now has a ninety-acre citrus business, ten acres of which he has given to his son, Harold Shiland, who has worked for his father the past few years in a grove caretaking service which Mr. Helseth established about ten years ago. In April, 1959, he built a building housing a line of Swift and Company's fertilizers and insecticides which he uses in the operation of the Helseth Grove Service. The service employs nine people plus occasional additional help, and provides an adequate amount of equipment to work about 500 acres, in addition to his own groves. The discoverer of a lemon variety which has been named the Helseth Lemon by the Florida Citrus Experimental Station, he has found a fast-growing lemon, the leaves of which are not subject to anthracnose, a disease affecting other varieties of the fruit.

Mr. Helseth belongs to the Florida Citrus Mutual, the Fort Pierce Growers' Association, the Indian River Citrus League, is an honorary member of the St. Lucie County Chapter of Future Farmers of America, and also serves on the Advisory Board of the previously mentioned organization.

He is a member of the Stephen R. Gladwin American Legion Post #40 in Fort Pierce and is affiliated with the First Methodist Church in Fort Pierce.

His wife, Laura Bell Shiland, was born March 6, 1895, at Bloomville, New York, daughter of John William Shiland and Mary Louise Forman. Their wedding on July 25, 1918, took place in Indrio at the old Helseth home place, a beautiful old home which was originally a log cabin erected in 1895.

The Helseths have four children. They are:

1. Thurley Rozell Helseth Taylor, born April 24, 1920, at Fort Pierce Farms, Florida. She and her husband, Edward W. Taylor, a plumber, live in Ocala, Florida. They have three children: 1) Everett Edward Taylor, born September 2, 1943, at Fort Pierce; 2) Ted Walter Taylor, born November 7, 1944, at Fort Pierce; and 3) Miriam Thurley Taylor, born July 22, 1948, at Ocala, Florida.

2. T. Harold Helseth, born November 27, 1924, at Viking, Florida, who died at birth.

3. Everett Richard Helseth, born August 9, 1926, at Fort Pierce Farms, Florida, who died April 9, 1943, in a hunting accident.

4. Harold Shiland Helseth, born February 4, 1931, at Fort Pierce, Florida, who is married to Betty Wylene Priest, born at Live Oak, Florida, January 15, 1934. They have one child, Craig Shiland Helseth.

In his leisure time Mr. Helseth enjoys fishing and raising rare crotons.

JAMES H. WALKER

Operating a successful produce business out of Fort Pierce, Florida, is James H. Walker, an active social and political member of the St. Lucie County area.

He was born January 31, 1904, at Clyde, Kansas, son of Frank Walker, born in Mapleton, Illinois, and Attie Esther French, who was born in Clyde, Kansas, and now resides in Delray Beach, Florida. His father was a station agent for the Union Pacific Railroad and upon coming to Florida in January of 1912, became a telegraph operator in Fort Pierce. Later in Pompano and Delray Beach, he again became an agent and retired from the railroad about a year and a half before his death at Cullowee, North Carolina. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

James Walker received his education in the Fort

Pierce public schools. His secondary education was limited as he gave up school to serve a three-year term in the Navy. During this period he spent most of his time in the Navy's Lighter-than-Air Branch at Coco Solo, Panama, and was discharged as a First Class Aviation Rigger in September of 1921. After being released from the service he worked with his father for the railroad and in 1925 started setting out a citrus grove which he sold in 1939. In 1932 he went into the produce business in Fort Pierce and used the garage of his home as his location for the business. It was in 1955 that he built the present quarters for his operation and today he has nine trucks transporting produce within the boundaries of Florida. He and his son, Allen, who became associated in the business in 1958, and three other employees operate Mr. Walker's trade.

Harold Walker is a member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, past Exalted Ruler of Lodge #1520 of the Elks in Fort Pierce, past president of the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, and a member of the Pelican Yacht Club. A Democrat, he was elected City Commissioner of Fort Pierce in December of 1958 to serve until December of 1960. He belongs to the Dutton Memorial Presbyterian Church in White City.

His, wife, Evelyn Aileen Robb, born November 14, 1905, at Croswell, Michigan, is the daughter of Leonard Robb, who was born in Croswell, and died July 30, 1953, in Fort Pierce. His wife, Bertha Mable Allen, was born July 17, 1879, in Canada and now lives in White City in St. Lucie County ,Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were married January 27, 1927, in Fort Pierce. Mrs. Walker, like her husband, is an active member of the community. She belongs to the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, was assistant cashier of the St. Lucie County Bank until 1958, and is a member and treasurer of the St. Lucie County Democratic Executive Committee.

The Walkers have three children. They are:

1. Peggy Jean Walker Paschal, born September 16, 1928, in Fort Pierce, Florida.
2. Allen Robb Walker, born May 17, 1930, in Pompano, Florida.
3. Roberta Lee (Bobbylee) Walker Smith, born May 14, 1935, in Fort Pierce, Florida.

HERSCHEL LEE DUNN

A prominent citrus grower and grove caretaker in St. Lucie County, Herschel Lee Dunn has been a resident of Fort Pierce since 1927. He also had a large herd of cattle at one time and now keeps a small herd. Mr. Dunn is active in citrus and agricultural organizations.

He was born in Troy, Alabama, January 29, 1908, son of George Washington and Eron (Henderson) Dunn. His parents also were born in Troy, Alabama. His mother, born in 1890, died at Opp, Alabama, in February, 1932. His father, born October 11, 1887, is living in Covington County, Alabama.

After attending the Sessions School in Pike County, Alabama, Herschel Dunn worked with his father on the farm and later farmed for himself, until he came to Fort Pierce in 1927. Here he worked in the citrus industry for various people, including 15 years with Fort Pierce Growers Association. In 1950 he went into business for himself as a grove caretaker and now takes cart of about 2,000 acres of grove. At the same time he set out 20 acres of red grapefruit and now has about 250 acres of his own grove and about 35 acres in pasture. He started raising cattle about 1951. After disposing of most of his herd he now has about 35 head, including some Whiteface Hereford, a Black Angus bull and a Brahman bull.

Mr. Dunn is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Fort Pierce Citrus Growers Association, Indian River Citrus Growers League, Growers Advisory Council, St. Lucie County Farm Bureau, of which he is a past trustee, and St. Lucie Cattlemen's Association. He is a past chairman of the Agricultural Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the North St. Lucie County Drainage District. A member of Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, he is a four-year trustee, and is an honorary member of Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital Association and a member of the Church of Christ of Fort Pierce. For sports he enjoys fishing, hunting and watching baseball and football games.

At Geneva, Alabama, on April 3, 1926, Herschel Lee Dunn married Lunnie Mae Morrow, daughter of Thomas and Laura (Jones) Morrow, who was born in Samson, Alabama, April 4, 1911. They have three sons, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Alkus Lee, born February 23, 1928. He is a sergeant in the United States Air Force, now stationed in Japan.
2. Ernest Ray, born July 22, 1934.
3. Howard Willard, born November 22, 1936.

Ernest and Howard work with their father in citrus caretaking.

JOSEPH JACKSON KEEN

Known in the area as Uncle Jack, Joseph Jackson Keen was one of the pioneer settlers of St. Lucie County. He came to Fort Pierce in 1887 and set out a small orange grove in the western part of the county in 1898. He was one of the early pineapple growers in this region. Keen Road is named for his family.

His father, George Washington Keen, was born in Georgia September 15, 1837, and died near St. Augustine August 8, 1892. He came to Florida during the Civil War as a soldier in the Confederate Army and after the war settled in North Florida. About 1867 he was living near Perry in Taylor County, where he was a farmer. His first wife, Sarah Ann Mozell Wade, was born in Alabama August 8, 1836, and died in Taylor County in 1871. They had six children, of which three died in infancy. By his second wife, George Keen had two daughters and a son.

Joseph Jackson Keen was born in Taylor County March 20, 1867, and attended the public schools of the time, also a Catholic school in St. Augustine. He did some contracting, built roads and cleared land for the tracks of the Florida East Coast Railroad between St. Lucie and Fort Pierce. In 1907 he went to work for the railroad as maintenance man and continued in this position until 1922. Meanwhile he had been raising an orange grove in west St. Lucie County since 1898, and eventually (by March, 1924) had forty acres around his home place, which he built on Keen Road in 1927. His son Robert Lee and daughter Cornelia now operate the grove. From about 1905 to 1917 he also raised pineapples. Uncle Jack Keen died in a hospital in West Palm Beach November 4, 1953.

He was a member of Florida Citrus Exchange and a school trustee of St. Lucie County at one time. His church was the Primitive Baptist at Winter Beach, north of Vero Beach, formerly known as Quay.

Joseph Jackson Keen

DECEASED 1953

Della S. Keen

DECEASED 1957

At the Eden House, south of Fort Pierce, on May 9, 1889, Joseph Jackson Keen married Della Storman, daughter of John and Martha (Douglas) Storman, who was born in Manatee County near Fort Meade on March 10, 1870, and died in Fort Pierce May 1, 1957. Both her parents were born in Georgia about 1841 and died in Florida—her father at Miami on July 3, 1879; her mother at Fort Pierce in December, 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Keen had five children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Esther Mozell (Keen) Sheffield, born February 14, 1890.
2. Viola May (Keen) Lowry, born September 18, 1892.
3. John Franklin Keen, born July 29, 1895.
4. Robert Lee Keen, born August 3, 1898.
5. Martha Cornelia Keen, born February 20, 1901.

Lee and Cornelia Keen are members of Citrus Mutual. Lee is a director of St. Lucie County Farm Bureau and past president of St. Lucie County Volunteer Fire Department Association. Cornelia is past secretary of Fort Pierce Business and Professional Women's Association and a member of Tillandsia Garden Club.

CHARLES DONALD MUSTAINE

A member of a Kentucky family of early American ancestry, Charles Donald Mustaine has been a resident of Florida since 1912 and has completed forty years with the Florida East Coast Railroad. He came to Fort Pierce in 1919, acquired a twenty-acre tract of land in the Fort Pierce Farms section and engaged in citrus growing. He has also done some real-estate business on the side, owning and renting several holdings in the city of Fort Pierce. Always interested in the civic and social welfare of his community, he has contributed substantially to the general welfare and has served Fort Pierce as Commissioner and Mayor.

The Mustaine family, of French and English descent, have been prominent in the history of Hart County, Kentucky, since 1815, when James W. Mustaine, great-grandfather of Charles Donald, moved there from Virginia, to which his father and uncle had migrated from France during the Huguenot persecutions. James W. Mustaine was a carpenter by trade and the first jailer in Hart County, Kentucky. He fought in the War of 1812 and was a devoted member of the Christian Church. About 1820 he moved to Barren County, Kentucky, where he bought a farm and lived the remainder of his life, dying in April, 1850, at the age of 62. In Virginia he had married Sallie H. Skelton, who died in January, 1867, aged 72. Her father, Thomas Skelton, a native of Virginia and a merchant there, who also engaged in business in Mississippi and Tennessee, lived to the age of 104.

Thomas H. Mustaine, third child and eldest son of James W. and Sallie, was born at Munfordville, Hart County, Kentucky, September 7, 1818. He was a successful merchant and farmer at Horse Cave, Kentucky, where he opened the first general store in 1859, and was also postmaster, express and railroad agent, and operated a flour mill and tobacco warehouse. He was a Mason and a Democrat. Married three times, he was the father of sixteen children, twelve of whom lived to maturity. His first wife, by whom he had ten children, was Mary J. Willis of Barren County, Kentucky, who died in 1858 at the age of 35. On February 27, 1859, he married Mary B. Hodgen of Green County, Kentucky, who gave him six children. She died September 23, 1881, and on December 20, 1883, Thomas Mustaine married Mrs. Emily (Willis) Moss, a sister of his first wife.

Charles Collier Mustaine, father of Charles Donald, was a son of Thomas H. and Mary (Hodgen) Mustaine. He was a farmer and merchant in Kentucky and later moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was associated with Levis Zukosky until 1912, when he came to Florida. He died in 1913. Charles Donald's mother was Ambie Hardy. She died in 1956.

Born in Hart County, Kentucky, Charles Donald Mustaine attended public school in St. Louis and Tallahassee High School. He worked for Western Union in Jacksonville and Tallahassee for four years and during World War I was telegrapher for the company at Camp Johnston, Jacksonville. His connection with the Florida East Coast Railroad began in 1919, and during the long years of his association with the railroad he has served in several capacities—as telegrapher, train dispatcher and agent, both freight and passenger.

Mr. Mustaine was first elected City Commissioner of Fort Pierce in December, 1933, and served seven terms in that office, not all consecutive. He was Mayor of Fort Pierce for the year 1951. He served three terms as president of St. Lucie County Welfare Association; is a member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce; a member and past Exalted Ruler of Fort Pierce Elks Lodge #1520; a Mason of Fort Pierce Lodge #87, Lake Worth Consistory, Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami, and Fort Pierce Shrine Club; a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Pierce; a charter member of the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club (now inactive); and a member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce.

On June 19, 1920, Charles D. Mustaine married Florence White of Atlanta, Georgia, daughter of Robert C. and Eva M. (Smith) White, and they have two daughters: Jean, born July 31, 1923, who married Charles R. P. Brown, an attorney of Fort Pierce; Dorothy Ann, born April 27, 1926, who married F. E. Jernigan, Jr., an accountant in Tallahassee.

Mrs. Mustaine is a member of the St. Lucie County Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and is active in church work. Mr. Mustaine's hobby is the care of his twenty-acre home property on the St. Lucie River.

WILLIAM CYRIL WALSH

William Cyril Walsh was in the insurance and real estate business in Fort Pierce for ten years and was a citrus grower in Fort Pierce Farms since 1929.

Born at Walsh, Ontario, Canada, July 31, 1893, he was a son of Duncan Allen Walsh, who also was born at Walsh, Ontario, on May 21, 1872, and died in Waynesville, North Carolina, July 18, 1942; and of Ruth Smith Walsh, who was born in Ontario November 15, 1873, and died at Fort Pierce, January 26, 1959.

William Cyril Walsh graduated from high school in Petoskey, Michigan, in 1913 and attended the University of Michigan. He traveled as a representative of Dodge Brothers until he came to Fort Pierce in 1940. His father had come to Fort Pierce about 1920 and established a real estate and insurance business which continued for twenty years. In 1940 William Walsh took over his father's business and as Walsh Insurance operated it until 1950, when it was sold to W. D. Flowers.

While representing Dodge Brothers on the road, Mr.

Walsh had been a frequent visitor to Florida, and in 1929 had bought 40 acres in Fort Pierce Farms, five acres of which were already planted in citrus. In the course of time he cleared the remaining acreage and set it out in Marsh seedless grapefruit and Valencia oranges.

Mr. Walsh was a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, a past president of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club, a charter member of the Pelican Yacht Club, a member of Elks Lodge #1520 and of the American Legion Post of Fort Pierce, having served in World War I. A Mason of Fort Pierce Lodge #87, he was also a member of Mahi Temple Shrine of Miami and of the Fort Pierce Shrine Club. His church was St. Andrew's Episcopal, in which he was a member of the vestry and had served as superintendent of Sunday School for about a year. He enjoyed golf and played at the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, of which his father had been a charter member. At the age of 50 he learned to fly. He had a private pilot's license and had owned two planes. Mr. Walsh died in Fort Pierce December 17, 1951.

At Cadillac, Michigan, on October 23, 1916, William Cyril Walsh married Lelia Ann Wood, who was born in Jackson, Michigan, February 25, 1895, daughter of John Brown Wood and Matilda Godfry Wood. Before her marriage Mrs. Walsh was a teacher in Michigan. She is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and Fort Pierce Growers Association, a life member of Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital Association and of the Ladies Shrine Club of Fort Pierce, and is active in the work of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

A son, William Duncan Walsh, was born at Dyersburg, Tennessee, July 20, 1929. He attended the University of Florida and served in the United States Navy. In February of 1953 he entered the Fort Pierce Police Department as a patrolman and was made a detective sergeant in August, 1959. He is a bonded Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Walsh is also a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and he and his wife are active members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Walsh was Ann Eden Platt of Rome, Georgia, where she was born August 31, 1933. They have three children: William Ted, Holly Elizabeth, and Joseph Mark.

OTIS ROBERT PARKER, JR.

Among the leading lawyers of Fort Pierce is Otis Robert Parker, Jr., who has been practicing law in that city since 1932.

His father, the senior Otis Robert Parker, born in Greenville, Georgia, came to Florida as a young man, already married, and his five children were born in Florida. He was an attorney in Lake City and Jacksonville before coming to Fort Pierce in 1905, and was associated with the firm of Clarke, Parker and Hemmings in these three cities. Mr. Parker, Sr., served one term in the Florida State Legislature as Representative from St. Lucie County. He died in Fort Pierce, December 9, 1942. His widow, mother of Otis Robert, Jr., Lenora Elizabeth Parker (nee Johnson), is living in Fort Pierce.

Otis Parker, Jr., attended the public schools of Fort Pierce and graduated from Gordon Military Institute at Barnesville, Georgia. After one year (1928-29) at the University of Florida, he went to Cumberland University Law School in Lebanon, Tennessee, and was graduated in 1932 with an LL.B. degree. Returning home to Fort Pierce, he began the practice of law with his father, and when his father died he entered a partnership with Walker Liddon and Frank Fee. About 1950 Mr. Liddon retired and Wallace Sample joined the firm. Mr. Sample was recently appointed Circuit Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Division C. Since then the firm of Fee and Parker has continued in a general practice of law in Fort Pierce.

Mr. Parker is entitled to practice in all Florida courts and all Federal courts except the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the St. Lucie County Bar Association, of which he is a past president; also a member of the International Association of Insurance Counsel.

About 1935 Mr. Parker bought land in Fort Pierce Farms and had it set out in citrus groves. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Fort Pierce Growers Association, and Indian River Citrus Growers League.

During the last two years of World War II Mr. Parker served in the United States Navy and was stationed at China Lake, California, as a Control Tower Operator First Class in Naval Aviation.

He is a member of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce; a member and past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, and was vice-president of the Florida State Elks Association in 1956-57. His church is St. Andrew's Episcopal. For recreation he favors hunting.

On March 10, 1933, in Fort Pierce, Otis Robert Parker, Jr., married Margaret Jean Travis, daughter of Tom and Mildred Way Travis of Petoskey, Michigan, where she was born February 27, 1909. They have two children:

1. Carol Jean, born in Petoskey, Michigan, April 13, 1931. She married Kenneth Neill and they live in Fort Pierce.

2. Otis Robert Parker, II, born in Fort Pierce September 6, 1935. He married Charlene Jones, and they also live in Fort Pierce.

CLAUDE CLAYTON TILLMAN, JR.

An energetic young business man who has several irons in the fire is Claude Clayton Tillman, Jr. of Fort Pierce. Besides being founder and owner of Fort Pierce Typewriter Company and American Business Machines of West Palm Beach, he built and operates Radio Station WSEB in Sebring. His mother and father operate the Siesta Autel, formerly Padrick's Court, a motel in Fort Pierce.

Son of Claude Clayton Tillman, Sr. and Annie C. (Corilla) Tillman, both natives of Lenoir County, North Carolina, he was born at Dover, North Carolina, January 6, 1921. His father was a farmer in Dover and was Postmaster there for thirteen years. Claude Clayton, Jr. graduated from Dover High School in 1938 and from Coyne Electrical School, Chicago, Illinois, in 1941.

He and his mother came to Fort Pierce in 1939 and took over the management of Padrick's Court, which his mother bought in 1942, and changed the name to Siesta Autel. That same year Claude enlisted in the United States Army. Transferred to the Air Force, he served in the Fourth Air Force as radar technician.

When he returned from the service he worked for a while at the motel, then got a job as bartender at the Elks Lodge in Fort Pierce. Soon after that he was working with James Typewriter Company of Fort Pierce during the day and continuing to work at the Elks Club at night.

He went into business for himself in 1950, when he

opened the Fort Pierce Typewriter Company, first located at 209 Orange Avenue, now at 221, where it was moved in 1955. The company is distributor for the Royal Typewriter and Victor Adding Machines and also has a complete line of office supplies and equipment. Through his sales for the Royal and Victor companies, Mr. Tillman has won three expense-paid trips for himself and wife.

Soon after he opened his typewriter store, Mr. Tillman received a permit to operate Radio Station WARN in Fort Pierce, in partnership with his brother, Murray C. Tillman, who was co-owner and manager of the station. This station was sold November 1, 1959, and on November 26, 1959, Claude Tillman completed construction on Station WSEB in Sebring and commenced to broadcast from there.

He is a member of St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Pierce Lions Club, of which he is currently president, the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce, and is an Independent in politics. He holds a private pilot's license and flies around Florida quite a bit. Aside from flying, golf and bowling are his favorite pastimes.

On June 30, 1942, at Fort Pierce he married Margaret Bracken, daughter of James Wiley Bracken (deceased) and Eleanor Murray Bracken, who is living at Fort Myers, Florida. Margaret Bracken Tillman was born at Fort Pierece December 24, 1923. She is active in the St. Lucie County Elementary Parent-Teacher Association, which she has served as president. Mr. and Mrs. Tillman have four children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Claudia Rae Tillman, born January 28, 1945.
2. Robert Clayton Tillman, born April 20, 1948.
3. Susan Lynn Tillman, born May 17, 1951.
4. Pamela Ann Tillman, born August 15, 1955.

MADS HANSEN SOGAARD and Family

One of the early settlers of White City was Mads Hansen Sogaard, who was born in Lindelse, Langeland, Denmark, on March 17, 1843, and died in White City in July, 1905. Son of Hans Sogaard, a landowner in Denmark, he was educated in Denmark and attended the Naval Academy at Copenhagen. He married Elfrede Johansen, the governess of his half sisters, also a native of Denmark, and came to the United States in 1876, settling at Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1894 he came to White City, Florida, bought 23 acres along the St. Lucie River, and planted pineapples, which were not successful, but eventually he succeeded as a citrus grower and farmer. The children of Mads Hansen and Elfrede (Johansen) Sogaard were:

1. Clara Kirstine (Sogaard) Christensen, born in Denmark April 14, 1876.
2. Ingeborg (Sogaard) Robinson.
3. Olger Sogaard.
4. Thyra (Sogaard) Farry.

Clara Kirstine Sogaard was a teacher, first in White City where she took over the school due to the ill health of Mrs. J. C. Little, who was the first school teacher in White City. Then over a period of about five years Clara taught at Titusville and Merritt Island, staying with the Enzies at Merritt Island, and later taught in North Florida near Milton and McClellan, Santa Rosa County. Then, because of her father's ill health, she gave up teaching and was connected with the old Fort Pierce Bank as bookkeeper and secretary with Mr. Frank Fee and C. M. Horton, staying with the Almands. Later she worked for T. S. Emerson, editor of the Fort Pierce News.

Clara K. Sogaard married Lawrence Christensen, who was a citrus grower and for a short time a commercial fisherman. He sailed on supply boats which carried the area's produce before roads were built, and also did carpenter work. His father, Andrew Christensen, whose wife was Marie Kristine, came to White City from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, having survived the Johnstown Flood. He was postmaster at White City from 1896 to 1906, following Olaf Olsen, the first postmaster and druggist there.

Clara and Lawrence Christensen have two daughters:

1. Marie Elfrede (Christensen) Smith, born at White City December 17, 1909, married James B. Smith. They have five children and live with Mrs. Christensen.

2. Clara Sogaard (Christensen) Volk, born in White City March 26, 1917, married William L. Volk on March 16, 1948. By a previous marriage Mrs. Volk has a daughter, Barbara Ann, born December 13, 1942, at White City. Both Mrs. Volk and Mrs. Smith are graduates of St. Lucie County High School.

Mr. Volk, who had been in the cabinet-making business in St. Lucie for about four years previously, in 1958 established Volk's Cabinets, Inc. at White City. He employs nine people in his business. His cabinets are custom-made and are installed largely within Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties. A grove owner, he is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and Fort Pierce Growers Association. His fraternal affiliation is with the Odd Fellows Atlantic Lodge #30, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. The Volks, Smiths, and Christensens are all members of Dutton Memorial Presbyterian Church at White City.

Mrs. Volk has been with St. Lucie County Bank since 1944 and is now serving as Assistant Cashier. She is a member of Baldwin Rebekah Lodge #33 of Fort Pierce and is Past District Deputy President of District #19, also an adviser for Fort Pierce Theta Rho Club #9. Theta Rho is sponsored by the Rebekah Worldwide. Her daughter is a Past State President of Theto Rho Assembly of Florida. Mrs. Volk was the first president of the Tillandsia Garden Club and is still an active member.

MITCHELL WOLFSON

A prominent business man and civic leader of Miami, a pioneer in the television industry and "the man behind the nation's most honored TV station," Mitchell Wolfson is a man who has the soul of an artist and poet—a deep appreciation of all that is beautiful and worth preserving out of the past as well as in the present. Such a one is saddened by the spectacle of the blind, ruthless destruction of natural beauty and of irreplaceable treasures of the past which is often carried out in the name of modern progress. It was this sentiment that prompted Colonel Wolfson to undertake the restoration and preservation of the Audubon House in Key West.

Son of Louis and Rosa (Gruner) Wolfson, Mitchell Wolfson was born in Key West on September 13, 1900, and grew up hearing its many spirited tales, both true and legendary. The Wolfson family moved to Miami while Mitchell was in his teens, so his memories of the island city of his birth remained uncluttered by any inroads of the motor age or the paraphernalia of modern times.

Mitchell Wolfson

He was educated at Ruth Hargrove Institute, 1907-13; Erasmus Hall, 1914-17; Columbia University; and graduated from the United States War Colleges at Battle Creek, Michigan, and Madison, Wisconsin.

Mitchell Wolfson started his business career with the East Coast Wholesale Corporation, which was founded by his father in Key West in 1888, and he became treasurer of that company in 1921 and also president of a real estate firm in 1922. He was co-owner of Wometco Theatres from 1924 until the creation of the new Wometco Enterprises in 1959. Also prior to the creation of that firm, he was president of WTVJ, a director of WFGA and president of WLOS. Wometco Enterprises, Inc., of which Wolfson is president, is a publicly owned company which operates WTVJ, Channel 4 in Miami (Florida's first television station); WLOS-TV, Channel 13, and WLOS-AM and FM Radio Station in Asheville, North Carolina; the Wometco theatres in Greater Miami, West Palm Beach and Tampa; food vending and confection companies in South Florida and Jacksonville; and is an affiliate of WFGA-TV, Channel 12 in Jacksonville, and other interests.

In addition to these principal occupations, Wolfson is a director of the First National Bank of Miami; Chairman of the Board of Miami Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association; one of the founders and a director of the Southeast Life Insurance Company; a director of American Bankers Life Insurance Company; and President of Beaver Lake Golf Course in Asheville, North Carolina.

In 1939, having reached a position of considerable respect both in his business and civic affairs, Mitchell Wolfson was called upon to offer himself for election to the Miami Beach City Council and was elected three times successively, the last time to the office of Mayor. He resigned as Mayor to enlist in the United States Army and served in England, Africa, France, Germany and Austria. Cited by General Devers for meritorious service above and beyond the normal duty, he was honorably discharged from the Sixth Army Group at the war's end with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, wearing the EAME Theatre Ribbon with five battle stars, the United States Bronze Star, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Back at his desk, Colonel Wolfson found that the pace, economy and technology had all increased their tempo. Through his foresight Florida got its first television station before the federal "freeze" halted construction all across the land. While he was being hailed as a pioneer in television, the motion picture industry elected him President of the Theatre Owners of America, the largest trade association of its kind.

Honors and obligations tumbled upon him like cascading waters. He was named Chairman of the influential Dade County Development Committee; the University of Miami conferred on him an Honorary Doctorate of Laws; four times he won the Freedoms Foundation Award for original patriotic television programming, and his station was four times chosen as best in the nation for public service news programs.

A trustee of two hospitals and active in three Chambers of Commerce, he was appointed to the Dade County Planning Advisory Board and the Junior College Advisory Board and was elected Vice President of the National Municipal League. He became a sought-after member of the Government Research Council, as he had previously been as a gubernatorial appointee to the Metropolitan Charter Board. In 1954 he received the Good Samaritan Award of the Variety Club of Greater Miami; and in 1957 he was named an honorary life member of the Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding citizenship.

Ever since he took up residence in the Miami area, Mitchell Wolfson occasionally visited Key West, and each time he noted that some part of the original scene was gone, some old landmark missing. He had no quarrel with filling stations and parking lots, but he hated to see these where once stood a remarkable architectural specimen more than a hundred years old. Then came the war, which treated Key West as badly as if it had been shelled by the enemy. Necessary military expansion wiped out even greater numbers of the fine old homes.

Deciding to do something about the situation, Colonel and Mrs. Wolfson established the Mitchell Wolfson Foundation; purchased the Audubon House in Key West, which was in danger of being razed, and set about the task of restoring its original charm and furnishing it with a treasure of antiques of the Audubon era. The restoration was completed in 1960, and the Audubon House is now one of the principal attractions for tourists in Key West.

Because of the events to which it has been witness, the Audubon House is as much a story as a structure; but as the latter it is one of unusual architectural interest. Restored to its original appearance, it recaptures the adventurous spirit and unique culture that made Key West at once one of the most robust and yet refined ports-of-call on the western seas. A city of sharp contrasts, it looked out on a sea shunned by many mariners because of the tales of piracy associated with it, but its early settlers were respected merchants and manufacturers, and visitors were impressed with the immaculate dress and demeanor of Key West men of affairs and their ladies.

Back about 1830 the Audubon House (so named more recently) was the home of Captain John H. Geiger, who was born in St. Augustine in 1807. He seldom spoke of his youth, and rumor had it that he had been captured by pirates and may have been forced for a short time to sail under the "Jolly Roger." Be that as it may, he was a respected citizen in Key West, where he was the most trusted of pilots and ranked high in the esteem of his colleagues for his daring as a salvager. The father of a large family, he had several beautiful daughters, and consequently his home was a center of gay social life.

Time and usage have taken most of the house furnishings that were owned by Captain Geiger, and the Wolfsons spent many months seeking period antiques with which to furnish the Audubon House, although no style could be said to be absolutely typical of Key West. For most of her furnishings the old city was the beneficiary of the sea. Ships were wrecked on the reefs in such numbers that salvaging was a steady and continuing business. One ship might be out of London; the next from France or Spain. The people of Key West bought at auction draperies, carpets, furniture and all manner of things which the salvagers reclaimed from the wrecks.

In May of 1832 Captain Geiger was host to the famous ornithologist, John James Audubon, who visited Key West for the purpose of adding to his collection of portraits of North American birds, which

he was painting. In this project he had the cooperation of the federal government, which placed at his disposal the revenue cutter "Marion." Operating out of Key West, the artist sailed up and down Florida Bay, visiting all the major keys and going as far out as Dry Tortugas in search of specimens. His hour of rising was three A. M. and his expeditions lasted at least until noon, sometimes all day. On his return he completed sketches of the birds he had seen, with all the plant life and other details of their native background. Many of his paintings are linked inseparably with Key West. One is the White-Crowned Pigeon; another the Key West Quail Dove.

The principal attraction at the Audubon House is the four-volume "elephant" folio (30 x 40 inch pages) of the works of John James Audubon, which was presented by Colonel and Mrs. Wolfson on March 19, 1961, during the month-long Old Island Days celebration sponsored by the Old Island Restoration Foundation, which received its initial incentive from the Wolfsons' restoration of the old house. Only about a half-dozen of these folios remain out of an approximate 170 originally produced, most of which were sold in England and on the European continent. Only one other folio is on display in all the South, and none anywhere surpasses the Wolfson folio in sharpness of detail or preservation of color.

The Wolfsons' desire to add a folio of Audubon's prints to crown their achievement in the restoration of the Audubon House resulted in the discovery of an owner who refused to reveal his identity, necessitating the offices of a third party, John Baker, the president emeritus of the National Audubon Society, and a family conference to determine whether the large sum of money asked should be spent for the books. Wolfson credited his wife and children for their decision.

On the occasion of the presentation an assembly of notables gave Colonel Wolfson a rising ovation. A number of them addressed the gathering, among whom was Herbert R. Savage, President of the Florida South Chapter, American Institute of Architects, who called Key West, "the Williamstown, the Georgetown, the Cape Cod and the New Orleans of Florida," and presented Colonel Wolfson with a testimonial from his organization which read, in part, . . . "for inspiring the rebirth of an architectural era in Key West." Colonel Wolfson stressed the fact that this is only a beginning, and it is his hope that it may provide the impetus for a continuing restoration of the Old Island by all groups; and that it may serve to bring about a deeper appreciation of America's heritage, and thus build a firmer foundation for her future. His slogan is, "Hold fast that which is good."

Currently Colonel Wolfson holds the following offices and memberships, in addition to some already mentioned: Director and member of Executive Board, Theatre Owners of America; Chairman Television Committee, Theatre Owners of America; Director, Motion Picture Exhibitors of Florida; Director, Florida Chamber of Commerce; Director, Downtown Miami Business Council; member Economic Development Council; Economic Society of South Florida; Dade County Citizens Planning Board; founder-member Dade County Citizens Safety Council; charter member Miami Off-Street Parking Authority; member Miami Beautification Committee; Junior College Advisory Committee; Trustee, Mount Sinai Hospital, and Variety Children's Hospital, Miami; Trustee, Florida Sheriffs' Boys Ranch; Director, United Fund of Dade County; member National Trust for Historic Preservation; Florida Audubon Society; Orange Bowl Committee; Greater Miami Aviation Association; Opera Guild; Mahi Shrine Temple; Viscayans; Variety Club of Greater Miami; Miami Club; Asheville Country Club, Harmonie Club of New York.

In the past he has held the following positions and memberships: President and Chairman of the Board, Theatre Owners of America; Director, American Theatres Association; Director, Southeastern Theatre Owners Association; Director, Independent Underwriters of Philadelphia; Vice-President, Dade County Research Foundation; Director, Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce; Vice-President and Director, Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce; Director and charter member, Miami Beach Rotary Club; Treasurer Miami Parking and Traffic Improvement Committee; member, Greater Miami Airport Association; Vice-President, Miami YMCA; member Dade County Health Unit; Special Gifts Chairman, Red Cross; Dade County Treasurer, Camp and Hospital Committee for Red Cross; Trustee, Secretary, Treasurer, and member Budget Board, Dade County Community Chest; Division Chairman, Mercy Hospital Building Fund Drive; Florida Co-Chairman, Army-Navy Relief and War Bond Drives; Florida Chairman, Greek Relief Drive; member Greater Miami Officers Club; First Assistant Chief Barker, Variety Club of Greater Miami; Vice-President, Westview Golf and Country Club; Director, Confederacy of Southern Associations; Chairman by Presidential Appointment, Commission for the Commemoration of the 175th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. His biography appears in "Who's Who in America."

On January 27, 1926, in Miami, Florida, Mitchell Wolfson married Frances Louise Cohen, whose sketch follows. They have two sons and a daughter: Louis Wolfson II, Mitchell Wolfson, Jr., and Frances Louise, now Mrs. Jack Waxenberg.

FRANCES LOUISE COHEN WOLFSON

Mrs. Mitchell Wolfson is a fourth generation Floridian and native of Pensacola, daughter of Adolph Cohen and Theresa Froelichstein. Both parents were natives of Pensacola, and her father's father, a Pensacola judge, also was born in that city. Her father was in the real estate business and was the realtor who opened up the land which connects the City of Pensacola with the Navy Yard.

Both sides of her family loved America and proved their devotion to their country. Her grandparents went through the Civil War, in which the men folk fought; her mother's brother was a hero of Vera Cruz —one of the seventeen American boys killed there in 1914; and her husband distinguished himself in Europe in World War II.

Frances Cohen was named for her two grandmothers. Her mother had been educated in a convent in Mobile, Alabama, and Frances graduated from a convent in Pensacola and attended another convent in Miami. She also attended the Armstrong School in Pensacola. She returned to Pensacola for her debut, which was a tremendous social affair. So was her

wedding to Mitchell Wolfson, which took place in Miami on January 27, 1926.

Mrs. Wolfson's contributions to humanity are many. While her outstanding success in getting the Miami Symphony Club established—and, more recently, her great research work in helping her husband with the restoration of the Audubon House in Key West—are her most dramatic achievements, there are others. She helped get the Girl Scouts organized in Miami Beach; she has been active in the Red Cross and conducted classes during the war; and she has worked with and for the following groups: The Variety Club (as a member of the Women's Committee in helping the Crippled Children); the Mount Sinai Hospital (a chartered life member); the Miami Music Club; the Joe and Emily Lowe Art Galleries; the Museum of Science and Natural History; the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the U.D.C.; the Viscayans; Westview Country Club of Miami, and the Country Club of Asheville, North Carolina.

As regards the Miami Symphony Club, she became its president the second year of its existence and started it toward success that year. She continued to serve the Club as president for six years. Now in its ninth year, it is an established and highly appreciated institution in the area. She is, of course, a trustee of the Club. Although its headquarters are now at the University of Miami, when Mrs. Wolfson first became president she opened an office which she maintained for two years. There was no treasury. The club started with a dollar a member as dues, and then an endowment fund for the University of Miami was set up by the membership. When Mrs. Wolfson left office there was $100,000 in this fund, the interest from which provides scholarships in Music at the University of Miami. Mrs. Wolfson guided the Club in these goals: Helping the Symphony Orchestra of the University of Miami; giving scholarships; acquiring a Library of Music at the University; sponsoring concerts for children at the Dade County Auditorium twice a year; giving Pop concerts, and the annual Benefit Ball. She is Chairman of the Trustees, each of whom gives $500 a year toward the work.

For the necessary research work involved in the restoration of the Audubon House, Colonel Wolfson gives the larger part of the credit to his faithful helpmate.

HOWARD TAYLOR

Howard ("Chip") Taylor, a retired dairyman of Fort Pierce, came to Florida from West Virginia with his father, D. H. Taylor, who bought forty acres in Fort Pierce Farms, where he raised citrus fruit and some vegetables and had cattle, and eventually established Taylor's Dairy. D. H. Taylor had been a master mechanic in Clarksburg, West Virginia, and was a charter member of the United Brethren Church there and a 32nd degree Mason. Howard's mother was Rebecca Ellen Nixon. Both parents were natives of West Virginia and died in Fort Pierce.

Born at Clarksburg, West Virginia, November 5, 1893, Howard Taylor received his education in the public schools of that town. After working on his father's farm in Florida for six years, he returned to Clarksburg in 1916 to work as an electrician for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and was there until he entered the Navy in November, 1917. He served as Electrician Third Class, stationed at Brooklyn Navy Yard and later at Hampton Roads, Virginia. When he got out of the Navy in 1919 he returned to Fort Pierce and worked for J. B. Selvitz, a plumber.

In 1923 his father retired and Howard took over the dairy business at Fort Pierce Farms, which he operated successfully for the next twenty-three years. When he retired in 1946 he had about 125 head of Guernsey cows, 90 of them milking, on 155 acres of pasture land. At that time he sold the cows to Kenneth Williams and leased the land to him until about four years ago (1955), when he sold it.

Mr. Taylor is a member of St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association, St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, the Stephen N. Gladwin Post #248 of the American Legion, and the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce, in which his wife is an active worker. He is an Independent in politics. Mr. Taylor used to play golf, and he loves to go fishing.

At Fort Pierce on June 1, 1922, he married Ethel Fultz, who was born in Fort Pierce November 26, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have a son and a daughter, both born in Fort Pierce. Howard Taylor, Jr. is Agricultural Agent for Flagler County. Mary Eleanor Taylor married Earl Roberts, who lives in Jacksonville, Florida.

WILLIAM EDWARD ZACHOW

One of the younger businessmen of Fort Pierce, William E. Zachow has been manager of the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company's store in that city for five years, or since January, 1955, and is now operating the business known as Paint Bucket, Inc.

Born January 9, 1925, in Kansas City, Missouri, where he attended public school and graduated from the East Coast High School in 1942, he is a son of Arthur William and Bernice Eva (Jackson) Zachow, both living in Fort Pierce. His father was born in Pallatine, Illinois, and before his retirement was secretary-treasurer of Havens Structural Steel Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri. He formerly owned groves in St. Lucie County. William Edward's mother was born September 28, 1892, on the Yellowstone River near Big Timber, Montana.

As soon as he graduated from high school, young Mr. Zachow joined the United States Marine Corps and served with the Third and Fourth Divisions in the South Pacific, taking part in the battles of the Solomon Islands, and was discharged with the rank of corporal on December 26, 1945

Returning to Kansas City, Missouri, he opened the Crown Cleaners and operated this business for five years. He then sold the business and an apartment house he owned in Kansas City and moved to Fort Pierce, Florida, in June of 1950. Soon after his arrival he bought an orange grove in St. Lucie County and for the next six years was a citrus grower.

Meanwhile, in October of 1954, he joined the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company and, after taking training in branch operations at West Palm Beach and attending their merchandising schools in Chicago, Illinois, and Cleveland, Ohio, opened the Fort Pierce branch of this nation-wide paint company and operated it until March 1, 1960; then purchased an interest in Paint Bucket, Inc., of which he is secretary and operating manager.

Mr. Zachow is an associate member of Fort Pierce Contractors Association, a member of St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, past president and a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and is manager of the Jaycees'

Little League baseball team. He is also a charter member of the Sandy Shoes Festival, a member of Fort Pierce Rotary Club, Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, the Pelican Yacht Club, and the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce. In politics he is a Democrat. Fishing, boating and hunting are his favorite pastimes.

He was married in Kansas City, Missouri, June 8, 1944, to Betty Jean Hubler, daughter of Harry H. and Mary Emily (Renne) Hubler, who was born in Kansas City, January 6, 1926. They have two children: William Arthur, born May 14, 1949, in Kansas City, Missouri; Bethany Jean, born June 5, 1951, in Fort Pierce, Florida.

WILLIAM R. DANNAHOWER, D.D.S.

This young dentist, who has been practicing his profession in Fort Pierce since August, 1956, is a native son of St. Lucie County, Florida, where he was born July 10, 1927. His father, Franklin Roy Dannahower, who was born in Kansas City, Missouri, December 4, 1886, came to St. Lucie County about 1922, bought land and developed it into citrus groves which he operated for 25 years, selling the groves in 1947. He was Assistant Postmaster in the Fort Pierce Post Office when he retired in 1949, having been in the postal service for twenty-five years in Fort Pierce and in Kansas City Post Office fifteen years prior to that. William Roy's mother was Ruth Mary Landis, a native of Iowa, where she was born on Christmas Day, 1898. Both parents are living in Kansas City, Missouri.

When he graduated from St. Lucie County High School in 1945, young Dannahower entered the army, but in less than a year he contracted rheumatic fever and was given a disability discharge. In the school year 1946-47 he attended Florida Southern College; then in September, 1947, entered the University of Kansas City College of Liberal Arts and received his B.A. degree in June, 1950. Having specialized in the study of Biology, he went on to the School of Dentistry of the University of Kansas City and was graduated in 1953 with a D.D.S. degree.

During his first postgraduate year he served as clinical instructor in Operative Dentisty at the University of Kansas City School of Dentistry, then served two years as assistant professor of Oral Diagnosis and Radiodontia. In August of 1956 he returned to Fort Pierce and began his practice at his present location, 210 South Fourth Street, where he has two operating rooms.

Dr. Dannahower was active in bringing fluoridation to Fort Pierce drinking water, an issue which was recently decided in a referendum. He is a member of the American Dental Association, Florida State Dental Society, and the East Coast District Dental Society.

Equally active outside of his professional circles, Dr. Dannahower is president of Paint Bucket, Inc., a Fort Pierce concern; is a member of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club. He is also a director of the St. Lucie County Tuberculosis and Health Association and served as sales chairman in 1958. In the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce he is chairman of the Board of Deacons, on which his father also served some years ago. His political affiliation is Democratic. As a leisure time activity Dr. Dannahower enjoys the exhilaration of water skiing.

In Kansas City, Missouri, on June 23, 1950, William Roy Dannahower married Lucia Ann Sevier, daughter of Charles Dine and Lucia Sevier of Kansas City, where she was born July 26, 1923. Mrs. Dannahower is a member of the P.E.O. and the Jayceettes and is active in the women's affairs of the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Dannahower are the parents of three sons:

1. William David, born August 3, 1953, in Kansas City, Missouri.
2. James Lawrence, born November 12, 1955, in Kansas City, Missouri.
3. Steven Brian, born August 8, 1958, in Fort Pierce, Florida.

SHERMAN N. SMITH, JR.

For the past twenty-five years, with the exception of his years in the Navy in World War II, Sherman N. Smith, Jr., has been practicing law in Vero Beach, where his father also was an eminent lawyer for more than twenty-five years, and has served the county and state in political offices for the greater part of twenty years.

He was born in Crossville, Tennessee, June 13, 1914, son of Sherman N., Sr., and Birdie (Bandy) Smith. His mother, who is living in Vero Beach, was born in Crossville, Tennessee, February 23, 1892; his father, born in Boatland, Tennessee, September 15, 1887, died in Vero Beach, January 22, 1958. The senior Mr. Smith graduated from Cumberland University Law School in the class of 1914 and practiced law in Crossville, Tennessee, until 1922, when he moved to Henrietta, Oklahoma. He came to Vero Beach, Florida, in 1925. Before leaving Tennessee he served as County Judge, and continued to be an influential figure in politics and civic affairs .

Sherman Smith, Jr., graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1932, from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, Tennessee, in 1933, and from Cumberland University Law School, Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1935 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Returning to Vero Beach, he became associated with the law firm of Vocelle and Mitchell. After two years the firm was reorganized and the name changed to Mitchell, Smith and Mitchell. The older Mr. Mitchell, Charles A., died in 1949 and Mr. Smith became senior member of the firm. Having undergone further changes since then, it is now Smith, Diamond and Heath. Mr. Smith practices in all state and federal courts and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Indian River County Bar Association, of which he is a past president.

In September, 1942, Sherman N. Smith, Jr., entered the United States Navy as an Ensign and served, mostly on the staff of the Commander of Amphibious Group II, in the European, African and Pacific theaters. He received the Navy Commendation Ribbon for service in six major campaigns and was released from the service in January, 1946, with the rank of Lieutenant. He is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a former Commander in the latter organization.

Mr. Smith was elected prosecuting attorney of Indian River County in 1940 and held that office twelve years, including his time in the Navy. He was elected to the House of Representatives in the Florida Legislature and served from 1952 to 1956. At the present time he is County Attorney of Indian River County.

He is a member of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, a former vice-president of the State Junior

Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce; a past president of the Vero Beach Kiwanis Club, a former member and trustee of the Elks, and a member of the Vero Beach Country Club. At the Community Church of Vero Beach he has been Moderator for several years and is a former trustee of the church. He likes to play golf at the Country Club and to go fishing now and then.

Mrs. Smith was Olive Heath of Hastings, Florida, where she was born November 4, 1914, daughter of George H. and Bessie L. Heath. Her mother's people originally settled in Belleview, Marion County. She was born in Alachua County. Her father is from an old Putnam County family and was born in Hastings, St. Johns County. Formerly a potato farmer, he was later maintenance supervisor of the Florida State Road Department. He and his wife live on Pigeon Key.

Sherman N. Smith and Olive Heath were married in Vero Beach, August 22, 1937. They have three children, all born in Vero Beach:

1. Shirley Olive, born July 20, 1938, who is married to Michael O'Haire.
2. Sherman N. Smith, III, born February 22, 1946.
3. Roger Lance Smith, born August 12, 1951.

WALTER F. GRAVES, JR.

A citrus grower and packer in Indian River County, Walter F. Graves, Jr., is secretary-treasurer of Indian River Exchange Packers, Inc., which he and his brother Robert organized in 1946. Their groves are in Wabasso and were set out in 1921 by their father and uncle, Walter F., Sr., and J. E. Graves. The father, who was born in Madison County, Virginia, came to northwest Florida about 1895 and had lumber mills and a turpentine business at DeFuniak Springs and at Freeport and Hosford. In 1919 he bought land in Wabasso, Indian River County, and had a lumber mill there as well as his groves. He died in Jacksonville in June, 1937. Walter, Jr.'s mother, who is living in Vero Beach, was Eleanor Tatum from Alabama.

Born in Geneva, Alabama, November 6, 1902, Walter F. Graves, Jr., attended Georgia Military Academy, Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, and the University of Florida. Up until the time he and his brother established their citrus packing house, Walter worked in the lumber business of his father and uncle, Graves Brothers Company, at Hosford and at Wabasso.

Indian River Exchange Packers handle about 500,000 boxes of fruit yearly and employ about 125 people in season. They are affiliated with Florida Citrus Exchange of Tampa and ship under the labels of "Florigold" and "Flo." Walter Graves is a member of Indian River Citrus League and a charter member of Florida Citrus Mutual, of which his brother is a director. A cousin, J. R. Graves, is chairman of the Florida Citrus Commission.

Our Mr. Graves is also a member of the Rotary Club and the Riomar Club of Vero Beach, Sigma Nu social fraternity of the University of Florida, W. B. Barnett Masonic Lodge #187, Jacksonville Consistory and Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando, and the Trinity Episcopal Church of Vero Beach. He finds relaxation in golf and fishing.

In Brunswick, Georgia, on April 15, 1947, Mr. Graves married Lonva Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Williams of Brooklyn, New York, where she was born on August 29, 1906.

EGERTON EVERETT CARTER

The R. D. Carter Engineering Company of Vero Beach, founded in 1911 by Robert D. Carter, is one of the largest engineering firms between Jacksonville and Miami, and has done work all over southern Florida. Eldest son of the founder, Egerton Everett Carter is now senior partner of the firm. Mr. Carter is also vice-president of Marion and Carter Engineering Associates of Vero Beach and president of Carter and Zeuch Groves, Inc. He is a rancher, too, and has been much concerned with agricultural stabilization and soil conservation programs in this state for a good many years.

Egerton Everett Carter was born in Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 9, 1902, son of Lilliam D. (Purkey) and Robert Daniel Carter, whose sketch follows. He attended the University of Florida from 1920 to 1923, leaving there to go into his father's engineering firm. From 1930 to 1939 he was Resident Engineer for the State Road Department; from 1939 to 1957, County Road Superintendent for the Indian River Company. Since 1957 he has been head of the R. D. Carter firm, which employs about 35 people.

Mr. Carter recently sold to the Mackle Company for subdividing purposes 1,600 acres which had been his ranch and pasture land. He still has some cattle on 160 acres, and some horses, including two thoroughbred Palominos.

He has been a member of the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Committee for 16 or 17 years, most of that time as chairman, and has been a Soil Conservation Supervisor from Indian River District for 15 years. Appointed to the State Soil Conservation Board by Governor Collins in 1954, he is now chairman of that board. On February 13, 1960, he received from Governor LeRoy Collins the much-coveted annual Governor's Award for the outstanding man in soil and water conservation work in 1959 for the State of Florida.

Mr. Carter is a charter member of the Professional Land Surveyors Association of Florida; a member of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce and the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce; a member of Grace Methodist Church of Wabasso and of its official Board of Stewards.

Mrs. Carter is a trustee of the Indian River County School Board and has been for many years. She is the former Gertrude Miller, daughter of Marvin M. and Gertrude (Overstreet) Miller, and was born in Kissimmee September 25, 1918. She and Mr. Carter were married in Dade City February 9, 1935. They have three sons and two daughters: Robert Daniel Carter and Mildred Carter Frasier (Mr. Carter's children by a former marriage), and Marvin Egerton Carter, Everett Stanley Carter, and Joye Carter.

ROBERT DANIEL CARTER

A pioneer resident of Wabasso and prominent Indian River County civil engineer, Robert Daniel Carter was the oldest of five sons of Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wesley Carter of Eufaula, Alabama, where he was born August 10, 1877. His middle name was for Daniel Boone, with whom the Carters had originally crossed the mountains from Virginia. When he was thirteen years

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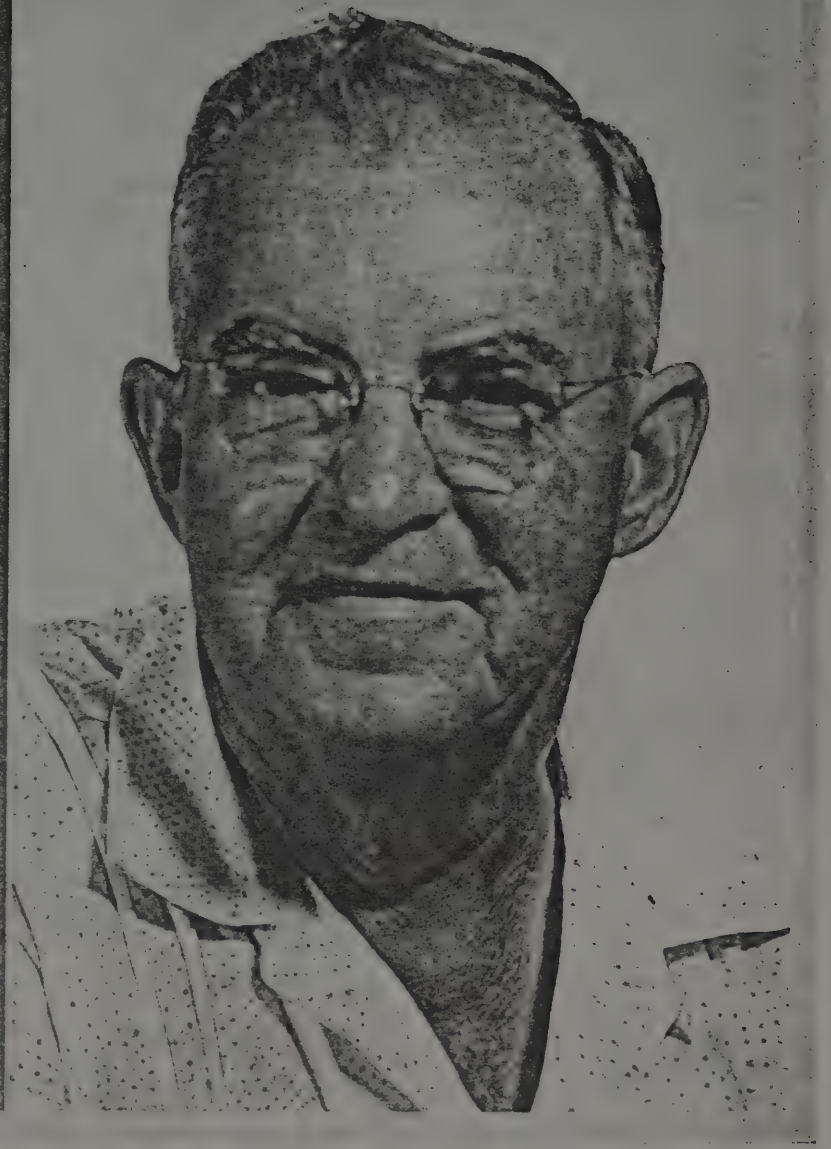


E. E. Carter

old his family moved to Tennessee. There, on February 14, 1901, he married Lillian D. Purkey, who was born in Morristown May 29, 1882. They made their home at Hendersonville, North Carolina, where Mr. Carter was a civil engineer.

In line of business, he came to Florida in 1911 to make a survey for the Indian River Farms Company, the object being to determine the feasibility of draining the area for citrus and general agriculture. He came first to Daytona, then to Fort Pierce, and finally, in 1911, to Vero Beach, at that time simply called Vero, where he drove the first stake for the future town, surveyed it, and drained the low-lying land for settlers. He located a homestead in Wabasso and moved there in 1913. Being a farmer as well as engineer, he developed the homestead into a dairy and later for beef cattle, as well as for general crops. He was always seeking to apply new and improved methods of Florida agriculture to his farm. He was also interested in citrus growing and developed a large grove near Vero Beach.

As a civil engineer he spent years in the building and development of that area and closely watched and furthered its growth for nearly half a century. As head of the R. D. Carter engineering firm, he had much to do with drainage, bridges, and roads, mostly in that section, as well as other engineering projects. He was chief engineer for the Indian River Farms Drainage District and for the Sebastian River Drainage District.

Mr. Carter was a loyal member of Grace Methodist Church in Wabasso, a member of the Vero Beach Masonic Lodge, and a humanitarian who never forgot human need. Many individuals and organizations, both white and colored, have reason to remember with gratitude his acts of kindness and generosity through the years.

Robert D. Carter died in Vero Beach June 30, 1956. His wife died January 5, 1959. Both were buried in Crestlawn Cemetery, Vero Beach. Of their four children (three sons and a daughter), two survive: Egerton E. Carter of Wabasso and Vero Beach, whose sketch precedes, and Mrs. C. E. Wilcox of Harrington, Delaware.

THOMAS EDWARD HOGAN

Farmer, citrus grower and cattleman, Thomas Edward Hogan, founder and president of Hogan and Sons of Vero Beach, is a second generation native Floridian. His grandfather, Joseph Hogan, came from Virginia and settled in Hamilton County, Florida, shortly after the Civil War. His father, Albert Sidney Hogan, and his mother, Laura Texas Zipperer, were both born in Hamilton County and died in Pompano.

Born near Jasper on January 30, 1888, Thomas Edward Hogan attended the public schools of Suwannee County and worked on the farm with his father until 1909. Having recently been married, he bought his own farm near Houston and raised corn, cotton, and peanuts. He sold this farm in 1911 and bought another near Wellborn. In October, 1912, he moved to Jacksonville and for the next four years worked as a streetcar conductor for Jacksonville Traction Company. His next move, in June, 1917, was to Akron, Ohio, where he worked in the B. F. Goodrich Tire factory. He returned to the farm in Suwannee County in 1918 and continued to farm there until he moved to Vero Beach.

Arriving in Vero Beach with his family on January 1, 1920, he made a living for a while by picking citrus fruit for other growers and by fishing. He began to grow tomatoes, getting more experience with each year's crop, until by December of 1929 he was in the tomato-growing business exclusively. Mr. Hogan was the first to plant two crops of tomatoes a year. About 1925, when he was plowing up a field to plant beans where tomatoes had been grown, he discovered that some tomato plants from seed of the previous crop were coming up. It was most unusual for tomatoes to be growing in September, and he decided to experiment and planted a crop of tomato plants. In December of that year his tomatoes were being sold in the local markets. Ever since then he has planted spring and fall tomato crops successfully.

He bought his first land in 1941, and in 1949 built the present packing house. Hogan and Sons, a partnership, was formed after World War II, when Mr. Hogan gave to each of his two sons and two sons-in-law a 20% interest in the business. In the 1957-58 season the Hogans brought their tomatoes to the State Farmers' Market at Fort Pierce, where they were packed by the Fort Pierce Tomato Growers. Since then the Vero Beach operation is concerned with the growing, packing and shipping of citrus fruit, and with cattle raising. The Hogans have had cattle for several years now. On their ranch, seven-and-a-half miles southwest of Vero Beach, they raise a commercial herd with thoroughbred Brahman and Shorthorn bulls.

Mr. Hogan is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Florida Citrus Exchange of Tampa, and Indian River Cattlemen's Association. He was elected to the Indian River Drainage District as one of the supervisors about eleven years ago (1949), and is still serving in that capacity. He is a Mason of Vero Lodge #250 and a member of the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach. His wife is active in the Missionary Society of the church. Mr. Hogan used to go hunting in his younger days and still enjoys fishing.

He was married at Wellborn, Florida, November 22, 1908, to Verdie Johns, daughter of James Hardy and Mamie (Evers) Johns. She was born at Houston, Florida, June 21, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan are the parents of the following eight children:

1. Doris Marie, born April 26, 1910, at Houston, who died at eight months.
2. Myrtle Hogan Streetman, born July 13, 1911, near Houston.
3. Ethel Hogan Gunter, born December 30, 1912, at Jacksonville.
4. Hazel Hogan Barrett, born March 2, 1915, at Jacksonville.
5. Luther Edward Hogan, born May 15, 1919, at Wellborn, who was lost at sea in 1942 as pilot of a B-24 in the U.S. Air Corps.
6. Mamie Hogan, born January 30, 1922, at Vero Beach.
7. Albert Roy Hogan, born August 4, 1923, at Vero Beach.
8. Chester Ray Hogan, born November 5, 1924, at Vero Beach.

RALPH WALDO SEDGWICK

Ralph Waldo Sedgwick has been a resident of Vero Beach since 1920, and is one of the founders of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Indian River County, of which he is now president and manager as well as one of the directors.

Mr. Sedgwick was born near Fairland, Shelby County,

Indiana, on April 10, 1899, a son of Riley Sherman and Lucy Pond Sedgwick. His father, who was a farmer, was born in Shelby County in 1864. Both parents died in Shelbyville, Indiana. Growing up on a nearby farm, he received his education in the public schools of Fairland.

He came to Vero Beach in 1920 and for the first four years worked with the Indian River Products Company. Becoming interested in the real-estate business, which at that time was booming, he became a broker in 1925. Late in 1929 he became associated with the Indian River County Bank and some time later with the Farmers Bank of Vero Beach, and continued this connection until 1935. At that time he was one of a group who organized the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, becoming one of its original directors and its secretary-treasurer and manager in December, 1935, serving in this capacity until 1956 when he was elected president. Mr. Sedgwick served as secretary and treasurer for ten years and is a past president of the Florida Savings and Loan League, a member of its Executive Committee and of the Executive Committee of the United States Savings and Loan League.

Mr. Sedgwick is very active in Chamber of Commerce work, being, a member of the national and state organizations, a past president of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, and an associate member of the Junior Chamber. He is vice-president of Tropics, Inc., which owns WTTB radio station; is a past president of the Vero Beach Rotary Club; a member of Vero Beach Lodge #250, F. & A. M.; a state director of the Children's Home Society of Florida; a member of the First Methodist Church of Vero Beach and has served several years on its official Board of Stewards; also a member of the Florida Conference Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church.

As a bachelor Mr. Sedgwick has a rather unusual hobby of visiting the sick, bringing cheer and comfort to those who are confined by illness—a great work of mercy. His humanitarian tendency is further indicated by his interest in the Children's Home Society. He served for several years as a member of the Board of Directors of the local hospital and as treasurer of Indian River County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" and in Volume III of Dr. Dovell's "Florida—Historic, Dramatic, Contemporary."

WALTER SAMUEL BUCKINGHAM

Among the foremost citizens of Vero Beach is Walter S. Buckingham, who has been connected with the citrus industry in Indian River County for forty years. He is also a partner and holds a half-interest in the Buckingham-Wheeler Insurance Agency, a business of long standing. Mr. Buckingham is credited with contacts and negotiations leading to the refinancing of the Indian River Farms Drainage District by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in December of 1936, resulting in a saving to the district of approximately one million dollars.

He and his parents were born in Shelby County, Indiana: his father, James William Buckingham, in 1858; his mother, Mary Lowden Buckingham, in 1859; and himself on February 11, 1891. His father was a farmer, grain elevator operator, and livestock buyer in Morristown, Indiana. He died in 1922.

Walter graduated from Morristown High School in 1909 and from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in 1913 with an A.B. degree. Preparing himself for a teaching career, he did postgraduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, and at Columbia University, New York City. For four years he taught school and was a high school principal at Delphi, Indiana. In May, 1917, he entered the United States Army and served overseas in World War I for the greater part of a year, attached to the 84th Division, 334th Regiment, as Adjutant of the Second Battalion, and was honorably discharged in October, 1919.

Returning from the Army, he took up his residence in Vero Beach, Florida, and on January 1, 1920, undertook his duties as secretary-treasurer of Indian River Products Company. He still holds this position and is now secretary-treasurer of Oslo Citrus Growers Association and of the following companies or corporations: Oslo Packing Company, Oslo Hammock Corporation, Sexton Groves, Sexton-Talbert Products Company, McKee-Sexton Land Company, Kenmore Groves Company, Inc., Arcadian Groves Corporation, Royal Park Service Company, Vero Beach Realty Company, and Vero Beach Dairy, Inc. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual.

As a civic leader, Mr. Buckingham is a past City Councilman of Vero Beach, past president of the Chamber of Commerce (1936), past president of the Rotary Club, and past commander of Felix Poppell Post #39 of the American Legion (1935). He was first secretary and an organizer of the Vero Beach Masonic Lodge #250, is a deacon of the First Baptist Church, and now president of Florida Gideons. At DePauw University he was received into the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Mrs. Buckingham has been superintendent in the Junior Sunday School and is active in other work of the First Baptist Church. She is the former Elvira Thompson, daughter of Colonel Henry Clay and Willie Sue (Ladd) Thompson of London, Kentucky, where Elvira was born May 29, 1898. She and Mr. Buckingham were married in Miami February 11, 1924. They are the parents of five children:

1. Walter S., Jr., born December 2, 1924.
2. Clay Thompson, born June 8, 1927.
3. James William, born March 28, 1932.
4. John Ladd, born April 14, 1933.
5. Audrey Buckingham Unruh, born October 16, 1937.

WARREN TEELE ZEUCH

The owner and operator of the Warren T. Zeuch Real Estate and Insurance Agency in Vero Beach is perhaps better known as a citrus man, having been identified with this industry in an advisory and adminstrative capacity. A son of the man who was known as the "father of Vero Beach," he, too, has shouldered responsibility for the welfare of his community and state.

His father, Herman J. Zeuch, who also is credited as the founder of the town of Taber in the province of Alberta, Canada, was born in Davenport, Iowa, November 11, 1867. He was a wholesale grocer, banker, real estate developer and citrus grower. He came to Vero, Florida, in 1911 to take over 48,000 acres of land and organized the Indian River Farms Company, which he served as president until it was dissolved. He died in Vero Beach October 13, 1937. Warren's mother, Adelaide Teele Zeuch, was born in Dubuque, Iowa, August 23, 1866, and is still living in Vero Beach at this writing, in her 94th year.

Warren T. Zeuch was born in Davenport, Iowa, Sep-

tember 20, 1898. He attended the public schools of Davenport and the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1922 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Entering his father's wholesale grocery firm, Morton L. Marks Company, as an executive, he continued in that business until 1935, when his father asked him to come to Vero Beach to learn the operation of his citrus groves and his various other Florida holdings.

In 1938 the younger Mr. Zeuch established the Warren T. Zeuch Real Estate Agency and in 1946 added an insurance department, handling all types of insurance coverage. He is a past president of the Vero Beach Board of Realtors.

A past director of the Indian River Citrus League, Mr. Zeuch is a member and was one of the original directors of Florida Citrus Mutual. He served on the Governor's Citrus Advisory Committee in 1949, as a member of the Florida Citrus Commission 1950 to 1952, and on the Growers Administrative Committee for several terms.

He is a member of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce and was president of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce for two terms. From 1940 to 1945 he served on District #10 Welfare Board, and for the next five years, 1945-50, on the State Welfare Board. Having served in the United States Army in 1918 as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, he is a member of the American Legion's Felix Poppell Post #39 of Vero Beach. He is also affiliated with Chi Psi social fraternity of the University of Minnesota, with the Elks Lodge #1774, the Vero Beach Rotary Club, and the Vero Beach Country Club, of which he was president for two terms. He is a vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church of Vero Beach and recently terminated 15 years as Senior Warden.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 19, 1923, Warren T. Zeuch married Dorothy Leavitt, daughter of C. V. and Grace (Welton) Leavitt, who was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, August 10, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Zeuch have two sons and a daughter, all born in Davenport, Iowa. Warren T., Jr., born May 24, 1924, married Marjorie Kersey. He is manager of the insurance department of the Warren T. Zeuch Agency. Theodore Frederic Zeuch, born July 27, 1926, married Ruby Reeser. He is a deputy in the Sheriff's Department in Broward County. Phyllis Nancy Zeuch, born October 2, 1927, married Rev. Johnson H. Pace, Jr., Episcopal minister at Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville, Florida.

Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch, Sr., is a past president of the Women's Auxiliary of Episcopal Women of the Diocese of South Florida, president of the Florida Senior Women's Golf Association, and vice-president of the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society. She also owns and operates Vero Travel Service.

JOHN JUSTIN SCHUMANN

The owner and publisher of the Vero Beach Press-Journal since 1927, John Justin Schumann is the son of a distinguished newspaper editor and publisher, John Franklin Schumann, who was the first editor of the Orlando Morning Sentinel and later was editor of the Orlando Evening Reporter Star. Like his father, too, he holds a lawyer's degree. In addition to his accomplishment as the long-standing head of a successful newspaper, Mr. Schumann has served his community and state in public office for a good many years. He has earned the esteem of his fellow citizens.

John Justin Schumann and his father and mother were born in Waterloo, Indiana; the father on May 5, 1864, and the son on May 14, 1898. The mother, Blanche M. (Jackman) Schumann, is living in Glendale, California, at this writing. John J. graduated from Orlando High School in 1916 and from the University of Indiana in 1921 with an LL.B. degree. During World War I he served in the Infantry with the rank of Second Lieutenant, but had no overseas duty.

After completing his formal education in 1921, he began his newspaper career with the Orlando Reporter Star and continued with his father's paper until 1926, when he established the Vero Beach Journal, a weekly, published every Friday. In May of 1927 he bought the Vero Beach Press and consolidated the two papers under the name of Vero Beach Press-Journal.

Mr. Schumann has been successful in many other enterprises. He was one of the founders of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, which he served as president for twenty years, and since 1956 has been Chairman of the Board. Among his other interests have been Vero Beach Builders, Inc., of which he is a director, and which owns valuable commercial properties.

Appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he was postmaster of Vero Beach from 1934 to 1944. He was Florida State Democratic Committeeman from Indian River County, and served under Governors Holland and Caldwell as a member of the Florida Citrus Commission. He has also served as president of the City Council of Vero Beach.

Mr. Schumann is a past president of the Vero Beach Rotary Club, a member of Masonic Lodge #250 of Vero Beach, of Felix Popple Post #39 of the American Legion, Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity of the University of Indiana, and is one of the founders and an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach.

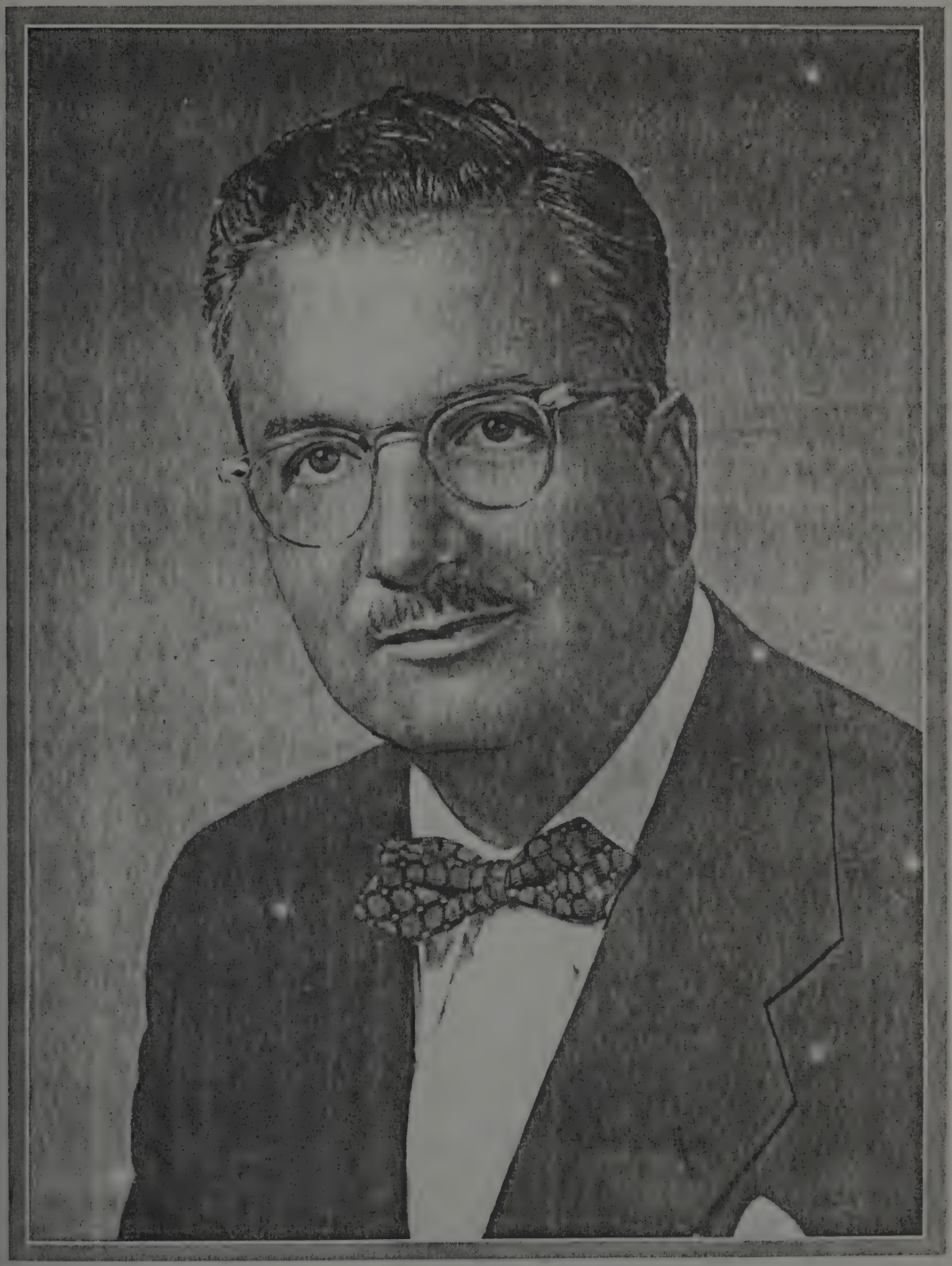
He was married in 1923 to Ruth Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dennis of Salem, Indiana, and they have one son, John Justin, Jr., who is assistant publisher of the Vero Beach Press-Journal. He married Vickie Couch of Talbotton, Georgia, and they have three children: Vickie Lynn, John Justin II, and Mark.

MAX OROVITZ

A resident of Miami since 1925, Max Orovitz is recognized not only for his business acumen as an executive and organizer of many successful commercial or industrial enterprises but also as a leader and founder of civic, humanitarian, religious and educational organizations and institutions.

Born in Camden, New Jersey, July 28, 1904, he is a son of Abraham and Jennie (Handelman) Orovitz, both natives of Russia, where his father was born February 7, 1873, his mother on April 10, 1882. Both are now deceased. His father was a merchant, and was one of the original incorporators of Mount Sinai Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1907. The family moved to Pelham, Georgia, in 1910, and Max graduated from Pelham High School in 1920. Continuing his education at Emory University in Atlanta, he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1925.

Following his graduation from college, he came to Miami, Florida, and for the first five years was with the City National Bank of Miami as escrow and trust officer. During that time he organized the City Bank of Miami Beach, now known as the Mercantile National Bank of



Thomas Brownell

Miami Beach, and served as a director. He is now a director of the North Shore Bank.

In 1930 he organized Scott Perry Corporation, a contracting firm which was active in the construction of homes and apartments in Greater Miami and in Savannah, Georgia, and New Orleans, Louisiana, during the second World War. In 1940, with a partner, he organized Public Gas Company, and was actively engaged in this business until it was sold in 1961. Meanwhile, in 1945 he organized the Alfred Destin Company, dealers in concrete products, and operated this business until 1953, when it was sold to Maule Industries, Inc., in which Mr. Orovitz is vice-chairman of the board. Since 1953 he has been interested in various land corporations, including the nationally known homesite and house building company, General Development Corporation, of which he is treasurer and a director.

Mr. Orovitz has not confined his business activities to this country. He organized a hotel corporation in Israel which owns four hotels: the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv, the Accadia Hotel in Herzliya, and the Dan Carmel Hotel in Haifa.

An active worker in the interests of the Jewish people, Max Orovitz is an incorporator, director and past president (1945-47) of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. During the same years, 1945-47, he was president of Temple Israel of Miami, of which he is a trustee. In 1945 he was one of the founders and incorporators of Mount Sinai Hospital of Greater Miami and was its president, serving from 1948 until 1960. He is now Chairman of the Board and is also a trustee of the hospital.

At the 1950 National Conference of Christians and Jews, Mr. Orovitz was the recipient of a citation for his contribution to better Human Relations. He founded the Library of Human Relations at the University of Miami, where he is on the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Executive Committee and a former director of the university's Citizens Board.

Mr. Orovitz was one of the original six founders of the United Fund of Dade County, of which he is a trustee, and served this organization as president in 1958-59. He was a director of the Community Chest and the Council of Social Agencies of Dade County; a member of the Dade County Charter Board for Home Rule (Metro), is a Mason, Shriner, and Rotarian, and a member of Westview Country Club. During World War II he served in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary from 1941 to 1945. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and in "Who's Who in World Jewry."

In Miami, Florida, on August 21, 1929, Max Orovitz married Ruth Kaplan, who was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, October 27, 1911, daughter of Sam and Rosa Kaplan, both born in Russia. Mrs. Orovitz attended the University of Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Orovitz are the parents of three children, all born in Miami. They are:

1. Felicia Rae Orovitz (Mrs. Richard E. Deutch), born March 13, 1932.
2. Warren James Orovitz, born July 17, 1936.
3. Michael David Orovitz, born August 26, 1942.

ARTHUR MAYFIELD HILL, SR.

Known as one of the pioneer developers of Vero Beach, Arthur Mayfield Hill, Sr., first saw the community in 1909, when he came as an agricultural advisor to investigate and report to a group of men who later formed the Indian River Farms Company, which developed the Drainage District and the town of Vero. He was a member of Hutchison, Hill and Young Realty Company, which contributed greatly toward the development of the present city of Vero Beach. Very much interested in citrus culture, he was well known in the state for his efforts in the marketing of citrus and in the industry as a whole.

Arthur Mayfield Hill was born in Knox County, Indiana, near the town of Bicknell, August 17, 1873, the eldest of six children. He attended State Normal School at Terre Haute, taught school and farmed. In 1892 he married Catherine Richey and they became the parents of four children.

In 1897 the family moved to Colorado Springs and made their home there for twenty years. While a resident there, Mr. Hill became one of the leaders of the community. He served four terms on the City Council, was active in state politics, and was interested in the building-contracting business, in dairying, and in a land-development company.

Mr. Hill brought his family to Vero Beach in 1917 and established his residence there. He was Superintendent of Salesmen for Indian River Farms Company, who developed the country back of Winter Beach, Gifford, Vero Beach and Oslo. They were a syndicate with offices in St. Louis, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Chicago, Cleveland, and Davenport, Iowa. The group of men became officers in the company and purchased 55,000 acres of land, drained it and built roads and canals. By 1930 it was completed, and they then turned it back to the county. In 1926 Mr. Hill donated the land for Pocahontas Park.

He was a member of the Community Church, a Modern Woodman of the World, a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. His wife, Catherine, died in 1924, and he later married Mrs. Hazel Johnson Albert. Mr. Hill died in Vero Beach November 19, 1947. He was survived by his wife, a daughter, Edith (Mrs. H. E. MacDonald), and his son, Arthur M., Jr., whose sketch follows.

ARTHUR MAYFIELD HILL, JR.

Son of a pioneer developer and citrus grower of Vero Beach, Arthur Mayfield Hill, Jr., is more than an ordinary citrus grower. At the Arthur M. Hill, Jr. Laboratories, established in 1938, he is constantly working on the development of new varieties of citrus and tropical fruits, principally Lychee, Longan, Canambolla, Sopodilla, etc. His research is his own private endeavor, supported mainly by his 130 acres of citrus groves, in which he raises all varieties. He also owns A. M. Hill Gift Fruits and, since 1950, Lychee Acres Nursery, the practical laboratory for many of his experiments through Arthur M. Hill, Jr. Laboratories as tropical horticultural consultants. His articles have appeared in many horticultural publications.

He was born in Colorado Springs August 12, 1907, son of Arthur Mayfield Hill, Sr. (whose story precedes) and Catherine Richey Hill. He graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1926 and from the University of Florida in 1930 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. In 1940-41 he did postgraduate work at the same university.

For ten years he managed his father's estate. Entering the United States Naval Reserve, he was commissioned a Lieutenant Junior Grade on March 10, 1944, and was on active duty from April, 1944, to September 6, 1946,

classified as a Malaria Control Officer. For his services he holds the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal.

Mr. Hill is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, the Indian River Citrus League, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, American Association of Nurserymen, American Rare Fruit Council, the Society for Horticultural Science, Tropical Section, and is vice-president of the Florida Lychee Growers Association.

In civic and social organizations he is a past vice-president of the Kiwanis Club of Vero Beach; past commissioner of Indian River County District of the Boy Scouts of America; past master of Vero Beach Lodge #250, F. and A. M.; one of the organizers, a charter member, and past deacon of the Community Church of Vero Beach. He enjoys all sports.

Mr. Hill was first married to Margaret Waters, whose people owned the land where the City Hall of Orlando, Florida, stands. Three children were born of this marriage:

1. Arthur Mayfield Hill, III, born July 18, 1936, now serving with the Seventh Fleet, United States Navy, in the Pacific.

2. Joy Waters Hill Orth, born December 5, 1937. She was married January 3, 1960, to William Orth, who is serving as a First Lieutenant in the Air Force.

3. Catherine Evelyn Hill Hickman, born May 28, 1940. She was married April 16, 1960, to Robert John Hickman who works for Button-Hill Nursery in Stuart, Florida, where they live.

On July 10, 1959, Mr. Hill married Ruth McLaughlin, who was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1908. She is a case worker with the Florida State Welfare Board.

OLON FRANKLIN PIPPIN

Carrying on the well-drilling business which his father established about 1924, Olon Franklin Pippin of Vero Beach now operates all over Florida and in the Bahamas.

He was born on April 8, 1911, in Ozark, Dale County, Alabama, as were also his parents, Henry Frank Pippin (born February 24, 1878) and Sarah Emma Langford (born May 7, 1890). From 1915 to 1919 his father worked as a section foreman for the Florida East Coast Railroad on the Florida Keys, and later worked for the railroad on the mainland. Starting about 1920, he farmed in Indian River County near Quay (now Winter Beach) and in 1924 established the Pippin Well Drilling Company.

O. F. Pippin first attended the country school at Gifford, then at Quay, Wabasso, and finally fnished his education in Vero Beach. He worked with his father in the well-drilling business until he took over the operations in 1945. Now employing about twenty people, he has seven well-drilling rigs for any kind or size of well—home, industrial, or farm irrigation wells.

Mr. Pippin is a director of the Florida Well Drillers Association, a member of National Water Well Association, Inc., and a member of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce. His wife is active in the First Baptist Church of Winter Beach.

In Monticello, Florida, on October 31, 1933, Mr. Pippin married Lola Elizabeth Davis, who was born January 1, 1914, at Greenville, Madison County, Florida, daughter of Francis Lee and Carrie Lavert Lewis Davis. Her father was born in Greenville, Florida, October 29, 1879, and died there March 1, 1958. Her mother, born in Jefferson County, Florida, October 24, 1886, is living in Greenville. A son, Hubert Langford Pippin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Olon Franklin Pippin at Wabasso, Florida, on October 17, 1934. He married Jane Letchworth of Sebastian, Florida, and they have two girls: Michelle Elise and Suzanne Marie.

JAMES LEVY KNIGHT

One of the earliest settlers of Vero Beach is James Levy Knight, whose principal occupation at the present time is cattleman, but in his long career Mr. Knight has done a number of other things. Among these, he was a vegetable farmer, general storekeeper, postmaster, express agent, oil distributor, fish merchant, ice plant operator, well driller, and citrus grower. Some of these operations or occupations were carried on simultaneously.

He was born at Fort Drum, Florida, August 2, 1885, son of Moody Webster (born April 22, 1882, died 1909) and Martha Elizabeth (Swain) Knight (born August 13, 1862, died March 10, 1923). His father was a mail carrier by horseback from the east coast to Fort Drum and from there to Fort Bassinger. He became an invalid, and James went to work at fourteen, hauling oranges by ox team from Fort Drum to Alligator Bluff on the Kissimmee River and bringing back a load of groceries for the store at Fort Drum, which was operated by his grandfather, Joel Webster Swain. What schooling he had was received in the one-room schoolhouse at Fort Drum.

In 1902 he came to Johns Island, across the river from Winter Beach, and worked on a bean farm there. Soon after that he leased ten acres and raised beans himself. Four years later he came to Vero Beach and bought twenty acres in the southern city limits and a little later bought two lots near the railroad depot and opened a general store there. He was appointed postmaster of Vero Beach in 1909, and at the same time was railroad express agent.

About 1909 also he bought E. J. Wood's fish business, the dock and other facilities, and with his brothers, Redden, Elbert and Marvin, operated this business under the name of Knight Brothers until about 1920. Marvin Knight is still a broker in the fish business. To furnish ice for his fish and groceries, as well as for general sale, Mr. Knight bought a small ice plant about 1910, and later built a larger plant which is still in existence. He lost this business during the depression.

Also in 1910, he started drilling wells, and was the first successful well driller in Indian River County. In partnership with William C. Knight and King, he operated three jet drilling rigs in Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee counties until two years ago (1958).

In 1912 or '13, while he was still postmaster and express agent, he became a distributor for Standard Oil Company, and continued to represent this company for about thirty-five years, retiring in 1947.

Mr. Knight has had cattle since 1941, and has a 1,000-acre rance west of Vero Beach. About three years ago he had 1,100 head of cattle, but now has a smaller herd, mostly commercial, with some Angus and registered Brahman bulls with which he is developing a Brangus crossbreed. Most of his marketing is done through the Okeechobee Livestock Auction Market.

In the course of his career Mr. Knight has set out two citrus groves and sold them.

As a young man he worked for the formation of St. Lucie County from Brevard, and in later years was active in bringing about the formation of Indian River County from St. Lucie County. An active Democrat, he was one of the first elected Councilmen of Vero Beach when the city was incorporated, and served eight years. He also was a School Trustee of Indian River County for a few years. He is a charter member of Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce; was formerly an active member of the Indian River Cattlemen's Association; for years was treasurer of the Florida Well Drillers Association; and was a director of the Farmers Bank at Vero Beach at the time it failed in the Florida "bust." He was a charter member of Masonic Lodge #250 and of the Vero Beach Exchange Club, now an honorary member of the latter. The First Baptist Church claims him as a member. In his younger days he enjoyed hunting, and he still likes to fish.

Mr. Knight was married on Orchid Island, near Wabasso, on March 8, 1908, to Gertrude Jones, daughter ef Seaborn and Susan (Richardson) Jones, who was born August 7, 1888, at Madison, Florida. They are the parents of three, a daughter and two sons:

1. Lois, Mrs. Herbert McCranie, born at Vero Beach and living in Fort Lauderdale. Lois has two children: Jean Marie and Sandra Sue. Jean Marie McCranie married Delbert Henne and they have two daughters, Melinda and Holly.
2. James Leon Knight, born at Orchid, who married Irene Gaston and has one daughter, Dayna Leigh. James operates the Standard Oil Agency which his father had for so long.
3. Landis Knight, born in Vero Beach, is a citrus grower in St. Lucie County. He married Helen Gustoski and they have three children: James Landis, Walter Edward, and Gertrude Mary.

Thomas Jefferson Cail, born in North Florida, married Alice Victoria Jones, sister of Mrs. Knight. He was a vegetable farmer and grove owner at Wabasso, where he went to live in 1880. A. B. Michael, Foster, a grove owner, and Dodge, another grove owner, vegetable farmer and postmaster at Stanwood, were living there at that time. The Cails were married in April, 1900, and had five children:

1. Rena May, Mrs. Paul Hood, living in Fort Pierce.
2. Herbert, living in Fort Pierce.
3. Homer, deceased.
4. Howard, living at Wabasso.
5. Helen, Mrs. Albert Summerall, living at Wabasso.

JOHN MARION KNIGHT

The Knight family of Vero Beach own between them about 1,200 acres of citrus groves, yielding an annual harvest of approximately 600 carloads of fruit. They also have a 1,500-acre ranch with 300 head of commercial cattle.

The Knights have been natives of Florida for several generations. John Marion Knight was born September 10, 1887, in Jasper, Hamilton County, North Florida. Both his parents were also born in Jasper, Florida: his father, William Thomas Knight, on July 9, 1850; his mother, who was Mary McCullers, on July 15, 1858. The country school John attended, nine miles east of Jasper, was called the Knight school for two reasons — the Knights were the largest family in the settlement, and they boarded the teacher most of the time.

John Knight worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one, then farmed a small place nearby for a couple of years. He came to Vero in the spring of 1911 and for eight months earned his living by fishing in the river. He then got a job with the Indian River Farms Company, helped build the first dredge and helped to operate it for another eight months. His next venture was a small general store which he opened near the depot. He became a vegetable farmer and, without the help of any machinery, planted 700 acres of tomatoes in one year from which he shipped thirteen carloads in one day.

For eight years he was in partnership in the vegetable farming business with Paul Luther. It was during this period that he branched out into the citrus field on a larger scale, merging his small holdings with the small holdings of Mr. Luther, totaling about 160 acres between them, which was large for those days. In the course of the years following he had other partners and gradually increased his citrus acreage to its present large figure, now shared with his children.

He has had cattle for years, but about 1940 began cattle operations in a much larger way. His son, Victor, is in charge of the cattle operation, which is all in Indian River County. The citrus groves are spread over Indian River and St. Lucie Counties. Another son, Reed, does the grove caretaking work on most of the Knight groves and looks after the machine shop, a part of the caretaking operation.

Mr. Knight is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Indian River Citrus League, Indian River Cattlemen's Association, and Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce. He was appointed, first by Governor David Sholtz, to the Florida Citrus Commission, to which he was reappointed by Governors Fred Cone and Spessard Holland, and resigned at the end of twelve years. He also served twelve years as a member of the North St. Lucie Drainage District. About 1932 he was drafted as County Commissioner of Indian River County and served three years. For seven or eight years he was Democratic Executive Committeeman of Indian River County. When he retired in 1952 Mrs. Knight was elected to succeed him. He was School Board Trustee of Indian River County about eight years, and served a little less than a year on the Florida Welfare Board, appointed by Governor Cone in 1939.

On December 11, 1913, in Vero Beach, John Marion Knight married Burma Odessa Reed, who was born in Ringgold, Georgia, August 8, 1895. Her father, Charles Decatur Reed, was born in Ringgold, Georgia, September 17, 1857, and died in Vero Beach October 31, 1916. Her mother was Ella Peters, born in Georgia January 28, 1865, who died in Vero Beach July 11, 1957.

Mrs. Knight's mother and father with their five daughters came to Florida from Georgia in a covered wagon in 1897. They stayed in Vero four years, returned to Georgia and came back to Vero four years later, settling here, where her father started the first nursery. Mrs. Knight has been a member of the Woman's Club for twenty-five years and a trustee for eight years, and has been on the Executive Committee for fifteen years. She has also been a member of the Garden Club for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight are the parents of seven children, all born in Vero Beach and all but one living there. They are:

1. Mary Ella Knight Jerger, born December 20, 1916.

2. Naomi Daphne Knight Strickland, born February 28, 1919.
3. John Harrell Knight, born August 29, 1920.
4. Charles Reed Knight, born December 13, 1922.
5. Lloyd Stacy Knight, born August 19, 1925.
6. Doyle Victor Knight, born June 6, 1929.
7. Frances Ruth Knight Groth, born October 4, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight are members of the Primitive Baptist Church of Vero Beach.

CHARLES REED KNIGHT

One of the four sons of John Marion Knight, pioneer settler of Vero Beach, whose sketch precedes, Charles Reed Knight is a specialist in grove irrigation and drainage. Like his father, he has played a leading role in service to his community and state.

Born in Vero Beach December 13, 1922, he is the fourth in a family of seven children. He graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1942. Entering the United States Army Air Force in the spring of 1943 as an enlisted man, he was chosen to qualify as a cadet, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June, 1945, and was released from the service following VJ Day in August, 1945.

Soon after his return home, he formed the St. Lucie Grove Corporation, in which he was a stockholder, supervisor and manager, and started setting out his own groves. As stated in his father's sketch, he is the caretaker for most of the family's extensive groves. About nine years ago (1950) he and his father and other members of his family cleared and improved 1,500 acres of land west of Vero Beach and started 7 K Bar Ranch. In 1955-56 he and his partner, Howard B. Woodward, built a labor camp at Gifford with quarters for about 100, to house Bahamian laborers. Mr. Knight has also built several homes and duplexes, including the design and construction of his own beautiful home on Vero Beach.

He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and of the Indian River County Farm Bureau; was appointed to the Executive Board of Indian River Citrus League in 1958 and is still serving; served nine years on the Indian River Farms Drainage District and six years on the Indian River County Soil Conservation Board. He was on the Democratic Executive Committee of Indian River County for eight years, and on December 8, 1959, was elected a City Councilman of Vero Beach. He is a member of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of the Junior Chamber twelve years; is a Volunteer fireman, an Elk of Lodge #1774, a Mason and past master of Lodge #250, member of Lake Worth Consistory, Mahi Temple Shrine, and the Vero Beach Shrine Club; serves on the Advisory Council of the Indian River Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach. His hobby is woodworking, and he likes to study people.

At Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 31, 1944, he married Betty Mary Getty, who was born in Philadelphia September 8, 1924. Both her parents, William S. Getty and Pearl Emma (Chester) Getty, were born in Pennsylvania—her father in 1895, her mother in 1897—and both are living in Philadelphia. Mrs. Knight is very active in many organizations. She has been secretary-treasurer of the Indian River County Democratic Executive Committee for the past twelve years; a member of the Indian River County Parent-Teacher Association for eight years and is past vice-president; has served as Chairman for the Indian River County March of Dimes; is a member of the Hospital Auxiliary of Vero Beach and a Red Cross nurses' aide; a past president of the Junior Woman's Club of Vero Beach and past director of District #10, Florida Junior Woman's Club, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is active in church affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed Knight have a son, C. Reed Knight, Jr., born August 22, 1945, in Woodbury, New Jersey. He was president of his class at Vero Beach Junior High School in 1959 and is on the Student Council for 1959-60. He is also Archery champion of his district.

THOMAS NICHOLS STEWART

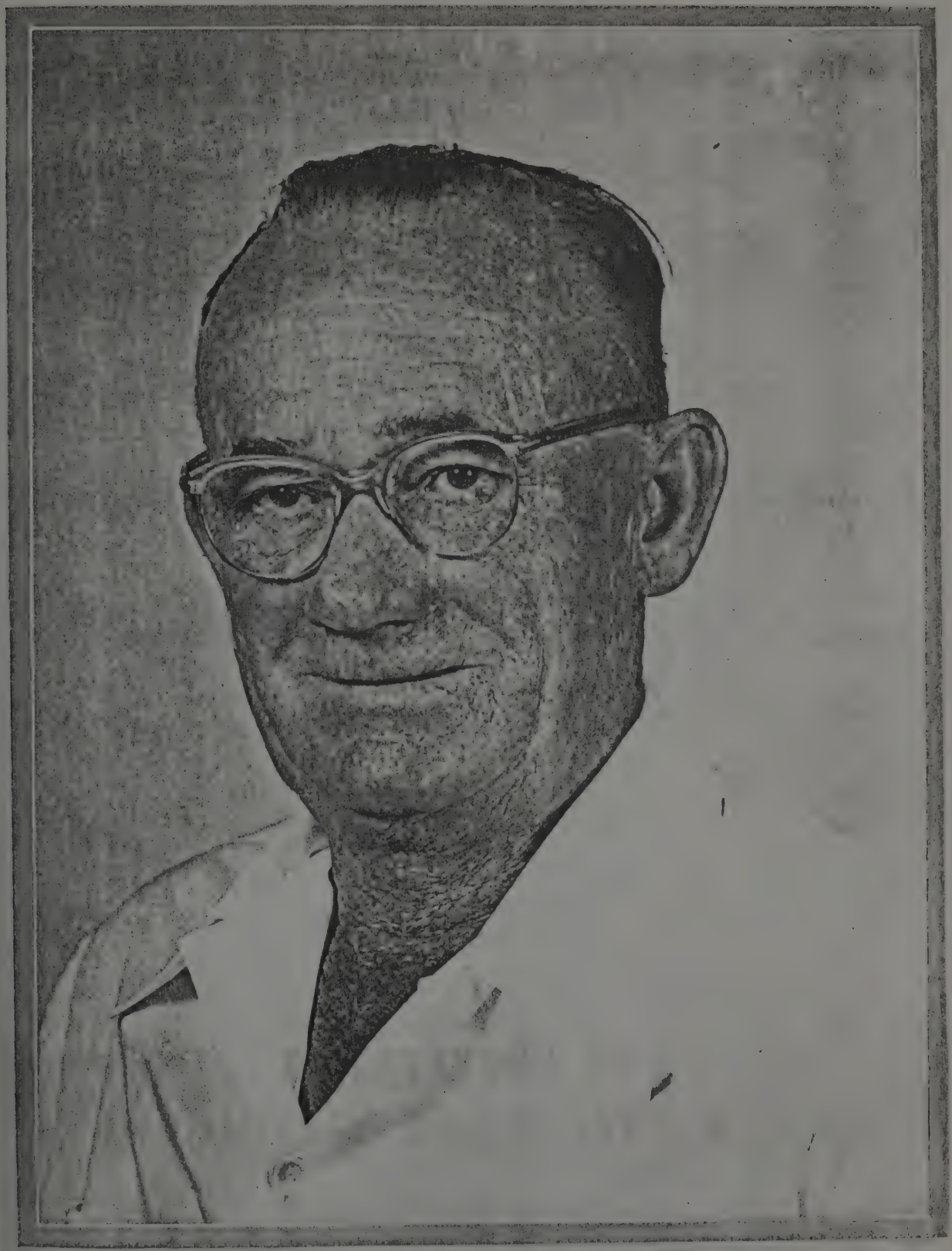
Thomas N. Stewart of Vero Beach has been associated with the citrus industry in Indian River County a good many years and has taken an active part in the civic leadership of his locality, as has also his father, Thomas Addison Stewart, who is still active in the Vero Beach Rotary Club, of which he is a founder and past president, and is also one of the founders of the Vero Beach Country Club.

Thomas Addison Stewart was born in Cuba, Kentucky, near Mayfield, April 6, 1884. He married Lola Joanna Nichols, who was born in Clay County, West Virginia, October 12, 1887. In 1925 he brought his family from New York state to Florida and settled at Vero Beach, where he bought citrus groves in the Indian River Farms area. He was also in the real estate business, most of the time associated with A. W. Young, former State Senator, and in the investment business.

Thomas Nichols Stewart was born in Mount Vernon, New York, December 1, 1909, and received his early education in New York state schools. He graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1927 and from the University of Florida in 1931 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

For the first three years out of college he worked as secretary and treasurer of Indian River Associates, fruit packers. In 1934 he went into partnership with his father in the Indian River Bond and Investment Company The next year he joined the Glidden Company of Jacksonville as Division Auditor and Personnel Manager and was with this company until 1944, when he became Assistant Central Florida Manager for American Fruit Growers, Inc., and represented this corporation on the East Coast until about September, 1957. At that time he joined Jerre J. Haffield Fruit Company, Inc., as Sales Manager, the position he holds today.

Mr. Stewart has been a citrus grower since about 1952 and is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and the Indian River Citrus League. In 1948 he was elected County Commissioner of Indian River County and served three years in that office, the last two years as chairman. He has been a director of the Florida State Junior Chamber of Commerce for two years and is a past director of the Vero Beach Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce. He was an early member and is past secretary of Vero Beach Elks Lodge #1774, is a member of the University of Florida Alumni Association, past president of the Florida Club of Indian River County (a forerunner of the Alumni Association), and a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity of the University of Florida. His church is the Episcopal and his political party the Democrats. Swimming and fishing are his favorite recreations.



Jack A. N. Strong

In Wabasso on June 16, 1935, Thomas Nichols Stewart married Emily Frances Hicks of Sebastian, daughter of Thomas and Mabel (Sembler) Hicks. The Stewarts have a son, Thomas Nichols Stewart, Jr., born April 16, 1942, in Jacksonville; and a daughter, Kim Emily Stewart, born July 26, 1956, in Vero Beach.

JACK A. N. STRONG

Jack A. N. Strong, the founder, owner and president of Indian River Growers Service, Vero Beach, which he has been operating there for the past 25 years, is an expert in the harvesting, packing and marketing of citrus fruit. He is an executive of various citrus organizations and has served in an advisory capacity. He is also secretary-treasurer of Tropicolony, Inc., and vice-president of West Gate Corporation, subdivisions in Indian River County, and is president of Sunquest, Inc., a rental housing development.

Eatonton, Georgia, is the birthplace of Mr. Strong; the date September 8, 1892. His father, James Bartlett Strong (born in Gordon, Georgia, May 12, 1863; died in Macon December 19, 1947) was a railway engineer for Central of Georgia and the Southern Railroad. His mother, Mary Lou (Mason) Strong, was born in Eatonton, Georgia, May 1, 1865, and died in Macon, December 13, 1947. Jack was educated in the public schools of Macon and graduated from Lanier High School in 1910.

In business for himself from the start, Jack Strong was manager of the Dublin Grocery in Dublin, Georgia, until he retired in 1916 and moved to Goulds, Dade County, Florida, where he became packing house manager for American Fruit Growers, Inc. He came to Vero Beach in 1928 and was packing house manager for Chase and Company until 1934, when he established the Indian River Growers Service. The present packing house, which he bought in 1940, was built about 1934. The business was incorporated in 1958 and Mr. Strong assumed the title of president. He ships about 400,000 boxes of grapefruit and oranges annually and employs about 75 people in season. Mr. Strong has been a grower of citrus since 1952, with groves located in northern St. Lucie County. Before he established this business, from 1928 to 1934, he was a vegetable grower in Indian River County.

Mr. Strong is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and was formerly on its Advisory Board; a director of Florida Citrus Exchange and chairman of its Operating Committee; vice-president of Indian River Citrus Sub-Exchange, affiliated with Florida Citrus Exchange; and is a director and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Indian River Citrus League.

A Democrat, he was elected to the Vero Beach City Council in 1948 and served a two-year term. He is a charter member of Vero Beach Lions Club and Elks Club and attends the Christian Science Church. Fishing is his recreation.

In Macon, Georgia, on November 17, 1923, he married Willie Rebecca Wadsworth. Their daughter, Mary Grace, now Mrs. Winton Joseph Roschach, was born October 10, 1924, at Councils, Idaho.

The first Mrs. Strong died August 17, 1946, at Vero Beach, and on August 31, 1947, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mr. Strong married Effie Pearl Ratliff, who was born December 1, 1905, in Waco, Texas. She is a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Vero Beach.

LOUIS SPENCER TILLER

Thirty years in the banking business is the record of Louis Spencer Tiller, Executive Vice-President of Indian River Citrus Bank in Vero Beach. Mr. Tiller is also a real estate developer and owns rental property in Vero Beach, where he is reckoned among the leading citizens.

He is a native of Northwest Florida, where his grandfather, Crayton Tiller, settled before the Civil War, coming from North Carolina. His father, Dr. John B. Tiller, was born August 2, 1874, in Pine Log, Washington County, Florida, and died November 4, 1929. His mother, Emma Spencer, was born December 23, 1880, in Marianna, Jackson County, and died July 30, 1944. Both died in Pensacola, where Dr. Tiller was a practicing dentist, a Rotarian, and an active church worker.

Born in Pensacola December 7, 1910, Louis Spencer Tiller attended the public schools and graduated from Pensacola High School in 1929. His first position was with the American National Bank in Pensacola. Starting as a runner in 1930, he was a teller when he left there in October, 1937, to join the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Assistant Bank Examiner. On August 1, 1941, he was promoted to Examiner.

Entering the United States Navy in 1943, Mr. Tiller served with the rating of Storekeeper First Class at Jacksonville and in Okinawa until January, 1946. He returned to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and continued there until May of 1948, at which time he came to Indian River Citrus Bank to take up his present position.

Mr. Tiller is one of the developers of Whispering Palms, a subdivision in the southern part of Indian River County, and is co-owner of Sea Cove Cottages and Shores Colony Motel, both in Vero Beach.

He is a past group chairman of the Florida Bankers Association, a past director of the Independent Bankers Association, and an active member in both groups; a member and past director of Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce; a charter member of Elks Lodge #1774; a member of Vero Beach Country Club and the Riomar Club; and a member of the First Methodist Church of Vero Beach and of its Finance Committee. In politics he is an Independent. He likes to fish and hunt when time and season permit.

Mrs. Tiller was Hilda Langford of Pensacola, born there September 25, 1906, daughter of Captain Charles Benjamin Langford. She and Mr. Tiller were married in Pensacola, July 17, 1937. They have a son, Louis Spencer Tiller, Jr., born in Atlanta, Georgia, February 5, 1943, now attending the Bolles School at Jacksonville.

DAVID PASCAL SAWYER

Although he has been a permanent resident in Florida only since 1945, David Pascal Sawyer, citrus grower of Vero Beach, has an older claim to that territory through his father, John Pascal Sawyer, who came to Vero in 1915 and started a citrus grove about five miles west of there. He put up a temporary home there. In 1917 or '18 he built a house on the beach, the one in which his son now lives, which was one of the first houses in Vero Beach. John Sawyer and two or three other early settlers were the founders of the Riomar Club and, incidentally, the first developers of the Beach area. He used to spend the winter in Vero and the summer in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born in Kent, Ohio,

in 1862 and died in Cleveland in 1945. David's mother, Mary Baldwin Sawyer, was born in Cleveland in 1865 and died there in 1935.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, December 13, 1895, David Pascal Sawyer received his early education in Cleveland's public schools. For his secondary education he was sent to Asheville School for Boys in Asheville, North Carolina, where he graduated in 1914, and spent the next four years at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, graduating in the class of 1918 with an A.B. degree. His college education was interrupted by military service. Enrolled in the United States Army in April, 1917, with a reserve officer's rank of Second Lieutenant, he was attached to the Regular Army, Sixth Division, Field Artillery, but had no foreign service, and was mustered out in December of 1918.

Young Mr. Sawyer must have had a desire to learn things from the ground up, for in 1919 he went to work with Toledo Furnace Company as a laborer and worked his way up to general foreman when he left the company in 1925. After that he worked as a salesman for various firms, and in 1931 became field engineer and salesman for Dyer Engineers, Inc. During World War II, starting in January, 1942, he was Regional Chief Analyst for the War Production Board in Cleveland, and before he left there was head of the Production Engineering Department of this regionaal board. His next position was as vice-president of DeHamel Construction Company in Cleveland.

Late in December of 1945, following the death of his father, Mr. Sawyer came to Vero Beach to manage the citrus and ranch interests which his father had built up. With his son John as manager of the ranch, he raised crossbred commercial cattle until last Octobef (1959), when the cattle were sold. Since then John is manager of Sunshine Farms, the ranchland and grove interests.

Mr. Sawyer is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Indian River Citrus Growers League, Indian River County Farm Bureau, Indian River County Cattlemen's Association (of which he was president one year), and a member of Florida Inland Navigation District Commission. He is also a member of Vero Beach Rotary Club and Elks Lodge, the Vero Beach Country Club, the Riomar Club, Alpha Delta Phi college fraternity and the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach. Golf is his recreation.

In Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 2, 1920, he married Alice Landon, daughter of Hugh McKennon and Susie Davis Landon. Mrs. Sawyer was born in Indianapolis March, 29, 1897, and graduated from Sophie Newcomb College of Tulane University, New Orleans, in the class of 1918. She became a registered nurse at the close of World War I, training at Vassar's nurse-training camp and at Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a professional florist in Cleveland, where she had her own shop, "Sunshine Florist." Since coming to Florida she has been very active in Garden Club work and is a past president of the Vero Beach Garden Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are the parents of four children, three sons and a daughter. They are:

1. John Pascal Sawyer II, born April 11, 1921, in Toledo, Ohio.

2. David Pascal Sawyer, Jr., born October 26, 1923, in Toledo.

3. Suzette Merrill Sawyer, born May 26, 1925, in Cleveland.

4. Hugh Landon Sawyer, born January 4, 1928, in Cleveland.

FORREST CLAYTON GRAVES

A real estate developer of Vero Beach, where he settled more than 35 years ago, Forrest Clayton Graves, now semi-retired, has also been a large citrus grower in the Indian River area.

He was born in the village of Belmont, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, February 28, 1897, one of five children of Lee Jackson and Lillian Gertrude (Brockman) Graves. His father, a lawyer and graduate of the University of Virginia, was born in Belmont, Virginia, December 13, 1862, and died in Fredericksburg, Virginia, March 10, 1942. His mother was born in Orange, Virginia, in 1868 and died in Spotsylvania County in 1903. Like his father, Mr. Graves, Sr., was a member of the distinguished Society of Cincinnati, First Families of America, being a descendant of Lieutenant Francis Graves of the Third Regiment North Carolina Continental Infantry and kinsman of John Temple Graves. Forrest Clayton Graves is eligible for membership as the oldest living son.

Forrest Graves attended grade schools in Spotsylvania County and Fredericksburg, Virginia, graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1915, and attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1916-17. Entering the United States Army in World War I, he served most of his time in Motor Transport and was discharged as Sergeant First Class in 1919. Returning to Virginia, he finished a two-year course in one year at Massey Business College, Richmond, and went into the automobile business as a dealer under the name of Virginia Motor Company at Fredericksburg. By 1921 he was in the real estate business in Wilmington, Delaware; later in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Mr. Graves came to Wabasso, Florida, in 1923. There he ran a commissary and kept books for Graves Brothers Company, distant cousins, who operated a turpentine, lumber and citrus business. After six months he went to Miami and became a salesman and executive of the Causeway Realty Company. In November, 1924, he opened his own real estate office in Vero Beach. He has been the developer of eight subdivisions on the East Coast, the latest being Vero Isles, a beautiful piece of reclaimed marshland in the middle of Vero Beach along the west bank of the Indian River.

In 1933-34 Mr. Graves was coordinator of the citrus industry survey, a United States Department of Agriculture project, and from 1936 to 1943, when he sold his citrus interests, he was one of the larger citrus growers in the Indian River area.

Mr. Graves is a member of the Vero Beach Board of Realtors and the National Association of Real Estate Boards; a former member of the Indian River Mosquito Control District; former member of Vero Beach Planning and Zoning Board, and was Chairman of the Board during his term. In the past he has been very active in social and civic affairs in Vero Beach—in the Elks, the Masons and Shriners, the American Legion and the Forty-and-Eight—now inactive for reasons of health. He is a past member of the Vero Beach Country Club and a member of the Community Church.

On May 7, 1936, in Vero Beach, Mr. Graves married Lenore Sleeth, who was born in Shelby County, Indiana, October 25, 1906. Both her parents were born in Shelby County, Indiana: her father, William B.

Sleeth, on March 16, 1877; her mother, Lulu Frances Sexton, on May 20, 1883. Both are living in Vero Beach.

ROLAND B. MILLER

The president of Roland Miller Chevrolet Company, Inc. of Vero Beach has been a Chevrolet worker or dealer all of his career. For his work he has won trips to Mexico, Cuba and the Bahama Islands, as well as various national recognition awards and trophies from the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors.

Son of William Thomas and Versa (Donaldson) Miller, both natives of Georgia, he was born in Lakeland, Florida, October 4, 1914. His father was a conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. He came to Florida about 1903 and settled in Lakeland, where he died in January, 1929. Roland's mother died in 1934. Educated in the public schools of Lakeland, he graduated in 1933 from Lakeland High School, where he played tackle on the Dreadnaught football team.

Going to Jacksonville, he obtained work in the service department of Downtown Chevrolet Company and before long was made service manager. Starting in 1935 as Parts and Accessories manager for Chevrolet Motor Division in Jacksonville, he was eventually promoted to District Manager and held that position until he resigned in 1944 to establish his own Chevrolet company in Vero Beach.

Mr. Miller is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Elks Lodge #1774, and the Methodist Church. During World War II he served as a civilian in stocking and distributing mechanical parts for military equipment and in training military personnel in this work. A Democrat, he is known as a fighter for what he believes to be right and takes a firm stand on issues, political and otherwise.

Mrs. Miller, the former Martha Turner, who married Mr. Miller in 1937, is active in church work and in the Vero Beach Garden Club. They have two daughters, Rolanda Delores and Marsha Marie Miller, both born in Vero Beach.

MARTHA WRAY POPE TAYLOR

A prominent club woman and civic leader of Vero Beach, Martha Wray Taylor is the widow of Samuel Butler Taylor, founder of the S. B. Taylor Construction Company in Vero Beach, of which Mrs. Taylor was secretary-treasurer.

She was born in Westfield, New Jersey, April 23, 1887, daughter of Walter Scott and Louise (Embree) Pope. Her father was born in Charleston, South Carolina, September 21, 1860, and died in Haddonfield, New Jersey, July 6, 1942; her mother, born in New York City December 6, 1856, died in Haddonfield June 2, 1936. Walter Scott Pope founded the wholesale cheese business of W. S. Pope and Sons, which is still in existence in Philadelphia. He vacationed in Florida but never took up residence here.

Martha Wray Pope received her early education in the public schools of Haddonfield, New Jersey, and graduated from Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. On February 6, 1912, in Haddonfield, she married Samuel Butler Taylor, who was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1881, son of William Garrett and Mary (Worth) Taylor. His father was born May 18, 1848; his mother on October 7, 1844, in Pennsylvania. Samuel Butler Taylor was in the construction business in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for about six years and then moved to Haddonfield, where the Taylors made their home for the next sixteen years.

In September of 1934 they moved to Vero Beach, Florida. Mr. Taylor bought twenty acres of groves in Tiger Hammock, south Indian River County, and about a year later established the S. B. Taylor Construction Company, which built many of the homes built in Vero Beach at that time. He was the developer of approximately thirty homes in the northeast section and in 1949 built the Sea Horse Inn on Vero Beach, which contains thirty rental units. Mr. Taylor was a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Indian River County at one time, and at the time of his death (March 10, 1950) was a director of Indian River Citrus Bank. He was a Mason and Rotarian.

Mrs. Taylor is a member of Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce. She served two years on the City Council and was appointed by two governors to the District Ten Welfare Board. Elected to the Indian River County School Board in 1949, she served not quite a full term. She has been a member of the Indian River Hospital Board for many years and was an organizer and first commander of the Indian River Chapter of the American Cancer Society. She is a director and past vice-president of the Indian River Beautification Society and a member and past president of the Indian River Garden Club. A charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach, which was organized in January, 1954, and completed in 1955, she was on its Building Committee and is now a member of the Session and past president of the Women's Association of that church.

Mrs. Taylor has been most active in Women's Club work. Now Corresponding Secretary of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, she is a past District Director, past president of the Indian River County Federation of Women's Clubs, and past president of Vero Beach Woman's Club. She has served as State Treasurer, Chairman of Finance, Chairman of Fine Arts, Chairman of Conservation, and as a member of the Headquarters Maintenance Committee for the Florida Federation. She has served on the Board of the Florida Federation for twenty-two years. In June of 1959 she attended the International Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Manila, Philippine Islands. Mrs. Taylor was appointed by Governor Collins to the Florida Governor's Advisory Commission for the Refugee Relief Program.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Taylor.

1. Mary Pope Taylor Young (Mrs. James W.), born January 30, 1913, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, graduated from Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, "magna cum laude." She has two children: James W., Jr. and Martha Godfrey Young.

2. Louise Embree Taylor, born October 9, 1916, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, graduated from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

3. William Garrett Taylor, born June 7, 1921, in Haddonfield, New Jersey, graduated from the University of Florida, Gainesville. He married Gloria Grassell and they have two children: William Garrett, Jr., and Holly Ann. He is an architect in Vero Beach and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

4. Martha Wray Taylor, born October 4, 1925, in Haddonfield, New Jersey, died there April 6, 1927.

CHARLES TOBIN McCARTY

In 1888 an outstanding lawyer, Charles Tobin McCarty, with his wife and their three young sons arrived in Fort Pierce by boat. They came from Vinton, Iowa, and were moving to Florida for the benefit of its healthful climate. A few miles south of Fort Pierce at a place then known as Ankona, now Eldred, they built their home.

Charles Tobin McCarty was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin, February 24, 1857. He was the son of a frontiersman, and at an early age took on his shoulders a share of his father's burdens. Surmounting the difficulties in the way of obtaining the education he desired, he entered Tilford Collegiate Academy at Vinton, Iowa, in 1878, with so many credits that he graduated a year later. In the same graduating class was Barbara Elizabeth Matter, also a brilliant student. They were married on the day of their graduation.

In 1882 Mr. McCarty entered the Law Department of the Iowa State University and graduated with honor. After practicing law for a year he accepted a professorship at Tilford Academy, where his wife was preceptress. His work as a teacher was of a high order, increasing the prestige of the school and leaving an indelible impression on the minds of his students, to whom he was a friend as well as teacher. In 1888 ill health caused him to give up his position and move to Florida.

C. T. McCarty entered into the cultivation of pineapples and citrus fruits as a student entering a new field of knowledge, and spent nearly twenty years studying the soil and climatic conditions of the east coast of Florida and conducting valuable agricultural and horticultural experiments. He was president of the Florida Horticultural Society at one time. He developed and established the Indian River variety of seeded grapefruit which came to be known as the McCarty grapefruit. Very active in the pineapple industry, he was one of the largest growers in the state. By 1895 he had become so widely acknowledged as an authority on semi-tropical industries that he was chosen by the British Government to judge the agricultural possibilities of the Bahama Islands and instruct the people living there. As a result of his labors in the islands he published at Nassau in 1896 "The Farmer and Fruit Grower's Almanac for the Bahamas Colony." This was a treatise on citrus fruits, vegetables and pineapples which met with the approval of the Governor of the Bahamas and proved of great value to the people of the islands.

C. T. McCarty built a fine legal reputation in Fort Pierce and was attorney for the board of public instruction, the town of Fort Pierce, and the Florida East Coast Railway Company. He was also in partnership with A. C. Dittmar in an extensive real estate business. He was a heavy stockholder and a director of the Bank of Fort Pierce, president of the Fort Pierce Board of Trade, president of the Florida State Horticultural Society, the animating spirit of the County Good Roads Association, and was always found in the front ranks of those working for the improvement of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, the East Coast and the State of Florida. He held the highest rank in Masonry.

His wife, Barbara Elizabeth, was one of the first school teachers in the Fort Pierce area, at one time teaching six grades in one room. She was one of the founders of the first Library and the first Woman's Club in Fort Pierce, and was very active in starting the Methodist Church in that community.

The three sons of Charles T. and Barbara Elizabeth McCarty were graduated from Tilford Academy at Vinton, Iowa, to which they returned from their Florida home to complete their education. Daniel T. returned to Fort Pierce to carry on in the citrus and pineapple business which his father had started. Charles E. became a physician and practiced in Wisconsin and Peoria, Illinois. Brian K. returned to Eldred, where he was active in the nursery and real estate business.

Charles Tobin McCarty died January 30, 1907, and his wife died in May, 1931.

DANIEL THOMAS McCARTY, SR.

Eldest son of Charles Tobin and Barbara Elizabeth McCarty, pioneers of the McCarty family in Florida, and father of Daniel T. Jr., who became Governor of Florida, Daniel T. McCarty, Sr., was one of the largest independent fruit growers in Florida. His magnificent grove west of Fort Pierce, the result of his labor and planning, was one of the finest in the world. A grower by nature, he loved this work best. At an early age he showed his business ability, and his life justified the early promise, for he became one of the substantial men of the county. His activities were many, and he was a dominant figure in many ways.

He was born in Vinton, Iowa, March 31, 1880, and accompanied his parents to Florida when he was eight years old. Returning to Vinton to attend Tilford Collegiate Academy, where his parents had been both students and teachers, he was graduated in 1898.

In 1903 Miss Frances Lardner Moore from Taylorsville, North Carolina, came to Fort Pierce to visit her sister, Mrs. Adrian M. Sample. There she met Daniel T. McCarty, and they were married on October 25, 1905, at Charlotte, North Carolina, where the bride was born on July 29, 1881. Her father, John Wilson Moore, was born in Mecklenburg County, near Charlotte, January 2, 1842, and died December 31, 1924. He was a member of the North Carolina Legislature and an elder in Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Her mother, Margaret Gibbon, was born near Charlotte August 14, 1840, and died February 25, 1886. She was the daughter of Dr. John H. Gibbon who was born in Philadelphia November 14, 1819, and settled in Charlotte, North Carolina, to operate the first mint in the state. He died in Baltimore, December 16, 1868. Frances Moore's education was begun at Charlotte Seminary and continued at Salem Academy and Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she graduated in 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. McCarty, Sr., returned to Fort Pierce and built a home just south of where the Burston Hotel is now located and east of the new McCarty Building.

In addition to his principal occupation as a citrus grower, Mr. McCarty was president of the Fort Pierce Bank and Trust Company for nearly two years before his death, which occurred on April 12, 1922, at the age of 42. He had been a director of this bank since his father's death in 1907, and was also a director of the East Coast Lumber and Supply Company of Fort Pierce and the Dade Lumber Company of West Palm Beach for a number of years. He was a Mason, a Shriner, Woodman and Odd Fellow, and a member of the Bishop's Committee of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of

Fort Pierce, where he attended regularly. One of his striking characteristics was his loyalty to his friends. His devotion to his family and church was often noted, and he never refused an appeal for aid.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. McCarty assumed complete management of the 150-acre citrus grove and successfully directed the packing and marketing of the fruit. With great vigor and tenacity of purpose, she carried on many other business and social interests and devotedly played the double role of mother and father to her five children.

Mrs. McCarty served Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce as vice-president, was a member of the Democratic Committee, the Indian River Drive Association, and the original Fort Pierce Improvement Club. For eleven years she served on the Hot Lunch Committee, operating the school cafeteria. She was chairman of the board of trustees of the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital. As a charter member of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, she was Chairman of Volunteers for many years, and during World War I did considerable sewing and knitting for the Red Cross. Active in the affairs of the Daughters of the American Revolution, she was Regent of the Cora Stickney Harper Chapter and auditor of the Florida State Chapter. She was a member of P.E.O., chapter R; served as president of the P.T.A.; was a member of the Fort Pierce Music Club and the choir of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and was president of St. Margaret's Guild. She died March 10, 1952, at the age of 70.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. McCarty, Sr., of whom one, the second child, died in infancy. The surviving children in order of age were: Anna Lardner, Daniel Thomas, Jr., Brian Kenelm, John Moore, and Evelyn Wallace. All were born in Fort Pierce and educated in St. Lucie County schools.

The three sons graduated from the University of Florida and were the first three brothers to become members of the Florida Blue Key, the leadership fraternity at the university. They all served as president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and upon graduation returned to Fort Pierce to live; Dan with a degree in Agriculture, Brian with a degree in Business Administration, and John with a degree in Law. All three served in the Army in World War II, entering as First Lieutenants in the Field Artillery and serving with distinction in the European, Pacific and India-Burma theaters. Dan emerged a full Colonel, Brian and John as Majors. Further information on each son is given in separate accompanying sketches.

Anna Lardner McCarty, born in Fort Pierce December 13, 1906, graduated from Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and became a teacher in the Fort Pierce High School. She married Vincent Guard Newell, Jr.

Evelyn Wallace McCarty, born in Fort Pierce October 22, 1917, also graduated from Salem College and was president of her class. She is now the wife of William D. Stark. They live in Jacksonville and have a son, William D. Stark, Jr.

The McCarty family gave 60 acres of land for the location of the new senior high school, which was named for Dan McCarty, Jr., following his death. They also gave 40 acres of land for the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club. In addition to their citrus grove properties, the McCarty families own and operate Circle M Ranch in St. Lucie County, where they raise commercial beef cattle.

JOHN MOORE McCARTY

Youngest son of the prominent McCarty family of Fort Pierce which has already given one Governor to the State of Florida, John Moore McCarty was a candidate for that high office in the 1960 election. He has been a practicing attorney in Fort Pierce since 1941, excepting four years in the service of his country during World War II, and until recently was Circuit Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida. He has also been active in the family's citrus and cattle business in St. Lucie County and is a director of a number of corporations, including the Commercial Bank at Fort Pierce.

Son of Daniel T. and Frances Moore McCarty, pioneer residents of Fort Pierce, he was born in that city November 23, 1915; graduated from Fort Pierce High School as president of his class in 1933, and from the University of Florida with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law, finishing in 1941. At the university he was active in athletics, being a letterman in football and basketball and manager of the baseball team. In the government of the student body he held several executive positions, ending with that of president in 1940, and in 1938 was president of the Southeastern Region of the National Student Federation. He was president of his social fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, a member of the Florida Blue Key and Captain of Sabres, member of the White Friars and Colonels, and in the Episcopal Chapel at the university was senior warden of the vestry and student chaplain. He was also a Cadet Major in the Reserve Officers Training Corps and upon graduation received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Corps.

At home in Fort Pierce he began the practice of law, but on April 17, 1942, answered the call to active duty in the Field Artillery of the United States Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, entering as a First Lieutenant. He served as Commanding Officer in the 292nd Joint Assault Company in the Pacific theater and wears battle stars for the campaigns of Gaum, the Philippine Islands, Okinawa and Japan. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and was released from active duty in February, 1946, with the rank of Major.

Returning to Fort Pierce, he resumed his law practice, forming a partnership with Charles R. P. Brown under the firm name of McCarty and Brown. After undergoing several changes, this partnership was finally dissolved in 1957, when Mr. McCarty assumed his duties as Circuit Judge. Shortly after his return from military service, he was elected Municipal Judge of Fort Pierce and served several years in this office. In September, 1957, he was appointed Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, to which office he was elected without opposition in 1958 and in which he continued to serve until late in 1959, when he resigned to prepare for his forthcoming campaign for the governorship.

Always active in politics, he was chairman of the St. Lucie County Democratic Committee in 1947 and 1948. He was campaign manager for his brother Dan in 1948 and again in 1952, and in 1953, during Governor McCarty's illness, John went to Tallahassee to assist him. He also served as State Chairman of the Citizens Constitution Committee of Florida.

His activity in professional, civic and fraternal organizations is indicated by the following list of his memberships:

American Bar Association, Florida Bar, St. Lucie County Bar Association, past president; St. Lucie

County Young Democrats Club, past president; St. Lucie County Farm Bureau, St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association, Florida Cattlemen's Association, St. Lucie County Historical Society, Martin County, Historical Society, Fort Pierce Rotary Club, past president; Fort Pierce Junior Chamber of Commerce, past president; Florida State Junior Chamber of Commerce, past president; Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital, life member and past president; American Legion Post #40, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3064, past trustee; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge #1520; Loyal Order of Moose; Woodmen of the World, Fort Pierce Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge #87; Scottish Rite, Lake Worth Consistory; Joppa Chapter #28, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar #17; Tall Cedars of Lebanon #113, Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; Fort Pierce Shrine Club, Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, life member; Pelican Yacht Club, University of Florida Alumni Association, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, life member. At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fort Pierce, he has served as Sunday School Superintendent and vestryman. He enjoys hunting, fishing and all athletics.

On July 16, 1941, he married Martha Louise Fosgate of Orlando, who was born in Arlington, Massachusetts, daughter of Chester C. and Margaret Cowell Fosgate. Her father, a citrus grower in Orange County, was born in Boston, Massachusetts; her mother in Athens, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have three children:

1. John Moore McCarty, Jr., born at Fort Bragg, N.C., December 25, 1942.
2. Margaret Evelyn, born at Fort Pierce, Florida, June 10, 1954.
3. Thomas Chester, born at Fort Pierce, Florida, May 9, 1957.

Mrs. McCarty is a past president of the Capron Trail Garden Club, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the auxiliaries of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

BRIAN K. McCARTY

Second son of Daniel T. and Frances Moore McCarty and brother of the late Governor Dan McCarty, Brian K. McCarty heads his own fruit-shipping business under the name of McCarty Fruit Company. He also raises commercial beef cattle and is president of the McCarty family Circle M Ranch, Inc.

Born in Fort Pierce January 17, 1914, he attended the public schools of St. Lucie County and the University of Florida, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1936. While a student at the university he was active in military and student affairs. He was a member of Sigma Delta Psi, national athletic fraternity; Sabres, honorary military society; voted best artillery sophomore; member U. of F. R.O.T.C. pistol and rifle teams, Cadet Major R.O.T.C. Brigade; won numerals in freshman football and track. He served as president and secretary of the U. of F. Glee Club, secretary of Florida Blue Key, the leadership fraternity, and president of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity.

Following his graduation from the University of Florida he returned to Fort Pierce and entered the express fruit-shipping business. In April of 1942 he was called to active duty as a First Lieutenant in the Field Artillery and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was promoted to Captain. He was assigned to the #5307 Composite Unit, better known as "Merrill's Marauders," the only American ground force combat unit in the China-Burma-India theater of war. This unit won the Presidential Citation Ribbon. Returning to the United States in 1945, he was discharged with the rank of Major.

Back in Fort Pierce after the war, he resumed his fruit-shipping business under its present name and became active in the cattle business. He is a member of the St. Lucie County Farm Bureau and a director of the St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association.

Active in many civic and fraternal organizations, he is a member of the Fort Pierce Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member and past president of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club, a member of St. Lucie County Planning and Zoning Board, the American Legion Post #40, V.F.W. Post #3064, Elks Lodge #1520, Woodmen of the World, Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, and the following Masonic bodies: F. and A.M. Lodge #87, Scottish Rite, Lake Worth Consistory, Mahi Shrine Temple, Knights Templar #17, Joppa Chapter #28 R.A.M., and the Fort Pierce Shrine Club. For a number of years he was Scout Master of Rotary-sponsored Troop #1, Fort Pierce Boy Scouts of America, which won the Gulf Stream Council Troop Championship award four consecutive years. He has served as a vestryman, senior warden and choir member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for many years.

In 1955 he was appointed by Governor LeRoy Collins as a member of the Board of Governors of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, with headquarters in West Palm Beach, and in 1959 became chairman of this board.

Brian K. McCarty married Gladys Elizabeth Penticoff of Chicago, and they have three children:

1. Barbara Elizabeth, born January 20, 1942.
2. Mary Alice, born January 19, 1944.
3. Brian K. Jr., born May 2, 1947.

The family resides at 701 Georgia Avenue, Fort Pierce.

PHILIP CUSTER GATES

The Gates family of Fort Pierce has had citrus groves at Fort Pierce Farms since 1912 or '13, started by Charles Amos Gates, who came to Fort Pierce in 1910 and built the house in which Philip Gates now resides in 1912. Philip's father, Charles Bernard Gates, who was born in Charleston, West Virginia, in May 1890, and died there December 27, 1951, managed the estates of the Gates family both in West Virginia and Florida, and looked after the family's grove interests in St. Lucie County. His widow, Philip's mother, Harriet Koplin (Hostetter) Gates, originally of Hanover, Pennsylvania, where she was born June 21, 1892, is living in Charleston, West Virginia.

Philip Custer Gates was born at Charleston, West Virginia, June 20, 1924, and attended the public schools of Charleston and Fort Pierce, also Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated in 1942. After four years of military service in World War II, he entered the University of Florida and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1949.

Entering the United States Army in December of 1942, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at Fort Riley,

Kansas, and served with the First Cavalry Division in Australia, New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, the Philippine Islands, and was released from the Army in March, 1946, with the rank of First Lieutenant.

In the summer of 1949 Mr. Gates took over the management of the family's grove property in Fort Pierce Farms, and is still so occupied. His fruit, which includes all varieties of oranges and grapefruit, is marketed through Fort Pierce Growers Association. He is a member of the Growers Administrative Committee under the Federal Marketing agreement, a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Indian River Citrus League, and St. Lucie County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Gates is also chairman of the Board of Supervisors of St. Lucie County Soil Conservation District, vice-chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Fort Pierce Farms Drainage District, past president of the Fort Pierce Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a past director of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club. He is vice-president of the American League of St. Lucie County Youth Association (the Little League), vice-president of Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, and has been treasurer of St. Lucie County Welfare Association for some time. As an alumnus of the University of Florida, he is district vice-president of the Alumni Association and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. He was twice secretary of the Vestry at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fort Pierce.

Mrs. Gates also is active in church affairs and is Episcopal representative from St. Lucie County to the Florida chain of missions. She was the first president of St. Lucie County Children's Health Council and is director of District #10 of the State Department of Public Welfare, appointed by Governor Collins. She is a past secretary of the Poinciana Garden Club and past secretary of the Board of Directors of the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club. As Barbara Ann Green, she was born April 13, 1928, in Painesville, Ohio, daughter of Shalor and Viletta (Moodie) Green. Both her parents were born in Cleveland, Ohio; her father on June 2, 1898, her mother on March 12, 1898. They came to Florida about 1943 and are living in West Palm Beach, where Mr. Green is a contractor, head of the Green Construction Company.

Philip Custer Gates and Barbara Ann Green were married in West Palm Beach on December 28, 1948. They have three sons, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Philip Custer, Jr., born February 9, 1950.
2. John Koplin, born March 18, 1952.
3. David Shalor, born May 5, 1953.

As hobbies, Mr. Gates enjoys golf and photography and has a model railroad which he started last year (1959).

IONE HINDS DURBIN

The Executive Secretary of St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Ione Hinds Durbin is an executive type of woman. She was in business for herself long before coming to Florida in 1938 and had owned property in the Fort Pierce area since 1928. She was a grove owner for many years and has been active in Chamber of Commerce and other civic affairs in Fort Pierce.

As Ione Hinds, she was born in Lorton, Nebraska, daughter of Samuel Preston and Lulu Harlan Hinds. Her father was a member of the Board of Trade at Kansas City, Missouri. He moved to Fort Pierce in 1928 and looked after some grove interests there.

Ione Hinds graduated from Westport High School, Kansas City, Missouri, and attended Sweet Briar College at Sweet Briar, Virginia. On September 16, 1912, in Kansas City, Missouri, she married Otis Benton Durbin, son of William R. and Ella Pickerel Durbin. When he died nearly twenty years later, on April 17, 1932, in Kansas City, he was Director of Purchasing of Purity Bakeries Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. At that time Mrs. Durbin became associated with Schneider Brothers of Chicago in the frozen egg business and for many years represented this firm as a broker.

She came to Fort Pierce in November of 1938, having been a grove owner here for some ten years then, and managed a citrus business until several years ago, when she sold her groves. About 1942 she was active in the management of Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce. During World War II she was treasurer of the Camp and Hospital Association in connection with the amphibian base at Fort Pierce, and in August, 1945, was in U.S.O. work at Fort Pierce, arranging programs, etc. When this U.S.O. closed the following March, Mrs. Durbin took a three-and-a-half month vacation and traveled through Mexico, Canada and the United States.

She was appointed to her present position in December of 1946. By virtue of this position and because of some special training she had, she was called to serve in Louisiana after hurricane Audrey struck in 1957. She has also had experience in local disasters, such as the tornado which struck Fort Pierce on April 15, 1958.

Mrs. Durbin was a member of Florida Citrus Mutual when she was a grove owner. She is a member of Fort Pierce Business and Professional Women's Club, a charter member of the Soroptimist Club, a member of the Pelican Yacht Club, and attends the First Christian Church in Fort Pierce.

A son, Bryce Edward Durbin, born in Kansas City, Missouri, January 31, 1914, operated the Durbin Quality Bakery in Fort Pierce from 1938 to 1946. He is now a builder in Gulfport, Mississippi. He is married and has two children, Barbara Lee and Bryce Edward, Jr.

MARION AMBROSE RAMSEY

A realtor and developer in Fort Pierce for more than a quarter of a century, Colonel Marion Ambrose Ramsey is also president of Fort Pierce Port and Terminal Company and is a retired Colonel of the United States Air Force with an impressive military record. He may be better known as the erosion expert who for nearly thirty years has fought for means to control erosion of the beaches in the Fort Pierce area.

Colonel Ramsey was born in Macon, Georgia, March 9, 1900. His father, Marion Ambrose Ramsey, Sr., was born in Ramsey, Alabama (obviously named for his family), on August 11, 1875, and died in Macon, Georgia, December 21, 1918. His whole career was with Central of Georgia Railroad. Starting as a clerk, he was Superintendent of the Macon-Atlanta Division when he died. The Colonel's mother was Rosa Johnson, born in Marshallville, Georgia, March 7, 1877, who died in Macon June 5, 1952.

Young Ramsey attended Lanier High School in Macon and Gordon Military College in Barnesville, Georgia. On March 18, 1918, he entered the United States Army and served with the 31st Division in this country, dis-

charged in 1919 with the rank of Sergeant. This was just the first step in his military career.

His first position after the war was with Central Georgia Power Corporation as load dispatcher. From 1921 to 1925 he was with Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company at East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as a factory trainee and a student in the company's School of Technology. He came to Florida in 1925 and for the next five years was assistant chief load dispatcher for Florida Power and Light Company. From 1931 to 1933 he was an electrical engineer in Argentina for Cia. Interprovincial Servicos Publicos, S.A., Buenos Aires.

Returning to Fort Pierce in 1933, Mr. Ramsey entered the real estate business with Fort Pierce Properties, Inc., and became secretary-treasurer and vice-president of this firm, with which he was connected until 1957. Meanwhile, from 1934 to 1942, he was also secretary-treasurer of the Indian River Refrigeration Terminal Company. In 1953 he and M. F. McManus organized the Ramsey-McManus Realty Company. Mr. Ramsey is a registered real estate broker and president and co-owner of Causeway Trailer Court, Inc. He became president of Fort Pierce Port and Terminal Company in 1957.

The years 1942 through 1952 were largely spent in military service. Recalled to the service in March, 1942, he was given a Captain's commission and served with the 8th Air Force in England, the 9th Air Force in the European theater, the 12th and 15th Air Forces in North Africa, and was released in July, 1946, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Recalled again in March, 1951, he served 20 months in Korea with the 5th Air Force, won the Legion of Merit and the Korean Military Medal (ULCHI), and attained the rank of Colonel. Returning in December, 1952, he held a mobilization assignment in the United States Air Force Reserve until March, 1960, when he retired at the age of 60.

An article in the Miami Herald of September 30, 1959, tells about Mr. Ramsey's long struggle to save the beachfront. He is called the most persistent and articulate spokesman for erosion control. To quote the article in part:

> "The biggest natural fact in any erosion situation on Florida's east coast is that beaches build up on the north side of inlet jetties and wash away on the south side. The man who knows this best in St. Lucie County is M. A. Ramsey. . . . Since the middle of the '30's, Ramsey said, he started to notice that bulkheads and groins weren't doing much good on the South Beach. . . . In the middle '40's Ramsey started to study a sand transfer plant set up at the South Lake Worth Inlet, also known as Boynton Inlet. The plant pumped sand from the north to the south side of the inlet. Originally installed by private interests, Palm Beach County took over the plant and has been operating it for nearly 20 years. Ramsey calls it 'the father of sand transfer plants.' Because of it, Ramsey spearheaded a local movement which in 1949 resulted in the Legislature creating a Beach Erosion District for St. Lucie County. . . ."

The article goes on to say that a survey by the University of Florida's coastal engineering laboratories under Dr. Per Brunn recommended a sand transfer plant as the only solution. The local engineering firm of Alton Register and Associates was hired to design a plant. It was estimated that it would take $550,000, financed over 30 years, to handle the proposed beach preservation system. The freeholders of the shore-front property voted to undertake $155,000 of this amount. The problem was, and is, to raise the balance. So far the city and county have shown no great enthusiasm for the project. Ramsey and some others feel that the preservation of good beaches is a county-wide responsibility. Many of the farm and cattle interests in the back country don't agree. Meanwhile, the South Beach is wasting away. Fine homes and a state highway are almost toppling in the sea. Engineers say that the combination of a bad hurricane and big tides could cause a breakthrough, where the erosion is worst, from the ocean to the Indian River.

Colonel Ramsey was one of the organizers and the first president of the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, is a member of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, and chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Fort Pierce Beach Erosion District. He is also an organizer and director of the Florida Ports and Foreign Trade Council, chairman of the Port Committee of Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee to the St. Lucie County Board of Commissioners. He is a past president of the Fort Pierce Board of Realtors, a member of Kiwanis International of Fort Pierce, a member of Elks Lodge #1520 of Fort Pierce, and a charter member of Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, which he has served as president three times. For forty-two continuous years he has been a member of the American Legion, most of that time in the Stephen N. Gladwin Post #40, and is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Eugene V. Lisk Post #248 of Fort Pierce. Appointed by Governor Dan McCarty, he was chairman of the Fund Drive in 1954 for the American-Korean Foundation in the State of Florida. His church affiliation is Methodist; his hobby, photography.

On August 1, 1933, at Fort Pierce, Marion Ambrose Ramsey, Jr., married Mary Lee Rhyne, daughter of Dr. W. F. H. Rhyne, M.D., and Vennie (Hawkins) Rhyne. Mrs. Ramsey was born in Lafayette, Georgia, March 30, 1905. She is past president of the Women's Golf Association at the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club. A son, Peter Rhyne Ramsey, born November 16, 1941, at Fort Pierce, is attending The Cambridge School at Weston, Massachusetts.

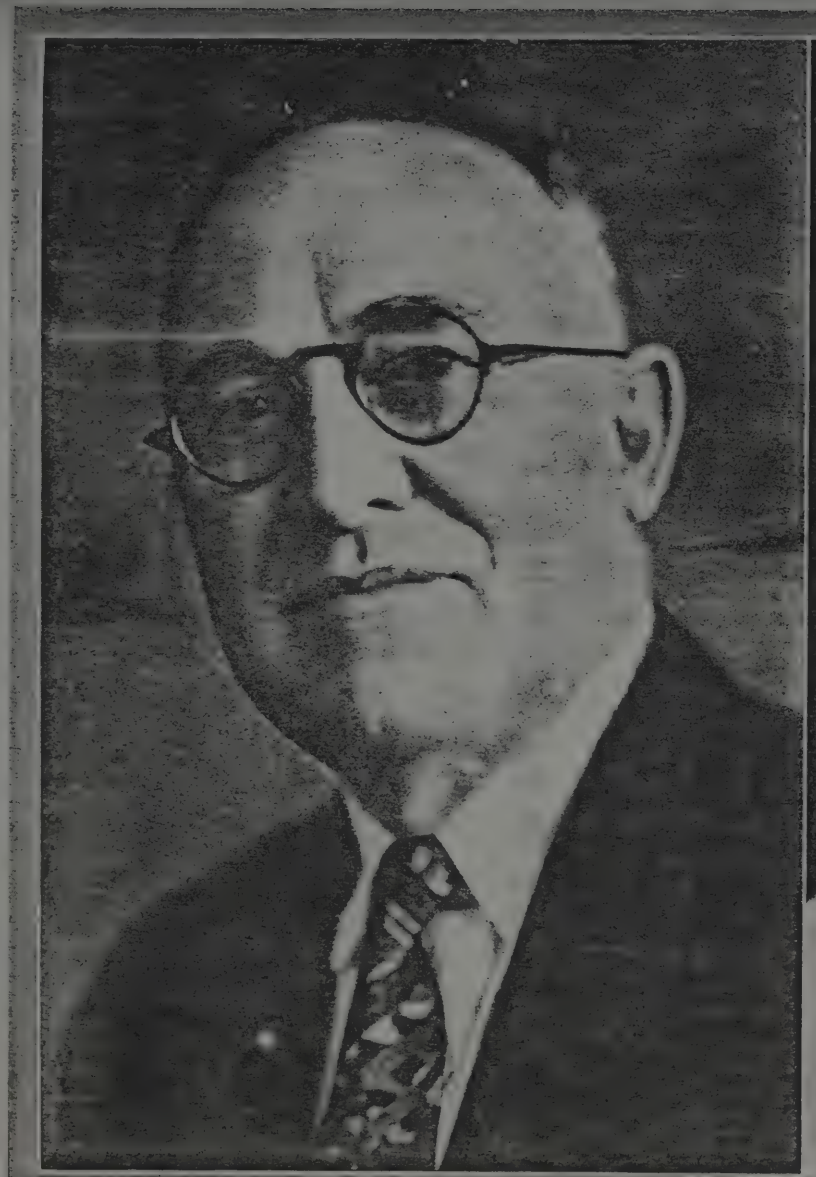
ROBERT CAMPBELL BOOTHE, M.D.

One of those devoted physicians of the old school, Robert Campbell Boothe was a pioneer doctor both before and after coming to Florida. In Kentucky he had a practice which took him on horseback over the Cumberland Mountains and into Virginia. He always kept two riding horses, one to ride and one to rest.

Born in Chesapeake, Ohio, December 27, 1874, he was the son of Isaac (born November 30, 1829, died December 30, 1911) and Martha (Whitehead) Boothe (born December 23, 1826, died January 21, 1922), both natives of Ohio. He received his education in the public schools of Ohio and Kentucky and devoted several years to teaching school. He later enrolled in the College of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his M.D. degree.

In 1910 Dr. Boothe married Shelley Bryan of West Virginia (whose sketch follows) and they had one daughter, Mildred Louise, now Mrs. Thomas Newell West of Fort Pierce, Florida.

Dr. Boothe first came to Florida in 1911 to look for a



R. C. Boothe

DECEASED MAY 20, 1947

Shelley B. Boothe

suitable location. In 1912 he and his family moved to Fort Pierce, a pioneer settlement which was beginning to boast of an influx of people. Dr. Boothe practiced medicine in Fort Pierce, Stuart, south to West Palm Beach, west to Okeechobee, and as far north as Titusville. There were no roads then, and it took a whole day to go from Fort Pierce to Okeechobee. Dr. Boothe became a friend of the Seminoles and they came from all parts of the state—sometimes a week's journey—to be treated by him. Eventually, he was appointed physician to the Seminole Indians by the Federal Government.

Seeing the need for modern hospital facilities, Dr. Boothe organized the first up-to-date hospital in the St. Lucie County area. The Four County Hospital, as it was called, drew its staff of doctors from Vero Beach, Okeechobee, Stuart and Fort Pierce.

Long years of active community service filled the busy life of Dr. Boothe. He served as Councilman and headed many charity drives and benefits. He was a Methodist, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Masonic Lodge and the Tri-County Medical Society.

He loved the beach area and devoted much of his time to the development of the first successful beach resort in this area. The following item is a reprint from an old newspaper article:

> "Surfside celebrated its third anniversary, practically on Labor Day, as it was opened a little less than three years ago. From a howling wilderness with scarcely a trail cut through the undergrowth and mangrove, from the river to the ocean, this now famous resort has blossomed into one of the most attractive pleasure grounds on the East Coast. Dr. Boothe has expended a great deal of money on this property. He is to be congratulated for his untiring efforts in giving the people of St. Lucie County a resort worthy of the name and one at which they can thoroughly enjoy the delights of the ocean."

Surfside was finally allowed to pass out of existence because the bridge leading to it was placed too far to the north of the area, making it inaccessible.

During World Wars I and II Dr. Boothe was appointed examiner on the Draft Board and received recognition from the Government for his services.

Dr. Boothe died May 20, 1947. He will always be remembered as a great humanitarian, a physician in every sense of the word, who devoted his lifetime of practice to easing the suffering of his fellow man.

SHELLEY BRYAN BOOTHE

Her father was a pioneer doctor, and so was her husband. Such was the life ambition of Shelley Bryan Boothe, member of the prominent pioneer family of Bryan in West Virginia.

Shelly Bryan was born in Glenwood, Cabell County, West Virginia, April 26, 1887, the daughter of Dr. William Pinkney Bryan (July 10, 1946-September 16, 1925) of Cabell County, West Virginia, and Julia McComas Bryan (April 16, 1850-July 8, 1929) of Lawrence County, Ohio. Dr. Bryan, a country doctor whose practice included the wide area up and down the Ohio Valley, was a brilliant man, self-educated, and possessor of an enormous library—unusual for that day. He served the community unselfishly, giving generously of his time, money and ability.

Shelley Bryan received her early education at home, with private instruction in elementary subjects and music. When she was fifteen, the family moved to Logan, West Virginia. She had long desired to study medicine, but her family would not consent. When she was twenty, she entered the Kessler Hospital Training School of Nursing in Huntington, West Virginia, and graduated in January of 1910 at the age of twenty-three. She was appointed Superintendent of Nurses at that hospital, which position she held until the following July, when she married Dr. Robert Campbell Boothe, whom she had met in Kentucky where he was a consulting doctor and she was a nurse during a typhoid epidemic.

After they were married, Dr. and Mrs. Boothe lived in Elkhorn City, Kentucky, where Dr. Boothe had his own practice and hospital. At that time this area of the state was experiencing a big boom in lumber and coal.

Dr. and Mrs. Boothe moved to Fort Pierce, Florida, in 1912, as is told in the foregoing sketch of the doctor, where for the next thirty-five years he carried on his practice in Southeast Florida.

Mrs. Boothe shared her husband's interest in the Seminole Indians and devoted ten years to the study and understanding of them. From 1938 to 1942 she lectured on the Indians, traveling throughout the state at her own expense, talking to women's organizations, schools and civic groups. She was Indian Welfare Chairman of the Fort Pierce Woman's Club for ten years and for the Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs for four years.

Mrs. Boothe served as president of the Woman's Club of Fort Pierce from 1934 to 1937. In 1940 she represented the State of Florida on the Woman's Participation Committee at the World's Fair in New York City.

Mrs. Boothe assisted in organizing and was president of the Music Club which served the Fort Pierce community for many years. She also organized and is life sponsor of the Fort Pierce Junior Woman's Club. She is a member of the St. Lucie County Federation of Garden Clubs and a life member of the Medical Auxiliary—the only doctor's wife to receive this honor in Fort Pierce.

As a member of the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce she has been very active in every capacity of church work, including the women's organizations. She is a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and was its president for two years. She also took an active part in the building of this church.

A daughter, Mildred Louise, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Boothe in Huntington, West Virginia, October 6, 1911, She was educated in the Fort Pierce schools, was valedictorian of her graduating class in high school, and was winner of the district public speaking contests. She graduated from Wesleyan College and Wesleyan Conservatory, Macon, Georgia, and attended Mercer University in Macon, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia, where she completed post-graduate work. On June 15, 1938, she married Thomas Newell West, a native of Savannah, Georgia, and member of a prominent pioneer family of that state.

ROBERT GEORGE DUBOSE

The DuBose Jewelry Company of Vero Beach is one of the oldest business establishments in that city, and probably the oldest that has been operated by one family since it was opened. Its founder was Dr. J. C. DuBose, O.D., grandfather of Robert George DuBose, the

present owner, who is one of the civic leaders of Vero Beach, as was his father and grandfather.

Dr. J. C. DuBose was born at Fort White, Florida, to which North Florida settlement his father had migrated from South Carolina before the Civil War. He came to Fort Pierce in 1911 and in 1912 established the DuBose Jewelry Company there, opening the store in Vero Beach in 1918. Besides being an optometrist, which profession he practiced in Vero Beach, Dr. DuBose was a Baptist minister. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fort Pierce until 1915, when he founded the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach and was its pastor for seven or eight years. He also preached in Sebastian and Okeechobee, and as late as 1950 founded the First Baptist Church at Wabasso, where he preached for a short time. Dr. DuBose was a member of the City Council of Vero Beach for eight years, a charter member and president of the old Vero Chamber of Commerce for ten years, and a charter member and past president of Vero Beach Kiwanis Club.

Robert George DuBose was born December 2, 1927, at Vero Beach, son of Oscar Lee DuBose (born in Fort White, Florida, October 3, 1900; died in Vero Beach in June, 1956) and Frances Woodward DuBose, who was born in Rockford, Illinois, May 3, 1898, and is living in Vero Beach. Oscar Lee DuBose ran the DuBose Jewelry Company from about 1922 to 1952. He was chairman of the Indian River County School Board for ten years and was a deacon and treasurer of the Sunday School in the First Baptist Church.

Robert DuBose graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1945 and that year enlisted in the United States Navy. He was stationed at Coco Sola Naval Air Station in the Canal Zone, and at the completion of his service was discharged with the rating of Aviation Storekeeper Second Class. On his return from the Navy he entered Bradley College, Peoria, Illinois, and graduated in 1949 with a degree in Horology. With this preparation for his work, he entered his father's business that year and was vice-president of the company until his father's death in 1956, when he became president.

The company is factory-franchised dealer for the following watches, diamonds and silver: Omega, Hamilton, Bulova, Elgin, Wyler, art carved and feature Lock diamonds, International sterling silver, hollow ware and flatware. They also sell a large selection of gifts and the usual jewelry store items, and feature a complete repair department for watches, clocks and jewelry.

Mr. DuBose is a member of the Florida State Retail Jewelers Association and the National Retail Jewelers Association, the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber. Elected City Councilman of Vero Beach in 1956 and reelected in 1958, he has been assistant mayor for the last two years (1958-60). He is vice-president and past secretary-treasurer of Vero Beach Volunteer Fire Department, a member of Elks Lodge #1774, Masonic Lodge #250, the American Legion Post #39, the Indian River County Boat Club, and the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach. For a change from his work he likes flying, boating and fire fighting.

Mrs. DuBose is active in Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the Garden Club and her church. As Mary Patricia Roberts, daughter of Al and Geraldine (Braddock) Roberts, she was born March 2, 1927, in Sebastian, and married Robert George DuBose in Vero Beach on August 23, 1946. They have five children:

1. Raymond Fred, born June 5, 1947, in Panama Canal Zone.
2. John Robert, born October 5, 1949, in Vero Beach.
3. Michael Oscar, born April 17, 1951, in Vero Beach.
4. Sherry Lee, born October 28, 1957, in Vero Beach.
5. Terry Ann, born March 27, 1959, in Vero Beach.

THE BLOODWORTH FAMILY

The Bloodworth family of Fort Pierce, Florida, and Haddock, Georgia, are the owners and operators of the two companies which can and distribute the O'Sage brand of food products, namely the Sunrise Products Company and Cherokee Products Company. The business is controlled by the mother, Mrs. Lillie Bloodworth, and her three sons, George Albert, J. Logan, and G. Ernest Bloodworth. Lillie Graham Bloodworth was born in Georgia December 4, 1880. Her husband and father of the three sons, George Ernest Bloodworth, who was a farmer in Georgia, died in 1919 at the age of 39.

In 1931 the family became affiliated with Cherokee Products Company at Bradley, Jones County, Georgia, about 15 miles from Macon. They later acquired a plant at Haddock, a few miles away in the same county. The original plant at Bradley is now used as a warehouse. In 1943 the mother and three sons came to Fort Pierce, Florida, and bought the first of their two plants in that city. The second plant was purchased in June, 1949, and the new company, Sunrise Products Company, Inc., was formed. Since then Cherokee Products Company has been the distributing or sales agency for Sunrise Products Company, which cans and packs the O'Sage brand fruits and vegetables.

O'Sage products are sold in all parts of the United States. In Florida the company cans tomatoes, beans, tomato juice and catsup; in Georgia, peaches, peas, beans, peppers, and turnip greens. They also put up peanut butter with the O'Sage label and with the private labels of chain stores and other outlets. Altogether the Bloodworths employ more than 1,000 persons, about two-thirds of these in the Georgia plant and the other one-third divided pretty evenly between the Fort Pierce plants.

The sons attribute the success of the business to their mother, who has been the activating force in it since its beginning. However, each son has played his part, with George Albert, the oldest, giving the business the benefit of his administrative ability.

George Albert Bloodworth was born in Baldwin County, Georgia, August 21, 1903. He graduated from Lanier High School in Macon in 1922, attended Mercer University, and started his career as a bookkeeper in Macon. He is president of Sunrise Products Company, Inc., and a partner in Cherokee Products Company, in charge of finance and production. In 1956 he was president of Georgia Canners Association.

J. Logan Bloodworth was born in Baldwin County, Georgia, December 9, 1905. He graduated from Mercer University in 1929 with an LL.B. degree and a year later received an A.B. degree. He practiced law in Macon until 1932, when he became active in the family food concerns and is now in charge of all sales.

G. Ernest Bloodworth was born in Macon, Georgia, January 13, 1916. He graduated from the University of Georgia at Athens in 1937 with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce. During World War II he served in the United States Army for four years, spending three and a half years overseas in both the Mediterranean and

the Pacific theaters. Entering the Signal Corps in 1942 with a Second Lieutenant's commission, he rose to the rank of Captain and was awarded the Bronze Star. He participated in the Italian and North African campaings, was in charge of a radar depot in Oran, Africa, and later served in the Philippines. He was aboard the "Queen Mary" when she rammed a destroyer, cutting it in two. Discharged from military service in December, 1945, he is now active with the company in production and research work.

All members of the Bloodworth family are prominent in community affairs, both in Florida and Georgia. George Albert is on the Board of Directors of the Commercial Bank of Fort Pierce. For four years, 1946 through 1949, he was a member of the St. Lucie County Board of Education and was Chairman of the Board in 1947 and '48. An active member of the Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, he was president of the Chamber in 1946 and of Kiwanis in 1948. He served as chairman of the Building Committee of the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce, which completed its objectives in 1957. He is a 32nd degree Mason and Noble of Al Sihah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, a member of Indian Hills Golf and Country Club and the Pelican Yacht Club. In politics he is a Democrat, of course, and for relaxation likes to fish.

On February 23, 1934, George Albert Bloodworth married Ruby Winters, and they have four children: 1) Joan Yvonne, born December 7, 1935, now Mrs. James S. Nunnally; 2) Ruby, born May 30, 1937, now Mrs. Richard Ryan; 3) Martha Carolyn, born February 8, 1939, attending Georgia State College for Women; 4) George Albert, Jr., born January 12, 1941, attending the University of Georgia.

All three sons and their mother make their home at the Casa Caprona Apartments, Fort Pierce, and also have a home in Haddock, Georgia. On the farm in Georgia they raise prize Aberdeen Angus cattle.

LEON SELDON GOLLNICK

Prominent in citrus organization work in Indian River County, Leon Seldon Gollnick has been a farmer and citrus grower in that area since 1915. He was also a dairyman for about twenty years.

Born in Gary, South Dakota, March 13, 1892, he is a son of E. M. and Anna (Redman) Gollnick. His father was born in Berlin, Germany, and came to America with his parents as a boy. They settled in Wisconsin where he farmed and was in the horse and cattle business. He also farmed in Missouri and South Dakota and ran a large dairy at Springfield, Missouri. He first came to Florida in 1913 and bought property in Indian River County. About five years later he came to stay and with his sons developed large citrus groves.

Educated in the public schools of Missouri, Leon Gollnick worked on his father's farm until 1915, when he married and moved to Florida, settling in the Indian River Farms Drainage District. He farmed and did other work, setting out groves as early as 1916. Starting with a small dairy herd, he had a milk route in late 1918, and in 1939, when he sold the dairy, had about 100 Jersey cows. He now has a small herd of Angus cattle, more as a hobby than a money-making business.

Through the years he and his family worked on building up the citrus groves and now have 150 acres bearing three varieties of grapefruit as well as many varieties of orange. Mr. Gollnick does his own repair work in his well-equipped shop. The old home place, built in 1915, burned down and was replaced by the present home, which was built in the summer of 1930.

Mr. Gollnick is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and the Indian River Citrus League, and a charter member of the Indian River Producers Association, of which he has been a director for about fifteen years. He was a director of the Florida Sub Exchange at Vero Beach, which is connected with the Florida Citrus Exchange. He is a member of Fort Pierce Atlantic Lodge #30 of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and attends the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach.

On March 25, 1915, at Springfield, Missouri, he married Lillie Adelaide Robertson, daughter of Jorgen P. Robertson, a native of Denmark, where he was born October 15, 1863. He came to America in 1882. He was a skilled cabinetmaker and a farmer; worked in a planing mill in Chicago, did truck farming there, and farmed in Springfield, Missouri, for fourteen years. He came to Florida in 1917 and bought property in a part of St. Lucie County that is now in Indian River County, where he developed citrus groves. With his three sons, Christian, Victor and Paul, he did all his own planting. By 1938 they owned between them 190 acres of valuable land near Vero Beach. The wife of Jorgen P. Robertson was Mathilde Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gollnick have a daughter, Anne Robertson Gollnick Keen, born May 12, 1916, at Vero Beach. She is the widow of Joel Preston Keen, who died at Vero Beach October 28, 1947, and has two children Joel P. Keen, Jr. and Barbara Anne Keen. She is a past president of the Vero Beach Woman's Club, past president of Phi Beta Psi, a national civic sorority, and has been vice-president of District #10 Welfare Board since about 1953, having been appointed by Governor McCarty and reappointed by Governor Collins. She was vice-president of the State Welfare Board Association for four years. She also has been a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Indian River County. Mrs. Gollnick is a past trustee and past treasurer of Vero Beach Woman's Club and a Noble Grand of Baldwin Rebekah Lodge #33 of Fort Pierce.

PAUL OLIVER SEMON, JR.

In the 1920's a group of northern businessmen selected a 400-acre site on the ocean front at Vero Beach, Florida, and built a private winter resort for themselves and their families. They named it Riomar. Today it is maintained on the same club basis, available to members and guests by introduction. The Spanish-Colonial Main Club Building has twelve guest rooms and adjoining guest cottages with accommodations for fifty. Individual suites consist of a large twin-bedded room, dressing room and bath, with private screened porch. The atmosphere is informal and friendly. There is a golf course, a tennis court, and a yacht basin on the Indian River side of the property with a cruiser available for deep sea fishing parties.

The present owner of Riomar and president of the Riomar Corporation is Paul O. Semon, Jr., who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 9, 1903, son of Paul Oliver Semon, a retired merchant, and Daisy (Scofield) Semon, both living in Cleveland, where his father was born August 8, 1878, and his mother on September 10, 1879. Paul, Jr. received his early education in the public schools of Cleveland, attended the Choate School at

Wallingford, Connecticut, and graduated from Princeton University in 1926 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Mr. Semon was in the retail mercantile business in Cleveland for some years, then in the hotel and private club business. In June of 1942 he entered the United States Army Air Corps, was commissioned at Randolph Field, Texas, and served with the rank of Major for four years. In June of 1946 he came to Vero Beach and purchased the Riomar Corporation.

He is a director of the Oslo Hammock Corporation and the McKee-Sexton Land Corporation, a member of the Florida Hotel Association, the American Hotel Association, and Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce. His social memberships are: the Cannon Club at Princeton, the Hermit Club of Cleveland, the Cleveland Country Club, Vero Beach Country and Yacht Clubs, Elks Lodge #1774, and Trinity Episcopal Church of Vero Beach.

He was married at Cleveland, Ohio, on April 30, 1927, to Mary Katharine McKee, who was born in Cleveland October 18, 1904, daughter of Arthur Glenn and Marion (Deane) McKee, both deceased. A daughter, Katharine Scofield Semon, now Mrs. Richard Stockton Bowers, was born in Cleveland August 10, 1928. A son, Arthur McKee Semon, born in Cleveland May 19, 1932, is vice-president and general manager of Riomar Corporation.

Mrs. Semon's father, Arthur Glenn McGee, was the founder of the McKee Jungle Gardens, an 80-acre tourist attraction three miles south of Vero Beach. Mr. McKee was a Pennsylvanian who founded a highly successful company which built specialty blast furnaces and oil refineries all over the world. His hobby was the collection of delicate orchids and other exotic plants. In the early 1900's he started buying properties around Vero Beach. Among his holdings was a beautiful natural hammock lying between U.S. Highway 1 and the Indian River, which became the nursery for his plant collection, which contains specimens originating in South and Central America, Egypt, Ceylon and Java.

The development of the gardens as a tourist attraction came about more or less by accident. People who had bought land in Florida during the boom were looking for plants to beautify their homes, and found their way to McKee's nursery. They wandered through the tropical garden, wearing small paths. It was largely through the imaginative genius of Waldo Sexton, a partner of Mr. McKee's who was a born showman, that the idea of the Jungle Gardens evolved. Around an immense table, consisting of a single slab of polished mahogany, thirty-five feet long and five feet wide, he built a Hall of Giants with huge timbers and hung colossal doors from an old Spanish castle and wrought-iron chandeliers, installed barbecue pits and an authentic jungle drum.

He threw stupendous parties. One New Year's Eve he had twelve couples dancing on the mahogany table, and paraded twelve horses the length of it. He had cowboys from the back-country ranches ride madly into the "compound," whooping their heads off. At the main entrance he placed the skeleton of a giant whale that washed up on Vero Beach, along with a giant tree stump he hauled from Lake Wales. He enlisted the services of the "monkey lady," Lucile Anderson, who made a career of capturing live monkeys in Africa and selling them to traveling shows and circuses; and with an "animal man" from Ringling Brothers started a zoo in the Gardens.

The spectacular phase of the Jungle Gardens ended with World War II, when the gardens were closed to the public and turned over to the United States Navy as testing grounds in a survival course for Navy personnel. Locked in for a specified number of days, they were required to live off the jungle as best they could. They got water from the Traveler Palm and ate hearts of Cabbage Palm, supplemented with 'coon, 'possum, and possibly lizards and snakes.

Orchids have always been a prize feature of the gardens, since the early days when Arthur McKee's rare specimens were taken in hand by Uncle Jense Hansen and tenderly nurtured and propagated. The present orchidologist is Dr. David C. Fairburn, who also is general manager. A Pennsylvania State graduate in horticulture with a postgraduate degree from Iowa State, he began his career at St. Louis Botanical Gardens, and is recognized as one of the nation's top experts on orchid culture. In 1958 Dr. Fairburn staged a "spectacular" worthy of the old Waldo Sexton days in the Gardens: a wedding under a tropical moon in the "Cathedral of Palms," an aisle of 65-foot Royal Palms.

In addition to the orchids and exotic plants from faraway places, there is a succession of flowers at the peak of their glory, according to the season, such an poinsettias, azaleas, bougainvillea, hibiscus. There are alligators, monkeys, deer, wildcats and small animals, and besides the native birds some tropical or jungle birds —macaws, toucans, flamingoes, and a Mynah bird named Joe who, it is said, can whistle "Dixie."

Arthur McKee died in 1956 at the age of 84, leaving Florida the rare and beautifully preserved oasis of his Jungle Gardens. Mr. McKee was an early member of the Riomar Club.

MRS. CLARENCE L. MENSER

Now serving the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs as president (1960), Mrs. Clarence L. Menser of Vero Beach is outstanding in women's club work and in public service organizations.

Irene Sexton Menser, a daughter of Alfred C. and Della (Doorty) Sexton, is a New Yorker by birth and a graduate of Columbia University with a B.A. degree.

Mrs. Menser has had wide experience as a business woman. She traveled for the Underwood Company as exhibits supervisor and accounting machine installation supervisor, taught business subjects, and has had her own personnel office. She first became interested in club work in 1928, when she was a representative of the Y.W.C.A. in Boston. She has been a member of Women's Clubs in Boston, Chicago and New York, as well as in Florida.

Clarence L. Menser, son of Urias and Ora M. (Brown) Menser, received his B.A. degree from Heidelberg College, and after getting his Master of Arts degree at the University of Michigan, returned to Heidelberg for his Ph.D. and Doctor of Literature degree.

Dr. Menser was vice president in charge of national programming at National Broadcasting Company, New York City. When he retired in 1947, he came to Florida and opened a radio broadcasting station in Lake Worth. Here Mrs. Menser conducted a daytime woman's program of interviews. They sold the radio station in 1949 and Dr. Menser joined the Stetson University faculty as Professor of Speech and Drama. In DeLand he became supervisor of radio station WJBS.

Mrs. Menser became an officer in the DeLand Woman's Club and was chairman of the State Board meeting held there in 1952. The DeLand Woman's Club nominated her for the office of Second Vice-President of the Federation in 1954, and she was elected to that office.

She served as Cancer Commander of Volusia County in 1953. Always interested in youth, she served as a director in the forming of the Palm Glades Girl Scout area. She sponsored the DeLand Junior Woman's Club for four years. She has been an active member of the Zonta International, the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Garden Club.

Now living in Vero Beach, she is a member of the Vero Beach Woman's Club and is on the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She is a member of the Florida Committee for National Library Week, chairman of the Women's Organizations for Florida of the Freedom Foundation, second vice-president in the Continuing Educational Council of Florida, a director of the Florida Heart Association, vice-president of the State Chamber of Commerce, and is the only woman on the Governor's Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Aged.

KIE THOMPSON McALISTER

One of the larger independent vegetable growers on the East Coast, Kie Thompson McAlister of Fort Pierce first came to Florida in 1926 and, excepting a year in the Midwest, has been a resident of that area since then.

He was born in Cabot, Arkansas, February 2, 1905, son of Callie and Calvin Ward McAlister. His father was an agent for New York Life Insurance Company. Kie graduated from Little Rock High School in 1923 and was employed by the England National Bank at Little Rock for about a year before he came to Florida, arriving on March 26, 1926. From then until July, 1927, when the bank closed, he worked for Fort Pierce Bank and Trust Company. It was then that he went to the Midwest for about a year.

Returning to Fort Pierce in 1928, he worked as a bookkeeper for Backus Boat Company. Some time later he entered the employ of Standard Oil Company, starting as an auditor, then as a supervisor, working out of Jacksonville, until he became head of the Tire, Battery and Accessory Department in the Jacksonville District. In 1937 he transferred back to Fort Pierce as a distributor for Standard Oil Company and carried on this business until June, 1945, when he sold the distributorship and went into farming on leased land. He raises tomatoes, mostly in Brevard County, west of Melbourne.

Mr. McAlister was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Elks Lodge of Fort Pierce before he started farming, which he finds takes up most of his time. He is a Democrat, a member of the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club, and of the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce. Mrs. McAlister is vice-president of the Capron Trail Garden Club.

As Elizabeth Inez Baggett, daughter of Don and Lulu May (Edge) Baggett, she was born in New Smyrna, Florida, February 13, 1913. Her father was born in Red Springs, North Carolina, April 23, 1889, and died in Fort Pierce July 15, 1931. Her mother, born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, December 14, 1892, is living in Fort Pierce. Mr. and Mrs. McAlister were married in Stuart, Florida, on December 18, 1931. They have a son, Kie Thompson McAlister, Jr., born August 31, 1941, at Fort Pierce, who is now serving in the United States Air Force.

BUD L. HOLMAN

A very important person in Vero Beach is Bud L. Holman, owner of the Cadillac agency there, which he established in 1925. In addition to this business he is a large citrus grower and cattle rancher; manager of the Vero Beach Airport; and is the person most responsible for bringing the Dodgers to Vero Beach for their spring training. Their stadium in Vero Beach is named for him.

Bud Holman was born in Lexington, Kentucky, September 17, 1901, son of J. J. Holman, a farmer in Kentucky. His mother's maiden name was Lynes. He received his education in the public schools of Lexington, Kentucky, and started his business career in Chicago, where he had a Hupmobile and Marmon automobile agency for a year and a half. In 1925 he came to Vero Beach and opened his Cadillac agency. He set out his first citrus grove, west of Fort Pierce, in 1938. Today he has considerable citrus holdings. He has had cattle since about 1940, and raises a commercial herd on his 1,100-acre Blue Cypress Ranch on Blue Cypress Lake, west of Vero Beach.

In 1929 he and some others decided that Vero Beach needed an airport, and he has been manager ever since it was established. He has also been field manager for Eastern Airlines for many years and was instrumental in bringing that line to Vero Beach.

Mr. Holman is a director of the Los Angeles Dodgers (formerly the Brooklyn Dodgers) who have carried on their spring training in Vero Beach since 1948, and takes responsibility for their local activity.

He is a member of the Indian River Citrus Growers League, Florida Citrus Mutual, and Indian River County Cattlemen's Association; also of Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce and Elks Lodge #1520 at Fort Pierce. In politics he is an Independent. He has been on two African hunting expeditions and collects hunting trophies. Mrs. Holman is a stamp collector. She is active in the Vero Beach Garden Club and enjoys landscaping her home grounds.

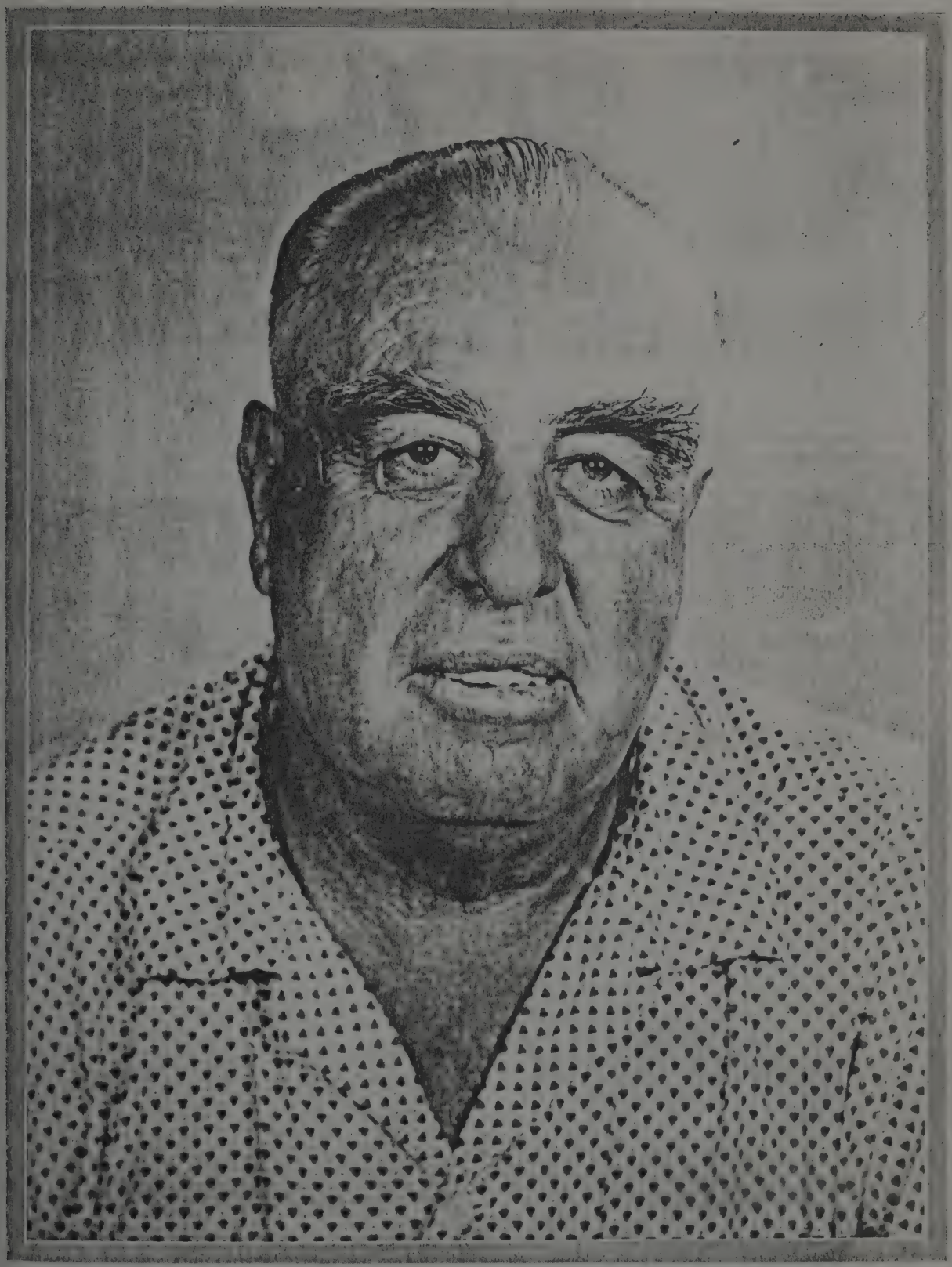
She is the former Dorabelle Burton, born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1901, daughter of Bradley and Gertrude (Pfeifer) Burton. She and Mr. Holman were married at Hackettstown, New Jersey, August 30, 1922. They have two sons:

1. Thomas Bud Holman, born February 17, 1929, at Fort Pierce. He is an aeronautical engineer and is associated with his father in the Vero Beach Cadillac agency.

2. Harry Richard ("Bump") Holman, born November 20, 1932, at Vero Beach. He is pilot for the Dodgers in the summer, and in the winter works in the Cadillac agency.

ANNA PEARL LEONARD NEWMAN

Among the distinguished women of Florida Anna Pearl Leonard Newman has earned her place by her pioneering activities in Vero Beach and her contribution to the historical literature of Florida. She is the author of the book, "Early Life on the Indian River," published in 1953 by Stuart Daily News, Inc., of Stuart, Florida.



Bud L. Holman

She was born at Dayton, Tennessee, May 29, 1888, daughter of William Floyd Leonard, a farmer, who was born at Bristol, Tennessee, February 27, 1858, and died in 1892, at Dayton, Tennessee. Her mother was Virginia Alderman, born at Farmland, Indiana, January 24, 1867, who died at Galax, Virginia, May 29, 1939.

Anna Pearl Leonard received her early education in the public schools of Virginia and graduated from Lynchburg College, then known as Virginia Christian College, at Lynchburg, Virginia.

On January 2, 1912, she married Lawrence Monroe Newman at Pulaski, Virginia. He was born in Galax, Virginia, February 25, 1889, son of William Jesse and Louemma (Lineberry) Newman. Five years later, in February of 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Newman moved to Vero Beach, Florida, from Bluefield, West Virginia. Mr. Newman was a building contractor, and literally had much to do with laying the foundations of Vero Beach. He built the City Hall, the first Community Church, the Christian Science Church, and many other public and private buildings in that town, where he passed away on September 14, 1953. He was a Mason and Shriner.

Mrs. Newman is a member of the Historical Association of Southern Florida; a past president of the Vero Beach Woman's Club; a past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Vero Beach Chapter #135; a past grand warder of Florida Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; and a member of Rebekah Baldwin Lodge #54 of Fort Pierce. She was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Vero Beach Community Church, in which she has been teaching the adult Bible class for over ten years. She is a past president of church organizations and is now national president of the Women's Christian Fellowship of Community Churches and past president of the state organization. Her political allegiance is to the Republican party. Her hobbies are music, books, flowers, friends, and Florida.

Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Newman:

1. Virginia Ivan, born at Galax, Virginia, November 26, 1912, died June 30, 1930.

2. Wilma Newman Coker Christensen (Mrs. Peter J.), born March 8, 1915, at Bluefield, West Virginia.

3. Mary Eloise Newman Boring (Mrs. J. W.), born November 11, 1919, at Galax, Virginia.

PHILLIP TYLER McCLELLAN, M.D.

A dedicated physician who gave many hours of his time and skill without financial reward was Dr. Phillip Tyler McClellan, who practiced general medicine and minor surgery in Vero Beach for thirty years.

A son of William and Emma (Charles) McClellan, he was born September 25, 1876, at Wellborn, Suwannee County, Florida. William McClellan had a farm near Wellborn which he inherited from his father, George E. McClellan, an early Floridian and County Judge, who was a signer of the Constitution of Florida in 1838. Phillip's father also was a teacher, a Justice of the Peace, and represented Suwannee County in the Florida Legislature.

Phillip received his education in the public schools of Suwannee and Madison County, and afterwards was principal of a high school with seven assistants. During this period he served in the Spanish-American War. He graduated from the Southern College of Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia, in September, 1907, and went on to the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery, which later merged with Emory University College of Medicine. After he received his M.D. degree in April of 1910 he commenced his practice of medicine in Wellborn and continued there until he moved to Reddick, Marion County, where he practiced a few years before coming to Vero Beach in 1925. There for the next thirty years he served the community faithfully and well. During that time he was Health Officer of the City of Vero Beach for several years. He passed away on June 10, 1955.

Dr. McClellan was a member of the American Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, and the local or county medical association, which he served as president. He was a member of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge and Lake Worth Consistory, and the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach. By way of recreation he loved to spend his free time beautifying the grounds around his home.

On May 14, 1911, at Wellborn, Florida, Dr. McClellan married Annie Joel Hogan, who was born December 6, 1894, near Jasper, Hamilton County, Florida, daughter of Albert Sidney Hogan and Laura Texas Zipperer, both natives of Hamilton County. Mrs. McClellan was formerly very active in the Garden Club and was a member of Vero Beach Woman's Club. She is still active in her church, the First Baptist of Vero Beach.

A daughter, Annie Juanita, now Mrs. J. R. Rorobaugh, was born to Dr. and Mrs. McClellan at Wellborn, Florida, December 24, 1913. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in Education. Mr. Rorobaugh is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and is a Colonel in the Engineering Corps of the United States Army.

GREEN C. TROUP

The producer of the annual Circle T Ranch Rodeo at Indiantown in Martin County, Green C. Troup is in the general construction business at Indiantown and in Miami.

He was born in Fitzgerald, Georgia, October 20, 1910, and attended the public schools of that state. His parents were William Joshua Troup, a farmer in south central Georgia, and Annie Viola (Ball) Troup.

Coming to Miami, Florida, Mr. Troup did construction work with W. T. Price until 1936, when he and his oldest brother, E. K. Troup, organized Troup Brothers, a construction company which was incorporated two or three years later.

In 1945 G. C. Troup and his brothers bought 24,000 acres in Indiantown and two years later moved there to develop his Circle T Ranch. Martin County has earned an excellent name in the Florida cattle-raising industry. Improved pasturage and water control, directly linked with the St. Lucie Canal, have been a prime factor in the development of top-grade stock. Mr. Troup's cattle, a commercial herd, are cross-bred Brahmas, and he had 2,000 head at one time .

Circle T Ranch is the proud producer of all the cattle used in the Indiantown Rodeo, which has held its 13th annual championship contest this year (1960). This rodeo is in the sport's major league. It is conducted under nationally recognized rules that assure the spectators the best in stock in a hard-riding contest that is open to the best cowboys in the business. The contest is built around the five standard professional events; bareback bronc riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and Brahma bull riding.

G. C. Troup

Mrs. G. C. Troup

This annual rodeo gathers together more spectators for one event than any other known entertainment on the East Coast from Ft. Lauderdale to Daytona Beach. The grandstand at Indiantown can seat 8,000 spectators.

In 1959 Mr. Troup organized Big Chief Construction Company, Inc., a general construction business, in Indiantown. He is a director of the First State Bank of Indiantown, a member of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, and of Martin County Cattlemen's Association. In politics he is an Independent.

At Orlando, Florida, on February 20, 1953, he married Myrtle Bell Williams, daughter of Thomas George and Leona Mae (Chandler) Williams, who was born at Henderson, Kentucky, January 23, 1910.

JESSE J. P. HAMILTON

An early resident of Winter Beach, Jesse J. P. Hamilton came from Taylor County, Florida, as a boy with his father, and was a vegetable farmer until about five years ago, when he concentrated on citrus culture. He has also had several side lines of business and has served Indian River County as commissioner for many years.

He was born near Perry, Florida, September 2, 1892, son of Edward W. Hamilton and Martha Jane Blanton. His mother was born and died in Taylor County. His father was born in South Carolina and died at Winter Beach in June of 1936. Grandfather Hamilton came to Florida in a wagon train with about twelve other families and settled in Taylor County. He served one term in the State Legislature. In addition to farming (which was almost necessary for survival in those days), Jesse's father was a partner in a sawmill and grist mill and ran a general store. At Winter Beach he was a truck farmer.

Jesse Hamilton attended school in Taylor County and at Quay, now Winter Beach. He farmed with his father until the latter's death in 1936, and since then continued as a truck farmer until about 1955. In 1951 he set out a twenty-acre grove behind his home in Winter Beach, in which he raises mostly seedless and pink grapefruit.

For seventeen years he owned and operated Hamilton's Grocery with gasoline pumps on Highway U.S. 1 in front of his home. Back in 1925-26 he was a licensed real estate agent, and has bought and sold property most of his life. He and Donald Forbes organized the Quay subdivision, containing eight homes and a post office, now all sold.

Mr. Hamilton was first elected commissioner of Indian River County in 1927 and served ten consecutive years, four of those years as chairman. Again elected in 1951, he is still serving, and was chairman of the board in 1957. His present term runs to 1963. He and his wife are members of Indian River County Democratic Executive Committee. He is an early member of the North Indian River Chamber of Commerce, now inactive; a charter member of Wabasso Civic Club; a past treasurer of the Parent Teacher Association in Winter Beach; and a member of Florida Citrus Mutual. He is a deacon in the Winter Beach First Missionary Baptist Church, in which his wife also is an active worker. Grandfather Hamilton was a Primitive Baptist.

Jesse Hamilton was first married at Quay on August 31, 1913, to Ruth E. Hinton, who was born in Jefferson County, Florida. She died at Vero Beach in 1936. At Fort Pierce on May 11, 1940, Mr. Hamilton married Willie Mae Dice, who was born at Perry, Florida, June 15, 1900. He has three sons and a daughter: John J. P. Hamilton, Eunice Irene (Mrs. A. C. Walker), Eugene F. Hamilton, and Ralph Herman Hamilton.

JOSEPH BENJAMIN SICKLER

Operating his own real estate business in Fort Pierce since 1956, Joseph Benjamin Sickler was formerly a licensed real estate salesman in Pennsylvania, although he is no newcomer to Florida. His grandfather, Joseph Sickler, was the first member of the family to come to Florida. He came to Daytona Beach in 1921, built a home there, and during the winters which he spent in Florida he and his children built several buildings.

Joseph Benjamin Sickler was born at Peckville, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1920, son of Floyd Rolandus and Jennie (Vandenburg) Sickler, both natives of Pennsylvania. His mother, born May 14, 1902, is living in Rumson, New Jersey. His father was born August 13, 1900, and died February 17, 1958, at Rumson, New Jersey.

Joseph attended school in Daytona Beach and in New Jersey and graduated from Rumson High School in 1938. He attended Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, part time from 1938 to 1948, interrupted by employment and military service. While attending Lehigh, he worked for Bethlehem Steel Company. Entering the United States Navy in April, 1942, he served with Seabee Detachment #1011 at Fort Pierce, and was separated with the rank of WT1C in February, 1946. After his wartime service he became a licensed salesman in Pennsylvania, and in 1948 joined his father as a partner in Sickler Builders of Rumson, New Jersey.

Returning to Florida in 1950, he got his Florida real estate license and worked about a year with W. J. Sullivan and then with Hoyt Murphy about four years, or until October, 1956, when he opened his own office at 2811 South Federal Highway. He handles all types of real estate and has five employees.

Mr. Sickler is a member and director of Fort Pierce Board of Realtors, a member of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers, and of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce. For six years he was on the board of directors of the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital Association, and he was a member of the Disaster Committee for Small Business Administration after the tornado struck in 1958. He belongs to Masonic Lodge #87 of Fort Pierce and the Indian Hills Golf and Country Club. In politics he holds to the Democratic party.

Mr. Sickler was married in Fort Pierce October 18, 1946, to Elsa Hallstrom, daughter of Nels E. and Betty Hallstrom. She was born in Chicago, but her family were early Swedish settlers on the East Coast of Florida. Mrs. Sickler is a founder and past treasurer of the Fort Pierce Humane Society; also a past Matron of the Fort Pierce Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

DAVID CARL TARNSTROM

Former owner and operator of Fort Pierce Fire Equipment Company, the late David Carl Tarnstrom came to Fort Pierce in 1947 from Dumont, New Jersey, where he had established the David Tarnstrom Fire Equipment Company in 1943.

Born at Arlington, New Jersey, September 9, 1898, he was a son of Gustav and Hilda Tarnstrom. His father

came from Sweden as a young man, settling first in New York and later at Hackensack, New Jersey, where David Carl Tarnstrom attended school. During World War I he was a private in the United States Army.

For seventeen years Mr. Tarnstrom was a salesman with Hawley Advertising Company of New York City, traveling in the New York area, until, in 1943, he established his own business.

A York Rite Mason, in 1959 he became Master of Fort Pierce Lodge #87. He was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Fort Pierce and a Democrat in politics. His church and his Masonic activities took up his leisure time. Mr. Tarnstrom died at Fort Pierce October 5, 1959.

On July 29, 1933, in New York City, he married Eleanor Marie Willse, daughter of James E. and Frances Mary Cecilia Cannon Willse. Mrs. Tarnstrom was born in Oradell, New Jersey, May 13, 1905. She studied art with the noted artist, Mrs. Hazel Bruhn, well known for her art shows in Chicago, and became a painter of still life and portraits. She is a member of the Ruth Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge #33 of Fort Pierce, and a former member of the Ladies Shrine Club and the Merrymakers Club, both of Fort Pierce.

By a former marriage Mrs. Tarnstrom has a son, E. James Van Buskirk, born April 29, 1924, in Hillsdale, New Jersey. He graduated from Upsala College, East Orange, New Jersey, in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, and did postgraduate work at the University of Florida in '48 and '49. He is now with Oronite Chemical Company, New York City, and is married to Joy Ellor of East Orange, New Jersey.

WILLIAM A. LETCHWORTH

Still a young man with much of his career ahead of him, William A. Letchworth of Vero Beach has already chalked up a good record of achivement and service.

He was born October 13, 1925, at Sebastian, Florida, where his father, Rabum Byrd Letchworth, settled in 1916, coming from South Georgia. R. B. Letchworth was born at Clyatville, Georgia, December 12, 1897, and died at Sebastian, Florida, October 1, 1950. He was a mechanical engineer and helped build the airfield at Homestead, Florida. He had a garage at Sebastian which was one of the largest and best-equipped on the east coast of Florida, and up until World War II was agent for the Star and Durant automobiles. William A.'s mother was Viola Hall, born February 3, 1907, at Berlin, Georgia, now living in Dade City, Florida.

William A. Letchworth graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1943 and soon afterwards entered the United States Air Force. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June, 1945, at Enid Air Force Base and served in the Pacific area until April of 1947, when he was separated from the service with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Having excelled in baseball as a high school student, he entered Auburn University at Auburn, Alabama, on a baseball scholarship in 1947 and graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. While at college he was a letterman in baseball and in 1950-51 was selected for the All Southeastern Conference. On leaving college he signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox and played with that team for a year and a half. At the end of that time he was swapped to the Detroit Tigers, and pitched for them for two years.

When, in 1955, he gave up baseball as a profession and decided to enter a business career, he came to Vero Beach and organized and built the Letchworth Oldsmobile Agency on Miracle Mile Extension, south of town. He operated this business until November of 1959, when he sold it, planning to enter the real estate business in Vero Beach.

Mr. Letchworth is one of several men who founded the Florida National Bank at Vero Beach. He is a past director of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce; a past director for four years and past vice-president of Vero Beach Kiwanis Club; a member of Elks Lodge #1774, Vero Beach Country Club, and the Riomar Club. At Auburn University he became a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and of the A Club, a letterman's club. His father was a charter member of the First Methodist Church at Sebastian, and he and his wife are charter members of the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach. He cleaves to the Democratic party in politics, and his hobbies are golf, fishing, and woodwork.

At Allenhurst, New Jersey, on May 16, 1953, William A. Letchworth married Joan Meredith Van Kirk, daughter of Russell M. and Meredith (Hulick) Van Kirk. She was born in Allenhurst January 31, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Letchworth now have four children, all born at Vero Beach. They are:

1. Linda Jane, born May 25, 1954.
2. Charles Allen, born September 15, 1955.
3. William Russell, born April 23, 1957.
4. Patricia Ann, born March 17, 1958.

LESTER LEE WHIDDON, M.D.

Now semi-retired, Dr. Lester Lee Whiddon has practiced medicine and surgery in Fort Pierce for more than thirty years and has two "firsts" to his name in the field of medicine. He has also been a citrus grower in Fort Pierce Farms since 1945. Last year (1959) he built the Orange Avenue Commercial Building, which contains six stores and his office suite, and he is planning a two-story building in downtown Fort Pierce which will be called the Whiddon Building.

Lester Lee Whiddon was born September 16, 1890, in Irwin County, Georgia, near Tifton, in a log house, and was delivered by a midwife. His father, Dempsy Whiddon, a farmer, was born at Hat, Georgia, February 14, 1862, and died at Tifton, Georgia, July 21, 1944. His mother, Ava Jane Vickers Whiddon, was born at Douglas, Georgia, January 10, 1871, and died at Fort Pierce, Florida, May 15, 1935.

Lester Whiddon began his education in the public schools of Irwin County, Georgia, attended Norman Park Preparatory School for six months, and graduated from Georgia Normal College and Business Institute at Douglas with a B.S. degree. He studied medicine at Emory University and received his M.D. degree in 1916, followed by an internship at Columbus, Georgia; and began his practice of medicine in Ellenton, Georgia. In December, 1918, he entered the United States Army and served in the 82nd Division, 25th Ambulance Corps, in the Army of Occupation in Europe; was commissioned a First Lieutenant, and served until July, 1919.

Returning to Georgia, he practiced at Ocilla for six years; then, in May, 1926, came to Fort Pierce, Florida. Through the years since then he has done postgraduate

work in his field, including study tours throughout Europe. He was the first to put Sulfa drugs in the abdominal cavity after surgery, and the first to inject air under the peritoneum when removing a gall bladder, thus facilitating sufficient flap to cover the raw gall bladder bed, and thereby saving many lives that might have been lost.

Dr. Whiddon entered the citrus field in 1945 when he bought forty acres in Fort Pierce Farms. Two years later he added another eighty acres, twenty acres in trees, but sold this last acreage in 1951.

Dr. Whiddon is a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, the Florida Medical Association, and the Tri-County Medical Society of St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties, which he served as president in 1930. In 1940-41 he was president of Emory University Medical Alumni Association. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club (past president), and a charter member of American Legion Eugene V. Lisk Post #74. He is a Mason of Fort Pierce Lodge #78, Lake Worth Consistory, and the Fort Pierce Clown Unit of Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami. In politics he is a Democrat, and for relaxation he enjoys fishing, hunting and travel. He has traveled in most of the fifty states and in about ten foreign countries.

At Atlanta, Georgia, on May 6, 1917, Dr. Whiddon married Eunice Carl Iley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Iley, who was born at Webster in Sumter County, Florida, June 22, 1894. Mrs. Whiddon is active in the Tri-County Medical Society Auxiliary, the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce and its Missionary Society, and in the Pelican Yacht Club.

Dr. and Mrs. Whiddon are the parents of a daughter and a son. The daughter, Clyde Lee Whiddon, was born at Tifton, Georgia, April 10, 1918, and is the wife of Dr. Joseph Scott, M.D., residing in Miami, Florida. The son, Lamon Lydell Whiddon, was born at Ocilla, Georgia, July 23, 1923. He married Anna Morrison of Lincolnton, North Carolina, grandniece of Stonewall Jackson. They reside in North Miami, Florida.

Clyde Lee's children are Jody, age eight; Jimmy, age six; and Susan, age three. Lamon's children are Scott, age six; Stuart, age four; and Seve, age one.

JOHN DIXIE ALMOND, JR.

A native of Brevard County, Florida, John Dixie Almond, Jr. is an electrical engineer and has been with the Indian River Refrigeration Terminal Company for more than twenty-five years. Actively interested in politics, he is at present Chairman of the St. Lucie County Democratic Executive Committee. He is also interested in local history and is president of the St. Lucie County Historical Society.

Mr. Almond was born at Rockledge, Florida, December 17, 1898, son of John Dixie Almond, Sr., and Margaret Louise Campbell. His mother was born in Ireland; his father in Phoenix City, Alabama. Both died in Fort Pierce. His father came to Brevard County from Georgia in the 1890's and up to 1900 set out groves for others. In that year he set his own grove in Fort Pierce.

John Dixie Almond, Jr., graduated from St. Lucie County High School in 1916 and from the University of Florida in 1922 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. In the meantime from July, 1918, to December 13, 1918, he was in detached service in the Infantry in Officers Training School. He entered the employ of Southern Utilities Company of Palatka in 1921, finishing his last year of college during a four-month leave of absence, and was assistant to the Efficiency Engineer and to the Superintendent of Operations. In 1924 he became manager of the Arcadia property of Southern Utilities, which was sold to Florida Power and Light Company, and remained as manager in Arcadia until 1930. For about a year after that he was with General Utilities and Operating Company in Monticello, Florida. In 1932 he returned to Fort Pierce and did general farming on his twenty acres on Angle Road, west of the town, until he went to work in 1934 constructing the Indian River Refrigeration Terminal, and has remained as engineer of this plant since then.

Mr. Almond is a former member of the Elks, the Kiwanis Club, and the American Legion. He was a Cub Scout leader in Fort Pierce at one time and a director of the Sea Scout Ship at Fort Pierce. He has served as Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce, in which his son John is now a Deacon. For recreation he enjoys boating, fishing and all outdoor life, baseball, football, and spectator sports.

In Arcadia, Florida, on September 2, 1924, John Dixie Almond, Jr., married Frances Haughton, daughter of H. B. and Frances ("Fannie") Word Haughton of Okolona, Mississippi, where she was born March 30, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Almond are the parents of two sons:

1. John Dixie Almond III, born December 22, 1925, at Arcadia, who married Arlia Frink of Fort Pierce.

2. Kenneth Word Almond, born February 27, 1941, at Fort Pierce, who is now a student at Florida State University. He made the National Honor Society in high school. During his first semester at Florida State University (1959-60) he was on the Dean's List while a pledge of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and also made Pershing Rifles in the R.O.T.C.

ISAAC OLIVER BISHOP, JR., D.D.S.

Dr. Isaac Oliver Bishop, Jr., who has practiced dentistry in Fort Pierce for forty years, is the fourth generation of his family to live in Florida. The ancestors of the Bishop family were Dutch, the name being Bischoff originally. Three brothers of this family migrated from Holland to England, where they remained several years. Having received a land grant in South Carolina from the King of England, they came to the United States and settled Bishopville, South Carolina. Most of the land grant, a large section of which was in Columbia, South Carolina, was eventually sold.

When Florida was opened for settlers, about 1832, Dr. Bishop's great-grandfather, George Bishop, came down from Bishopville, South Carolina, and settled at Aucilla in Jefferson County, Florida. He had three children: Dave, Martin, and Cynthia. Martin (Dr. Bishop's grandfather), though quite young, fought with his father in the Seminole Indian War. The father was seriously injured but Martin came out without a scratch. Whenever possible they worked the plantation in the day time and lived in a block house at night. At the beginning of the Civil War Martin Bishop joined Morgan's Wild Raiders. They had no base of supplies and foraged for food, many times eating parched corn and field rats. The Bishop plantation in Aucilla is still intact and is being carried on by Dr. Bishop's brother, Martin.

Mrs. J. O. Bishop

J. O. Bishop DDS.

His parents, Isaac Oliver Bishop, Sr., and Amanda Jane Lewis, were both born near Aucilla, Florida; the father on September 28, 1847, the mother on November 22, 1854. She died February 28, 1930. Isaac, Sr., who was a farmer and also raised cattle and sheep on the Bishop plantation, died January 3, 1943.

Also born in Aucilla, on September 11, 1894, Isaac Oliver Bishop, Jr. attended the local schools through high school and then entered the Southern Dental College at Atlanta, Georgia, from which he was graduated with a D.D.S. degree.

The day after his graduation from dental college he entered the United States Army and was sent to Columbia, South Carolina, for his training. He was the only dentist among 10,000 men, until new dentists were recruited and sent to this training center, and that was where he received his first practical dental experience. In 1917 he was sent to France where he gave first aid and was director of stretcher bearers. Known as a "Casual," he replaced dentists who were killed in line of duty. When discharged he was a First Lieutenant with the 42nd Rainbow Division from New York. He came back from France on the same ship with General Pershing—the last ship to leave there with American boys.

After the war Dr. Bishop returned to Florida and visited a sister who lived in Okeechobee. He came to Fort Pierce to take a train home and liked the looks of the town well enough to stay there. The population at that time was 1500 and the town had one paved street. The Fort Pierce Bank building had just been built. Dr. Bishop took an office in that building and began a dental practice that was to continue for forty years in the same building. They are tearing it down now, so he has had to move.

In one of his citrus groves within the boundaries of Fort Pierce he had a small bungalow, and decided to use that for an office. Freshly painted and decorated inside, it makes a delightful office, and there is no parking problem in that location. Now semi-retired, Dr. Bishop works in his office only about three hours a day. His groves and other interests keep him busy the rest of the time. In another grove he has just completed a beautiful new home.

He is a member of the American Dental Association, the Florida Dental Association, a former member of the Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Club, a member of the American Legion, the Elks, the Odd Fellows, and the First Baptist Church at Fort Pierce.

At Palm Beach on December 28, 1928, Dr. Bishop married Regina Aline Kellems, who was born October 30, 1911, in Derby, Indiana. Her father, James Isaac Kellems, was also born in Derby, Indiana, August 18, 1880, and died September 21, 1956. Her mother, Jane Elizabeth Elder Kellems, was born in Mount Pleasant, Indiana, June 3, 1886, and died in 1928.

HARRY LAVON BISHOP, SR.

One of the two owners and partners in B and B Machine Shop, Fort Pierce, Harry Lavon Bishop, Sr., is following in his father's line of business, after some years of deviation, and his service is proving very useful to farmers in South Florida. His shop has shown inventive genius in producing new types of agricultural tools.

Mr. Bishop was born at Cloverport, Kentucky, June 29, 1908, son of James Lewis and Mattie (Knott) Bishop. His mother died at Valley Station, Kentucky, in 1918 and after that his father came to Florida and went into the machine shop business in Arcadia. He has served as city councilman at Arcadia, is a Mason, and now lives at Ona (Hardee County), where he has a citrus grove.

Harry, a brother, Virgil, and sister, Nanna Lee (now Mrs. Ernest Clements), came to Florida in 1923. He had attended school in Cloverport, Louisville, and Valley Station, Kentucky, and graduated from Arcadia High School in 1929. He organized Bishop's Auto Electric shop in Arcadia but sold it a year later, in 1930, and bought a dry cleaning plant in Arcadia which he operated under the name of Standard Dry Cleaners until 1941. During World War II he worked under Civil Service as a machinist at Pensacola Naval Air Station. Leaving Pensacola in 1945, he came to Fort Pierce soon after that and formed a partnership with Luther W. Blount, organizing and building the B and B. Machine Shop. Mr. Blount was born at Venus (Highlands County) of pioneer Florida stock.

The B and B Machine Shop employs about sixteen people. They have developed a rotary plow designed for use in the vegetable fields of South Florida which are planted on beds, and a bed press designed to shape the soil beds for moisture and erosion control. They also build irrigation and drainage pumps of their own design.

Mr. Bishop is a member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge #1520, the Pelican Yacht Club and the First Methodist Church of Fort Pierce. He is an Independent in politics, and likes to go boating and fishing.

He was married at Ocala June 10, 1934, to Eddie Blanche Youngblood, born near Valdosta, Georgia, April 19, 1911, daughter of John and Mary Youngblood. A son, Harry Lavon, Jr., was born at Pensacola August 5, 1945.

JUDSON THEODOSIA LASITTER LENNARD

The life of Mrs. Judson Lasitter Lennard of Fort Pierce is bound up in the history of Florida and of this country. Her mother was a sister of Lewis Powell, who, under the name of Lewis Payne, took part in the tragic conspiracy against President Lincoln, and suffered the supreme penalty. He was a son of cultured and respected citizens of South Georgia, his father a Baptist minister. With the hot-headedness characteristic of his age (he was only eighteen), he was easy prey to the propaganda of the conspirators, and was the first to be captured. On hearing of his son's involvement in the tragedy, the Rev. G. A. Powell rushed to Washington to plead for his boy, sending word ahead; but he was too late. Grieved and humiliated, he disposed of his Georgia property and sought seclusion in the wilds of Florida, settling on the shore of Lake Jessup, between Sanford and Geneva in Orange County, now Seminole County. He organized the first church in Geneva in 1878, and died there at an early age. The sterling qualities of his descendants testify to the good character of the family.

Mr. Powell brought to Florida with him his three daughters: Angeline, Minerva, and Judson. The two younger girls married brothers of the Hart family, whose residence in Florida dates back to the Spanish regime. Ossian B. Hart was Governor of Florida in

1872-73. The oldest daughter of the Powell family, Samantha Angeline (born in Brooks County, Georgia, February 7, 1847; died at Fort Pierce December 23, 1922) married William Pembroke Lasitter (born in Upson County, Georgia, December 15, 1847; died at Fort Pierce June 1, 1912) who came to Florida with his grandfather as a very young man. He was in poor health, due to his war service in the Confederate Army, and had been given a year to live if he came to Florida, but he lived to be 65. The grandfather bought 600 acres at Oviedo, Seminole County. Mrs. Lennard's father homesteaded 160 acres of his own, grew citrus and worked in the groves of other growers.

Judson Theodosia Lasitter was born at Oviedo, Florida, August 10, 1878. Her mother taught her at home until she was eight years old. After that she attended a country school at Buda in Orange County, now Seminole, and a Normal School at Leesburg, and received her teacher's certificate from the Orange County court house. For four years she taught at Wekiva, Gotha, Canada Settlement, and Fort Christmas, all Orange County settlements. She also ran the post office at Buda until the time she married.

She was married at Geneva on January 2, 1901, to Robert Worthy Lennard, who was born in Talbotton, Georgia, September 19, 1870, and died at Fort Pierce, Florida, August 22, 1935. His parents were William Dean and Gertrude (Worthy) Lennard. He was a butcher at Fort Pierce until he was appointed Sheriff, and was the first sheriff of St. Lucie County, serving four years. Later he was elected Marshal of Fort Pierce.

About 1907 he moved to Indrio, then known as Viking, where he bought forty acres and grew pineapples. This land he sold to Koblegard Plantation Company and was manager of 150 acres of pineapples for this company. During World War I he worked in the Jacksonville shipyards. After the war he moved to forty acres in Fort Pierce Farms and set out about twelve acres in citrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennard became the parents of four children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Oscar Dean Lennard, M.D., born October 14, 1901.
2. Robert Worthy Lennard, Jr., born March 12, 1904.
3. Eugenia May Lennard, born October 10, 1909, who died November 5, 1912.
4. Judson Lasitter Lennard, born November 5, 1913.

Robert, Jr. was County Commissioner of St. Lucie County for two four-year terms. J. L. ("Dick") Lennard is a Deacon of the South Miami Baptist Church. Mr. Lennard, Sr. was an Odd Fellow of Fort Pierce Lodge.

Mrs. Lennard is a charter member of Florida Citrus Mutual and Fort Pierce Growers Association; a charter member and past Noble Grand of Baldwin Rebekah Lodge #33; a member of Chapter #1873 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and was vice-president for several years; a member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce; and was president of the Fort Pierce Farms Woman's Club, now an inactive body. Her hobbies are reading and knitting.

CYRUS FRANKLIN RAULERSON

The name Raulerson has long been associated with the cattle industry in Florida. A pioneer cattleman of St. Lucie County, Cyrus Franklin Raulerson was one of the largest ranchers in that area. He was also a citrus grower, one of the first commercial potato growers in St. Lucie County, and had other large business interests. In spite of all his business activities he found time to serve as County Commissioner for several years and as State Senator for four years.

One of nine children, he was born in Geneva, Florida, (Seminole County) March 20, 1873, son of Wade Hampton and Catherine Frances Hart Raulerson. His father was born in April, 1938, and died August 26, 1906; his mother, born February 9, 1838, died May 6, 1898.

Following the death of his father in 1906, Frank Raulerson and his brother, K. B., came to Fort Pierce and entered the cattle business. Frank was general manager of the K. B. Raulerson East Coast Cattle Company until the death of his brother, when he became the principal owner of the business. He was one of those far-sighted men who bought up large acreage from the land companies, much of it for as little as fifteen cents an acre. At one time one of his ranches extended from about fifteen miles west of Fort Pierce all the way through to the Kissimmee River at Fort Bassinger. One ranch was located at Fellsmere and one, the Dixie Cattle Company, was out from Okeechobee. In recent years Mr. Raulerson sold all but the Cow Creek Ranch.

Like so many of our pioneers, he was very enterprising and was not content with one activity. He engaged in the citrus business and owned one of the finest groves in the county. He invested in cold storage plants and houses in Miami. During the Florida boom he constructed on the main street of Fort Pierce a large office and store building which is known as the Raulerson Building. At about the same time he launched a wholesale and retail grocery business and was the principal stockholder in the Raulerson Grocery Company, the East Coast Grocery Wholesale House, and the Sunrise Grocery Stores. He was president and a member of the board of directors of the Raulerson Grocery Company as well as the East Coast Cattle Company.

Active in local and state politics, he served for several years as County Commissioner of St. Lucie County and most of the time was chairman of that board. In that capacity he was closely identified with road building operations and other public improvements in St. Lucie County. He was appointed a member of the Livestock Sanitary Board on March 24, 1930, and served until December 28, 1932, when he resigned to become a member of the Florida Senate, in which he served until September 21, 1936, resigning at that time to become again a member of the State Livestock Sanitary Board. He continued to serve on that board until August 27, 1947, when he was compelled to give up his duties because of ill health.

While State Senator he introduced, among other bills: No. 182, which designated and established a state road in St. Lucie County; No. 444, which created the Florida Milk Control Board; No. 367 (with some other senators), which appropriated $50,000 annually for screw worm control work in the State of Florida; No. 319, which related to revenue and taxation and requiring licenses for dealers in beef or beef products from any foreign country; No. 286 (Senate Joint Resolution), which related to the exemption of homesteads from taxation.

He was active in civic and fraternal affairs in Fort Pierce and served several years as president of the Fort Pierce Baseball Association and as an early member of the Elks Club.

In the 1940's he disposed of all his interests except his business properties and ranch holdings, which then

totaled more than 60,000 acres in St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties. He was one of the first big cattlemen to fence his land and was a pioneer advocate of tick eradication, leading the forces favoring cattle dipping when that topic was trigger-finger touchy. His path-finding work in pasture improvement has gone a great way in aiding the growth of our cattle industry. Others have benefited by his trail-blazing and the present expanding cattle program in this county is traceable in part to his early efforts. He died in Fort Pierce March 22, 1954.

Cyrus Franklin Raulerson married Annie Louise Jacobs, who was born in Chuluota, Florida (Seminole County) on June 14, 1879, and died December 27, 1951, in Fort Pierce. She was a daughter of Pinkney Joshua Jacobs and Mary Elizabeth Simmons. Frank and Louise Raulerson had one son, Alfred Keightley Raulerson, who was born in Chuluota, Florida, January 8, 1904, and died in Fort Pierce September 5, 1938. He married May Pearce, who was born March 14, 1905, in Fort Pierce, and died March 10, 1955, in DeLand, Florida

Alfred and May Raulerson had two daughters. Catherine Louise, born September 25, 1928, in Fort Pierce, died in infancy, January 7, 1929, in Jacksonville, Florida. Jo Ann Raulerson, born July 22, 1930, in Fort Pierce, married Thomas Leighton Sloan on April 12, 1952, in Fort Pierce. A son of Aubrey Leighton Sloan and Catherine Bailey, he was born in Lakeland, Georgia, October 17, 1929. His father was born in Starke, Florida, May 17, 1908; his mother in Washington County, Georgia, February 10, 1913.

Thomas Leighton and Jo Ann Sloan have two daughters, both born in Fort Pierce:

1. Kathryn Louise Sloan, born November 30, 1953.
2. Debra Anne Sloan, born December 13, 1954.

ROBERT V. JOHNSON

A successful real estate and insurance operator in Stuart since 1949, Robert V. Johnson now owns the largest insurance agency in Martin County. He is also president and chairman of the board of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Martin County. Active in political, civic, and social affairs, in 1951 he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding community service during the year of 1950.

Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 14, 1918, he is a son of Jules V. and Dora (Dendy) Johnson, both natives of Rome, Georgia. His mother died in 1918 at the age of twenty-two. His father worked in an ammunition plant during World War I and came to West Palm Beach, Florida, in 1923, where he has been in the garage business, now retired.

Robert Johnson attended schools in West Palm Beach and in Alabama at Tuscaloosa and Moundville, and in 1938 graduated from Hale County High School in Moundville. He attended the University of Alabama for one year, 1939-40. For the next three years he was an agent for Peninsular Life Insurance Company at Vero Beach, Florida. In 1943 he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in World War II for a total of twenty-eight months, six months in overseas duty, and was discharged in February, 1946, with the rank of corporal.

Returning to Florida in 1946, he came to Stuart and continued as an agent for Peninsular Life Insurance Company until April, 1949, at which time he established his own real estate and insurance business, including life insurance. Since April, 1951, his office has been located at 251 Osceola Avenue, Stuart. In 1955 he bought the Dehon Insurance Agency and consolidated it with his own, which gave him the largest agency of this kind in the county. He was one of a group of men who founded the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Martin County in February, 1956, and for the first two years served as vice president. Elected president and chairman of the board in 1958, he is now serving in that capacity.

Mr. Johnson was Democratic Committeeman of the Sixth Congressional District for six years, and was campaign manager for United States Senator George Smathers. He also served as campaign director for the Martin County March of Dimes. In 1957 he was vice president of District Three of the Florida Association of Realtors, of which he is a member, and is also a member of the local board. He is a past director of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce and served as president of this body for two years; a past president and past director of the Stuart Kiwanis Club; a director of the Martin County Golf and Country Club; a Mason of Acacia Lodge #163 at Stuart and of Lake Worth Consistory; a member of the American Legion, the Rip Tide Club, the First Methodist Church of Stuart and its official board of stewards. His hobby is golf.

On January 30, 1941, Robert V. Johnson married Mary Chandler, daughter of Walter J. and Willie Chandler, both natives of Alabama. Her father is a farmer and dairyman and operates a cotton gin at Moundville, Alabama, where he is also a county commissioner. Her mother died in 1938 at the age of thirty-one. Mrs. Johnson is president of the Band Boosters Club of Martin County, is active in Cub Scout movements and church affairs, and is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of three children, born in West Palm Beach. They are:

1. Carolyn Ann, born March 6, 1943.
2. Robert Chandler, born July 17, 1951.
3. Robin Celeste, born February 12, 1954.

SEYMOUR H. GIDEON

As owner and operator of Seymour's Inn at North Jensen Beach, Seymour H. Gideon is a very successful business man. He is also a County Commissioner of Martin County and one of the pillars of the community.

Son of George L. and Elizabeth (Bowen) Gideon, he was born at Emmett, Kansas, June 13, 1898. His father, a farmer in Kansas, was born near Harpers Ferry, Virginia, August 25, 1851, and died at Onago, Kansas, in July, 1938. His mother was born in Missouri November 30, 1860, and died at St. Mary, Kansas, in October, 1936.

Seymour Gideon was educated in the public schools of St. Clair and Topeka, Kansas, and also attended school at Jensen, Florida, for two years. From 1914 to 1916, off and on, he worked as a mechanic in a Jensen machine shop. For about a year after that he worked at Riverside Garage in Fort Pierce, and in October, 1920, opened his own garage in Salerno. In 1924 he returned to Jensen and did carpenter work for two years, after which he operated a garage in Jensen until September, 1935.

He built Seymour's Inn in March, 1936. Originally

covering 516 square feet, today it is over ten times that size, with a comfortable seating capacity of about 275. Regular dinners are served from 4 to 10 p.m. on week days and from 2 to 10 p.m. on Sundays. Seymour's specializes in some of the finest seafood in Florida, and is the scene of dancing to a live orchestra on weekends and an organist six nights a week. Two of Mr. Gideon's sons, Louis and Richard, are in business with him. Under the name of Gideon's Camp, he operated 18 rental units across the street from this restaurant.

Mr. Gideon (a Democrat) was appointed Commissioner of District 1, Martin County, by Governor Warren in 1950, and has been re-elected to this office ever since, serving as chairman several times. He is a charter member of Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce and before it was formed was president for two years of Jensen Beach Businessmen's Association, the forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of Stuart Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Jensen Beach Lions Club, a charter member of Elks Lodge #1870, a member of Martin County Golf and Country Club, the Methodist Church, and the Board of Directors of the House of Refuge, an historical museum on Hutchinson Island. Fishing is his sport.

On October 8, 1920, at Fort Pierce, Seymour H. Gideon married Lucy Pitchford, who was born at Sewalls Point (near Jensen Beach) June 25, 1898, daughter of Thomas J. and Rachel (Edwards) Pitchford. Mr. and Mrs. Gideon are the parents of four sons and a daughter, all born in Fort Pierce. They are:

1. and 2. Louis J. and Lawrence S. (twins), born December 8, 1921.
3. Robert B. Gideon, born December 18, 1923.
4. Richard P. Gideon, born August 30, 1924.
5. Joyce Gideon (Mrs. Martin Coulter), born July 31, 1926.

WILLIAM J. WEISS

A successful real estate developer and civic leader of Jensen Beach, William J. Weiss first came to that area from Indiana in 1948 and established his residence there in 1951.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 18, 1901, son of Albert Bart Weiss, a food store manager in Oak Park, Illinois, and of Ida Emma (Mellerkie) Weiss. He was educated in the public schools of Oak Park, Illinois, and took the National Board of Underwriters course in Rate Analysis and Fire Prevention, and the Underwriters laboratory course on the Relativity of Hazards, also in the fire prevention field.

Having prepared himself for the insurance business, he represented the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company in Chicago, and about 1923 opened his own agency in Chicago. In 1935 he entered the real estate and insurance business in Lafayette, Indiana. In 1941 he went to Edinburg, Indiana, as Engineer Inspector and advisor in the erection of Camp Atterbury, and when it was completed took charge of maintenance and engineering at the Wakeman General Hospital in Edinburg, continuing there until he came to Florida.

Mr. Weiss opened his present office on North Indian River Drive in Jensen Beach in 1955. With his associates he purchased a forty-acre tract of high land known to the natives as "the sand hill," and thereby became a benefactor of the town, for the development of this property, now called Jensen Highlands subdivision, started the westward or inland development of the area. Despite the jests of skeptic natives, it is now practically all built up with homes in the ten to twelve thousand dollar class, primarily for retired persons, and is the only controlled subdivision in the area. In 1957 Mr. Weiss and his son, Ronald, organized Alodium Developers, which has been active in promoting subdivisions in the Jensen area and in the construction of houses. In 1958 he started Palma Vista Developers for the handling of acreage tracts, and is the organizer of several other holding companies. Among his associates are Eric Anderson and Edward H. Yerg of Boca Raton.

Mr. Weiss is treasurer of the Stuart Board of Realtors and a member of the State Board of Realtors. He is a member of the Stuart Chamber of Commerce and the Jensen-Rio Chamber of Commerce, and is a director and past president of the latter. He is president of the Jensen Beach Lions Clubs, a member of the Rio Civic Club, of the Civil Defense Advisory Board of Jensen Beach, and is now serving his fourth year as director of the Jensen-Rio United Fund drive. Keenly interested in Boy Scout activities, he was a scoutmaster in Indiana for eight years, and his son Ronald is scoutmaster of Troop #402 at Jensen Beach. Mr. Weiss is also a member of the Elks Lodge #1870 and Masonic Lodge #163 of Stuart; of the Anchorage Yacht Club of Jensen Beach, and the Stuart Sailfish Club. A bowling enthusiast, he bowls with the team of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Stuart in the Sailfish Men's League, and sponsors a ladies' bowling team. He is an Independent in politics, a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Oak Park, Illinois, and has been a supporter of all religious groups in the Jensen Beach area.

On December 31, 1920, at Oak Park, Illinois, William J. Weiss married Dorothy E. Van Zandt, who was born in Chicago September 23, 1902, daughter of Saloman Van Zandt and Eileen Lyle. They have one son, Ronald William Weiss, born July 18, 1922, in Oak Park, Illinois. He married Mary Jane Evans of Lafayette, Indiana, and they have three children: Timothy, Sue and Jan. Ronald is in the real estate business with his father.

ROBERT FRANCIS McROBERTS, JR.

An attorney, practicing law in Stuart since 1958, Robert Francis McRoberts, Jr., was born in New York City February 14, 1929, son of Robert Francis, Sr., and Anna Loretta (Bryant) McRoberts. His father, who was a Sandy Hook pilot in New York Harbor, was born in New York City July 9, 1896; his mother in Port Huron, Michigan, November 1, 1904. Both parents are living at Port Salerno, Florida.

Robert Francis McRoberts, Jr., received his early educatian at Our Lady of Good Counsel School and the Augustinian Academy, both at Staten Island, New York; graduated from Villanova College, near Philadelphia, in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and from Fordham University, New York City, in 1956 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. His education was interrupted by military service in the Korean war. Entering the United States Army in September of 1952, he served with the rank of sergeant with the Second Logistical Command until August 10, 1954, and was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with metal pendant.

After receiving his law degree, Mr. McRoberts was Research Assistant on the staff of the Temporary Commission on the Courts of New York State, developing new court structures. He came to Stuart, Florida, in 1957, and, having been admitted to the Florida bar,

opened his own law office in Stuart in November of 1958. He practices in all state and federal courts, and is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York Bar, the Florida Bar, and the Martin County Bar Association. In April of 1959 he was appointed attorney for the Martin County Board of Commissioners, and served in this capacity until June of 1960.

Mr. McRoberts is president of the Martin County Democratic Club, a past director of the Kiwanis Club of Stuart, and past secretary of the Stuart Junior Chamber of Commerce; was fund chairman of the 1959 Heart Fund Drive and general chairman of the 1960 Heart Fund Drive. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Stuart, and is as yet unmarried.

ERNEST HENRY ARTZ, JR. and DOROTHY ADAMS ARTZ

Co-owners of Casa Rio Boat and Motor Sales, Inc., at Jensen Beach (with Frederick P. Stein, Jr., of Sayville, Long Island, New York), Ernest Henry Artz, Jr., and his wife, Dorothy Adams Artz, are prominent in the civic and social life of Jensen Beach and Martin County.

Mr. Artz was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1908, a son of Ernest Henry and Katharine (Rohrbach) Artz; his father a dental technician and organist in Reading. He attended the public schools of Reading, Pennsylvania, the Curtis Wright Aeronautical School (under New York University) and TWA Engineers School at Kansas City. He has been flying since 1924 and is a senior flight engineer, now flying on the International Division of Trans World Airlines, which he joined in 1945. During World War II he worked as a civilian under the Navy Department, did special testing for the Air Force, and was with the Army Transport Command on special testing assignments.

Casa Rio Boat and Motor Sales, Inc., was founded in 1955, with Mr. Stein as president, Mr. Artz as vice president and general manager, and Mrs. Artz as secretary-treasurer. It is a franchised dealer for Johnson Motors and for Chris Craft, Sea Skiff, Cavalier, Striker, Glasspar, Lone Star, Holiday, Shour, Aztec and Gruman aluminum boats, and Volvo engines.

Mr. Artz is a past director of the Rio Civic Club, of which both he and his wife are members; a member of the Jensen Beach Lions Club; provisional member of Stuart Coast Guard Auxiliary; a member of St. Lucie Inlet Yacht Club; a member of Patchogue (Long Island) Power Squadron; and a member of International Flight Engineers Association. He and his wife are members of the Sayville Yacht Club (Long Island), and of the Indian River Drive Association. They are founders of the Aquadines of Martin County, a skin and scuba diving club, of which Mrs. Artz is treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Artz helped organize the Republican Club in Oakdale, West Sayville, Long Island, New York, and served as president and director respectively. They also were active in the Little Theatre group in Columbus, Ohio, and in Long Island. Mr. Artz is a Mason of St. John's Lodge, Reading, Pennsylvania, Reading Consistory and Aladdin Temple Shrine, Columbus, Ohio; and a member of the Episcopal Church at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Dorothy Adams Artz was born in Columbus, Ohio, August 5, 1906, daughter of William Charles and Mary (O'Donovan) Adams. Her father represented different companies as a salesman in Ohio. She graduated from Ohio State University in 1928 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and did postgraduate work at Ohio State University. From about 1935 to 1941 she taught speech and lip reading in the Ohio School for the Deaf at Columbus and trained students from Ohio State University in practice teaching of the deaf. From 1949 to 1957 she was Welcome Wagon hostess, greeting newcomers in seven Long Island communities, helping these people to become established. She was National Magazine Chairman and Province President of Southeastern Province #3 and Province #5 (Michigan and Illinois) of Alpha Xi Delta sorority; a member of the American Association of University Women (now inactive), and was very active in the National Pan-Hellenic Association in the many places where she and her husband have lived.

Belonging to many civic and social clubs in the North, she realized the importance of becoming active in civic affairs in Martin County, Florida, when she took up her residence there. She is a past director and president of Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce and a member of Stuart Chamber of Commerce; a member of Jensen Beach Woman's Club and of the newly formed Woman's Republican Club of Jensen Beach. She is a member of Ruth Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Fort Pierce and in Columbus, Ohio, was an officer of Community Chapter #488 of the Eastern Star. She was also a member of the First Community Church in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Artz were married at Bowling Green, Kentucky, on May 31, 1941. He likes mechanical gadgets; she loves bridge and other competitive games; and they both enjoy boating and travel. In 1947-48 they lived in Rome, Italy. There were twelve complete crews and their families domiciled there. They traveled together to many places throughout Europe, from Ireland to Egypt. Mrs. Artz started a club of wives of TWA; also had an unofficial Pan-Hellenic Club in Rome.

T. STANLEY SMITH

Specializing in floriculture in Martin County since the late forties, T. Stanley Smith was recently the largest producer of chrysanthemums in the United States. He is now working on building up a tropical arboretum which will be one of the outstanding attractions in Florida.

Mr. Smith was born in Newfield, New Jersey, January 24, 1913, son of Howard A., a farmer in New Jersey, and Elsie M. (Robinson) Smith. He graduated from Vineland High School in south New Jersey in 1930 and farmed in his home state for about six years.

In the fall of 1936 he came to the Lake Okeechobee region of Florida and for the next four years raised vegetables. In 1941 he began raising gladioli as well as his vegetables in central Martin County. In 1949 he moved to Stuart and for the next ten years grew asters and chrysanthemums. About half of the 300 to 350 acres of chrysanthemums grown in Florida are grown in the Stuart area. In the 1958-59 season Mr. Smith garnered a million bunches of the golden "mums," and became the country's largest producer. He had built a large packing house, covering 10,000 square feet.

As a hobby Mr. Smith started a collection of tropical flowering trees and plants, with the help of the plant and tree man, Edwin Menninger. In August of 1959 he sold his chrysanthemum business and, after a month's retirement, bought Mr. Menninger's nursery. On 56 acres he now has 1400 varieties of tropical trees. His

goal is 2,000 species, and he plans to make this the best arboretum in Florida. Incidentally, this will be a memorial to his son, Tommy, who died at the age of seventeen.

Mr. Smith is the first president and an organizer of Martin County Flower Growers Association, and a former director of the Florida Flower Growers Association. He is a member of Stuart-Jensen Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge #1870, attends the Episcopal Church, and is a Democrat in politics. His wife belongs to the P.E.O., the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Smith is the former Mary Louise Hoenshel, who was born at Homestead, Florida, July 26, 1916. Her father, Paul M. Hoenshel, came to Florida from Virginia about 1910; farmed in Homestead, was active in the citrus industry, and in developing citrus groves at Port Mayaca for Bessemer Properties. Her mother was Amy Louise Rhodes. The Smiths were married at Port Mayaca, Florida, November 4, 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Stanley Smith have had six children. Thomas Stanley, Jr., born in August, 1939, at West Palm Beach, died December 26, 1955, at Miami. The other five children were born at Stuart. They are:

1. Carol Ann, born March 8, 1943.
2. Paul Alton, born August 7, 1946.
3. Amy Louise, born November 21, 1952.
4. Elsie Jean, born April 23, 1957.
5. Howard Moffett, born May 4, 1960.

JACOB LONAS COLEMAN

Jack Coleman has been representing the Texas Oil Company since 1926 and became the Texaco agent in Stuart, Florida, in 1929. A Tennessean by birth, he grew up in Fort Pierce, where his father farmed for about fourteen years. He and his wife are very active in the civic and social life of Stuart. He was a member of the Stuart City Commission from 1938 to 1947 and was Mayor of the city in 1946.

Born at Maryville, Tennessee, May 30, 1905, Jacob Lonas Coleman is a son of Andrew Jackson and Cordelia (Weisgerber) Coleman. Both parents were born in Bearden, Tennessee—the father on April 20, 1867; the mother in 1875. She died in Maryville in 1939. Andrew Jackson Coleman is still living in Maryville, Tennessee, aged 93. He came to Florida in 1916 and farmed in the Fort Pierce area until about 1930.

Jack Coleman attended the public schools of St. Lucie County, graduating from Fort Pierce High School in 1923, and returned to Tennessee to attend Maryville College for three years, finishing in 1926. Since then he has been a distributor for Texas Oil Company. During World War II he operated the Stuart Recap Tire Company, and about 1943 opened Coleman's Home and Auto Supply, a Firestone agency, in Stuart, which he sold in 1949. He has owned Corley's Service Station in Stuart since 1946.

As already stated, he was City Commissioner of Stuart for nine years and Mayor for one year. He is a member of the Stuart Chamber of Commerce; a past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club of Stuart; a past master of Acacia Lodge #163, a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite; a member of Elks Stuart-Jensen Lodge #1870, Odd Fellows Lodge #84, the Stuart Yacht Club; and a charter member of Stuart Flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, of which he was commander in 1955. He was a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church a few years ago.

In Fort Pierce on September 1, 1926, Jacob L. Coleman married Fern Estelle Horton, who was born in Fort Pierce August 20, 1907, and graduated from Athens College, now the East Tennessee Wesleyan College. Mrs. Coleman is a past director of the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a past secretary of the Cora Stickney Harper Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, past president of the Stuart Woman's Club, a member of the Garden Club, and of the Stuart Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her father, Frank Roscoe Horton, was born September 21, 1873, at Twin Mountain, New Hampshire, and came to Orange City, Florida, with his parents when he was a child of seven years. As a young man he worked for a newspaper at Juno, Florida, and was also an early East Coast pineapple grower. He became a building contractor and built the first Catholic Church in Fort Pierce and many of the finer homes in the St. Lucie County area. In later years he was associated with his son-in-law in the Texas Oil agency. He died at Stuart April 20, 1949.

Mrs. Coleman's mother also calls for a paragraph to herself. As Daisy Fern Platt, she was born in Sac City, Iowa, June 12, 1871, and is living in Stuart with her daughter. She was a teacher in the public schools of St. Lucie County for twenty-five years, and was an organizer and first president of the forerunner of the St. Lucie County Parent-Teacher Association. She is a charter member and past Regent of the Cora Stickney Harper Chapter of the D.A.R., whose organizational meeting was held in her home on Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce on June 19, 1914. She worked on the 1920 census of Fort Pierce, and was an organizing president of the Martin Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She is a former member of the Stuart Garden Club; a member of the Woman's Club, which she served as secretary for two years; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are the parents of three daughters:

1. Fern Horton Coleman (Mrs. Robert Hazzard Voss), born August 27, 1927, at Fort Pierce.
2. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (Mrs. Harley Ross Jordan), born April 19, 1931, at Fort Pierce.
3. Jacqueline Cordelia Coleman, born October 21, 1939, at Stuart.

Mr. Coleman's hobbies are hunting, golf, tennis, and boating. His wife has a small but lovely collection of antique goblets, and is a lover of flowers.

VICTOR NOCKIN

Victor Nockin came to Florida to retire ten years ago but was unable to stay out of business very long. He has taken an active interest in the civic affairs of the community in which he settled and is still holding office in a number of organizations.

Born in Chicago, June 6, 1883, he is a son of Edward and Emma (Gaenslen) Nockin. His father owned a brewery in Chicago. Victor graduated from East Denver High School, Denver, Colorado, where the family had moved by that time.

He was in the advertising business in Seattle, Washington, as head of the Nockin Publishing Company. Later he joined an uncle, George Nockin, who was one of the oldest jewelers in New York City, in his

jewelry business, which was under the name of George Nockin Sons.

In May of 1950 he came to Fort Pierce, Florida, to retire, but after one year of retirement he began buying and selling real estate. He also represented Miami Ventilated Awning Company for about two years, 1952 to 1954, with an office in the Arcade Building, where he still maintains an office. Mr. Nockin is secretary and treasurer of N.E.S., Inc., which is handling the construction of a sixty-unit cooperative apartment called "Twin Towers" at 5220 Gulf Boulevard, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.

Mr. Nockin was one of the founders of Florida Industrial Sites, Inc. of Fort Pierce, which was organized in 1958 to bring industry to Florida, and is a director of this organization. He is also a director and treasurer of Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce, director of the Humane Society of St. Lucie County, treasurer of the Civitan Club of Fort Pierce, a member of Indian Hills Golf and Country Club and the Pelican Yacht Club. and treasurer of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Fort Pierce.

His wife, the former Helen Elder of Carthage, Illinois (born August 16, 1885), is a member and former treasurer of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a former treasurer of the Fort Pierce Woman's Club, and a member of the Fort Pierce Garden Club. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Nockin was one of the first built on South Beach, Fort Pierce.

WILLIAM J. PIOWATY

Formerly a large-scale produce dealer in Chicago and an extensive grove owner in Fort Pierce, William J. Piowaty is now in the real estate and financing business in Fort Pierce.

Born at Glencoe, Minnesota, January 22, 1889, he is a son of Max Piowaty and Bertha (Schallinger) Piowaty, both deceased. His mother was born at Brno, Czechoslovakia, January 1, 1862, and died in Chicago in 1918. His father, born in Vienna, Austria, July 7, 1853, died in Chicago in 1950. In his youth he had served as a sergeant in the Austrian Army in the Franco-Prussian War. He was a produce merchant in business in Chicago fifty years as M. Piowaty and Sons.

William Piowaty graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago and from the Armour Institute of Technology, now the Illinois Institute of Technology, in the class of 1912 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He did not follow engineering but entered hiis father's business, M. Piowaty and Sons, Produce Dealers, in Chicago in 1913.

During World War I the firm of M. Piowaty and Sons did a large volume of business with the United States Armed Forces, supplying camps and ships with produce, and were the only suppliers of perishable commodities to receive a citation for meritorious service. William Piowaty served in the Army from 1917 to 1919 as a sergeant in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan, in charge of produce.

After the war he returned to his father's business and continued until 1938, when he went in business for himself as Piowaty Fruit Company, Chicago. They were car-lot dealers, doing a nationwide distributing business, specializing in the distribution of onions, both in the United States and exporting to other countries, and also were importers of onions in certain seasons.

In 1958 Mr. Piowaty gave up his business in Chicago and turned his export business over to a former associate, H. C. Bergart of Chicago, forming the Piowaty-Bergart Export Company, which is now operating in Chicago and is the largest exporter of produce to the Caribbean Islands and Panama.

Having previously done some farming at Fort Pierce, Mr. Piowaty finally put the entire farm in grove, a total of 240 acres. After several years he consolidated with another party who owned 120 acres of grove, making a total of 360 acres which operated under the name of Pal Groves. These groves were sold to Minute Maid in 1959. After selling his Chicago business Mr. Piowaty moved to Fort Pierce, where at present he has real estate interests and does financing.

He was a member of Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Chicago, from 1946 to 1958; a member of the National Onion Association, East Lansing, Michigan, from 1925 to 1960, vice-president and director from 1949 to 1952; president of the Macatawa Park Cottage Owners Association, Macatawa, Michigan, in 1951-1952. In Fort Pierce he has been a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, and is a member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, the United States Chamber of Commerce and its Congressional Committee; the Fort Pierce Beach Association since 1956, vice-president in 1960; and the Kiwanis Club of Fort Pierce. He attends the Christian Science Church in Fort Pierce and is a Mason of Medinah Temple Shrine, Chicago, since 1918. His hobby is gardening.

Mr. Piowaty testified before the Senate Agricultural Committee in 1955-56 pertaining to legislation for which the onion industry and the National Onion Association were asking—a federal law to ban future trading of onions by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and all other commodity exchanges. After four years of continued conflict they were finally successful in eliminating the trading of onions on all commodity markets. Mr. Piowaty's testimony was printed in the Congressional Record. He also wrote several articles on this same subject in various trade papers.

On December 20, 1924, in Chicago Mr. Piowaty married Hortense Pollak, daughter of Sidney B. and Meta (Lillenfield) Pollak. She was born in Chicago May 31, 1901. Her father was born in Chicago September 21, 1872, and her mother in Saginaw, Michigan, October 25, 1876.

James William Piowaty, son of William J. and Hortense Piowaty, was born in Chicago October 23, 1925. He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. He married Deborah Bassett of Detroit, Michigan, and they have three children—Timothy, Sabrey, and Susan—and are living in Fort Pierce. For the last four years James has been representing Prudential Life Insurance Company and has been their top ranking representative in his territory. He is also interested in citrus groves.

MILTON PHILIP NELSON

Known as "The Flying Realtor," Milton P. Nelson of Stuart has been carrying on a Florida real estate counseling service for the past ten years, serving in an advisory capacity to many northern investors interested in Florida properties. To the regular services of a realtor he, with the aid of his son, Ronnie, a licensed pilot and aerial photographer, has added the "third dimensional" presentation of properties. Some national and Florida firms have used Nelson's service to locate land suitable for shopping centers, residential subdivisions,

commercial and industrial developments. Before coming to Florida Mr. Nelson was a management consultant and chain store executive in the midwest. He began his career as a college administrator.

Milton Philip Nelson was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, May 1, 1906. Both his parents were born in Gulspong, Sweden. His mother, Maria Johnson Nelson, was born January 11, 1881, and died at New Haven, Connecticut, May 6, 1911, when Milton was five years old. His father, John Edward Nelson, was born October 30, 1875. He was a pattern-maker and inventor of firearms for Winchester Repeating Arms Company at New Haven, Connecticut. He came to Florida when he retired in 1956 and lived a while at Stuart, then at Miami, where he died on May 6, 1957.

As a boy Milton Nelson attended the Booth Preparatory School in New Haven, Connecticut; then North Park College, Chicago, and Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, where he majored in Business Administration and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1930 and a Master's degree in 1935. While working for his Master's degree he was Assistant to the President of North Park College, and continued in the field of college administration for five years after receiving his degree. During this period Mr. Nelson was a Youth Commissioner of Chicago. This was a program of career guidance, sponsored by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, instituting plans at the various schools, including extra-curricular activities.

Entering the United States Navy in 1942, Milton Nelson served with the Seventh Fleet, Intelligence Division, in the South Pacific until 1945, when he was separated from the service with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade, a staff officer in the Navy Reserve.

From 1945 to 1950 Mr. Nelson was an executive of the Henry Field Stores, Inc., a corporation with stores in five midwestern states. He came to Palm Beach, Florida, in July of 1950 and in October of that year became part owner of the Abstract and Title Insurance Company of Stuart. In 1952 he formed the Coastal Loan Company of Stuart, of which he was owner and president, and in 1957 established his present business as real estate consultant.

His firm offers appraisal, financing, and syndication in addition to its unique aerial photography service. According to Mr. Nelson, important information such as the character of the property, its relation to areas which are fast depreciating in value, and its location in relation to present and future growth, can only be ascertained by aerial survey. Not only are aerial surveys important from the standpoint of buying a home and investing in acreage and waterway property, but it is very important to zoning, tax appraisal, and future county planning, he maintains.

Among the sites he selected for his clients are Sea Park Homes in the Cocoa-Eau Gallie area, Winston Park and Winston Plaza in St. Petersburg, and an 11,000-acre residential and industrial development in the Orlando area. He has also selected sites for cooperative apartments, motels, trailer parks, and for other types of income properties.

Mr. Nelson is publisher and editor of "Florida Real Estate Trends," published in Stuart, which is mailed all over the United States and to some foreign countries. He is a member of the National Brokers Institute, the National Association of Realty Boards, and the Florida Association of Realtors. He was twice president of the Stuart Board of Realtors and was a director for two terms. He is also a past director of the Stuart Chamber of Commerce.

Prominent also in social and cultural activities, Mr. Nelson is a member of Elks Lodge #1870, the International Traders Club, the Anchorage Yacht Club, and a charter member of the Covenant Church at Lake Worth. He is one of the founders, a past president and one of three life members of the Martin County Historical Society, in which his wife is also very active. Through this society Mr. Nelson was instrumental in the restoration and preservation of the House of Refuge, a life-saving institute on Hutchinson Island, and in the location on the site of a museum containing many interesting articles. This project was sponsored by the Soroptimist Club of Stuart, in which Mrs. Nelson is a director and Fashion Show chairman. She is also active in the Woman's Club of Stuart.

Mrs. Nelson is the former Ellen Marie Thoren, daughter of Joseph Emil and Ellen Marie Kathern (Wahlsten) Thoren, and was born in Chicago, Illinois, February 11, 1908. She and Mr. Nelson were married in Chicago on October 18, 1930. They have a daughter and a son. The daughter, Delores Ellen, now Mrs. G. L. Gardner, was born March 16, 1933, in Chicago. The son, Milton Ronald Nelson, was born August 25, 1934, in Chicago, and is now an associate in his father's real estate firm. The German camera he uses in taking aerial photographs he acquired while overseas with the armed services.

Mr. Nelson, Sr., is a yachtsman and enjoys fishing. He also plays the Hammond organ.

JAMES MARION OWENS III

Thirty-five years as Tax Assessor of Palm Beach County, fourteen years as Town Councilman of Palm Beach, and eighteen years as Mayor of that town of the elite is the record of James Marion Owens, III. His father, James Marion, Jr., was the first tax assessor of Palm Beach County, elected when the county was created in 1909, and he held the office until his son took it over on January 1, 1925. Mr. Owens (III) also compiled the first tax roll for Martin County when it was separated from Palm Beach County in 1925. He can tell you tax data on any county in the state without stopping to check the records. He is one of the landmarks in the history of Palm Beach County.

His father, James Marion Owens, Jr., was born in Liberty County, Georgia, October 15, 1857, and died July 19, 1930. His first home in Florida was at Umatilla in Lake County, where he was a citrus grower. He also served as a Representative in the State Legislature and was co-introducer of the State Railroad Commission. Following the "big freeze" of 1895, he moved his family to West Palm Beach and there obtained employment with the Henry Flagler interests. For the next year he spent much time in Miami and Nassau, where Flagler was building hotels, and did so well that in 1897 Flagler named him summer overseer of properties in Palm Beach. As a result, the Owens family moved to Palm Beach, into a home originally occupied by Dr. Brelsford.

James Marion Owens, III, was born in Dalton, Georgia, August 22, 1892. His mother, Fannie Emmons Owens (born in Greenville, Tennessee, July 18, 1865, died March 12, 1949), returned to her home in Dalton, Georgia, for the birth of her son, and brought him back to Umatilla, Florida, when he was six weeks old. He attended Lake Trail elementary school in Palm Beach and Palm Beach High School, rowing across Lake Worth to get to high school.

One of his boyhood projects was selling cocoanuts to tourists. In those days push carts were used for transportation by guests of the Royal Poinciana and the Breakers hotels, and one of the sight-seeing spots was Hammond's Jungle Trail on the shores of Lake Worth. Jimmy Owens set up a stand along the route and sold cocoanuts after school and on Saturdays. "If they looked prosperous, I charged a quarter," he recalls, "but if they looked ordinary I settled for a dime."

He and Claude Reese, present Mayor of Palm Beach, used to trap coons and sell them in "the Styx" (colored settlement) for fifty cents each. They also were partners in selling fish. They built a fish cage in which they kept red snappers until Thursday of each week, when they scaled and cleaned the fish and brought them to Bob McGriff, who had a fish market on Narcissus Street in West Palm Beach. Summer headquarters of the Owens-Reese Fish Company was a houseboat stationed on piles in Palm Beach Inlet. It was owned by the Flagler interests and used during the season to entertain guests of the Royal Poinciana at fish dinners. Through Jimmy's father the boys had permission to live on the houseboat in the summer months.

Among the other occupations of Jimmy Owens was that of waterboy at the Whitehall Hotel. He also was messenger boy for the telegraph office in Royal Poinciana Hotel. Once he delivered a telegram to Henry Flagler at the Breakers on a rainy day. Noticing that the boy was wet, Flagler asked why he didn't carry an umbrella. Jimmy replied that he didn't own one. About an hour later a new umbrella was delivered to the telegraph office for him. Mr. Flagler also presented him with a dictionary, which he prized very highly.

After graduation from high school and one year at Stetson University, Owens went to work for G. G. Strohm and Company, grocers, on Clematis Street. In 1913 he borrowed $500 and with Bob Creech and Bill Pope opened up a grocery store. In two years he sold his share for $650, and went to work as a clerk in his father's office in the county court house. When World War I came along he went to Key West and enlisted in the Navy as a seaman second class. Shortly afterwards he took an examination for Reserve officers and was accepted for special training at Annapolis .He graduated with an Ensign's commission and was assigned to the U.S.S. Kansas, a battleship, on convoy duty. He made several trips to Europe but never ran into a U-boat or other interference. While serving on the Kansas he was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Returning home in 1919, he was married and went to work in his father's office as a deputy assessor. In 1924 he ran for the office of County Tax Assessor on the advice of his father, who was in poor health, and took office on January 1, 1925. The same year he became a councilman of the Town of Palm Beach, which had become a town in 1911 to prevent annexation by West Palm Beach. After serving fourteen years as councilman he ran successfully for mayor of Palm Beach and was re-elected eighteen times, making thirty-two consecutive years in the government of Palm Beach. Incidentally, in the early days the mayor was paid $500 per year and the councilmen five dollars per meeting.

As Tax Assessor Mr. Owens was re-elected eight times for four-year terms, and finally resigned on October 6, 1959. It has been said that he was the only tax assessor in the state to institute a 100% assessment program as directed by Governor Collins. In his letter of resignation Owens wrote: "I am tired, and if it be God's will I am looking forward to resting a little while." The Governor responded by commending his "courageous leadership and direction."

In the early days of Palm Beach all the citizens took great pride in the town. The two most influential men were Henry Flagler and Colonel E. R. Bradley. Working with them was a social clique made up of the "old timers" who first settled the resort as a winter playground. The political machine was very well organized. When election time came the winter visitors and residents got together to endorse their candidates, and no one other than those they endorsed could hope to be elected. Owens, who was a personal friend of Colonel Bradley, believes that this type of man is missing from business circles today. "His word was better than any note written on a bank," he says. No man contributed as much to building funds for local churches of all denominations as Colonel Bradley. The famous Bradley Beach Club was strictly a high-class gambling establishment for the rich, and the owner made certain that nobody who could not afford to lose patronized his establishment. At one time a tunnel led from the Royal Poinciana to the Beach Club. When the club closed in 1945 one of the great landmarks of local history passed and became a legend.

Mr. Owens is a Mason, Shriner and Elk in Palm Beach; a deacon and elder of the Memorial Presbyterian Church and chairman of the Building Committee; a member of the American Legion, Palm Beach Post, and was on the Executive Board for a great many years.

In West Palm Beach on February 19, 1919, James Marion Owens, III, married Willa Lester Bazemore, who was born at Orlando, Florida, January 19, 1898. She is a daughter of William Lee Bazemore (born February 1, 1864, died June 20, 1952) and Minnie Viola (Barksdale) Bazemore, who was born in Georgia February 13, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Owens are the parents of four and the grandparents of seven children.

1. James Marion Owens, IV, born November 3, 1919, died June 8, 1944, in an Air Force crash in the Pacific.

2. Harriet Lee (Owens) McIntosh, born October 16, 1921, married Henry Deane McIntosh, M.D., a specialist at Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina. Henry, Jr., died at birth. Their other children are: James Owens McIntosh, born November 8, 1953; Willa Elizabeth, born October 1, 1955.

3. William Emmons Owens, born October 7, 1925, is a citrus grower in Indiantown. He married Ronda Stephens of Palm Beach and they have three children: Jaima Lee, born July 16, 1951; William E., Jr., born February 28, 1954; Heather, born January 8, 1960.

4. Richard Chapman Owens, born March 12, 1927, is in the lumber business in Ocilla, Georgia. He married Martha Fuller and they have two children: Richard Chapman, Jr., born December 16, 1956; Gary Fuller, born September 9, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Owens maintain an apartment on Brazilian Avenue in Palm Beach and also spend considerable time at their ranch in Indiantown. They own a citrus grove in Martin County that was planted by an early settler.

WILLIAM EMMONS OWENS

James Marion Owens, Sr., great-grandfather of William Emmons Owens, came to Florida from Georgia shortly before the Civil War, about 1860, bringing his family. He settled in Lake County and started growing

citrus. William's grandfather, James M., Jr., purchased a 40-acre grove and house at Umatilla. After the freeze of 1895, which almost wiped him out, he sold his grove, his house and a pair of mules for $800 and moved to the Palm Beach area, where he got a job with Henry Flagler, working for his hotel company.

That area was then part of Dade County. When Palm Beach County was formed, Mr. Owens became its first tax assessor. In 1925 his son, James M., III (William's father) was elected tax assessor and remained in that office until his retirement in October, 1959. During that time he was always interested in citrus in Martin County, and in 1940 bought 30 acres of a grove that had been planted in 1898 by one of the early settlers. James M. Owens, III, was born in Dalton, Georgia, August 22, 1892. He married Willa Lester Bazemore of Orlando, Florida, who was born January 19, 1898. Both are living in Indiantown, Martin County, and also have a home at Palm Beach.

Their son, William Emmons Owens, was born in Palm Beach October 7, 1925. He attended public school in Palm Beach and went to Georgia Military Academy at College Park, Georgia, where he graduated in 1943. In March, 1944, he entered the United States Air Force and served as a gunner on B-29's in the Second Air Force with the rank of corporal until January, 1946.

He then entered the University of Florida and was graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Having completed his education, he entered the citrus-growing business in Indiantown. He specializes in the shipping of gift fruit and ships about 2,500 packages in a season.

A leader in his community, Mr. Owens is a charter member and director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Martin County, a charter member and president of Indiantown Kiwanis Club, president of Martin County Farm Bureau, a director of Martin County Fair Association, a member of Martin County Cattlemen's Association and of Florida Citrus Mutual. He is chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Martin Soil Conservation District and chairman of the state Speaking Contest Committee of the Florida Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors; a director of Martin County Democratic Club, and immediate past chairman of Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross. In fraternal groups he is a member of Phi Delta Theta and the White Friars Club of the University of Florida, and a Mason of Acacia Lodge #163 of Stuart. He is an elder and superintendent of Sunday School in the First Presbyterian Church of Stuart, a member of the Evangelism Committee of the Florida Synod, and vice chairman of the Board of Management of the Southwinds Conference Center. Fishing and an occasional game of golf are his hobbies.

He was married in Palm Beach June 16, 1949, to Ronda Wilford Stephens, daughter of John and Camille (Taylor) Stephens. She was born at Palm Beach November 3, 1925. William and Ronda Owens now have three children:

1. Jaima Lee Owens, born July 16, 1951, at Palm Beach.

2. William Emmons Owens, Jr., born February 28, 1954, at Stuart.

3. Heather Owens, born January 8, 1960, at Stuart.

R. LLOYD VONCKX

Formerly an executive in the field of machinery and fine tool or precision instruments, R. Lloyd Vonckx came to St. Lucie, Florida, in 1947 to take the management of properties in St. Lucie County, principally the Fiesta Hill subdivision on U.S. Highway 1 and the Professional Building in Fort Pierce. He donated the right of way for a county road, Juanita Avenue, that allowed an entrance to Paradise Park.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, August 19, 1908, R. Lloyd Vonckx is a son of the late Rev. John F. Vonckx, D.D., and Margaret (Souci) Vonckx. His mother was born in Chicago December 25, 1876, and is now living at the Memorial Home Community, Penny Farms, Florida, where his father died on October 31, 1957. Dr. Vonckx's father come from Brussels, Belgium, and settled in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Formerly a chemist, Dr. Vonckx, born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on November 29, 1874, was a Presbyterian minister since November 1908 and received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa, in 1940. He was a moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Vonckx helped charter and found the Ravenswood Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Vonckx played an active part in all of Dr. Vonckx's pastorates.

Lloyd Vonckx received his early education in Chicago schools and after one year at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, went to Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and graduated in the class of 1931.

He became a junior executive trainee with Elgin Sweeper Company of Elgin, Illinois, manufacturers of municipal sanitation equipment, learning all phases of this business, and during his last five years with this company (1935-40) was a director of the board, assistant to the president, director of service and traffic manager. In 1940 he was called to organize the Precision Products Division of Elgin National Watch Company, handling production and distribution of aircraft instruments, and was the government contract negotiator. In 1942 he became production expeditor and tool expeditor for Foote Brothers Gear and Machine Corporation of Chicago and was there until the spring of 1943. Entering the United States Army Air Corps in June, 1943, he served as an instructor, training officers and enlisted personnel for two and a half years. After the war he came to Florida on doctor's orders, in November, 1945, and with the Defense Plant Corporation in Miami disposed of war surplus machinery and equipment, later doing the same kind of work with the government under Civil Service at Miami Air Depot and Navy Pier No. 1, until February, 1947, when he moved to St. Lucie. The Professional Building in Fort Pierce, which he owns and manages, is a two-story building with a drugstore, optometrist's office and Singer Sewing Machine Center on the ground floor and twelve offices upstairs, including the executive suite of Scott-Mattson Farms, Inc.

While at Elgin Sweeper Company Mr. Vonckx was the author of a sales manual and an instruction manual for the care and maintenance of Elgin street-sweeping machines. He was active in the Elgin Chamber of Commerce as a director and chairman of several important committees, and was a director of the Elgin Y.M.C.A. He is a member of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Pierce Rotary Club, a charter member and treasurer of Fort Pierce Power Squadron, and a member of the National Aeronautics Association, listed as an Industrial Specialist, Senior Grade, in War Manpower Commission's Roster

of Scientific and Specialized Personnel. He is also a member of the Harvard Club of Chicago and of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Pierce, in which he is an Elder. He and his wife belong to the St. Lucie Primary and the Fort Pierce Elementary Parent-Teacher Association. Boating, swimming, photography, music and reading are his hobbies.

Mr. Vonckx was married at Miami, Florida, July 26, 1946, to Elizabeth Kamarad Shimonek, whom he met at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami, where they both sang in the choir. Elizabeth Shimonek Vonckx was born at St. Lucie, Florida, December 18, 1916, attended the St. Joseph's Academy, St. Augustine, Florida, and is a graduate of St. Lucie County High School and Marjorie Webster College, Washington, D.C. She was the first secretary to D. L. Scotto, owner of Tuxedo Fruit Company, Fort Pierce and New York City, and from January, 1941, to March, 1943, was executive secretary in the offices of Pan American Airways Communications and Traffic Department in Miami. Her hobbies are boating, swimming, painting, music and reading.

Mrs. Vonckx's father, Henry George Shimonek, was born at Kewaunee, near Green Bay, Wisconsin, August 8, 1871, and died at St. Lucie March 22, 1943. Mr. Shimonek's father came to Green Bay, Wisconsin, from Prague, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Vonckx's mother, Emily Berka Shimonek, born September 12, 1879, in Chicago, died in Miami December 29, 1944.

Following their marriage at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, in 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Shimonek came to Florida, arriving in November. They stopped at St. Lucie, bought property on the Indian River and settled there. Mr. Shimonek was very instrumental in many civic projects as a private citizen, such as sinking the first water well in Pine Grove Cemetery; was a trustee of the St. Lucie School, and was active in the location of schools and principal highways, as well as in the preservation of the boundaries of the St. Lucie community. During World War I his skill as a structural steel and iron engineer was utilized in Jacksonville and New Orleans, where he was an instructor in the United States Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Mr. Shimonek belonged to the Odd Fellows Lodge. Mrs. Shimonek was a charter member of the Fort Pierce Woman's Club. Both were members of the First Presbyterian Church, in which Mrs. Shimonek was active in the Women's Association and in the Friendship and Service class. The visits of myriads of friends, when she suffered paralysis of the right side in January, 1931, brought into focus her many private social services and philanthropies in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Vonckx are the parents of two children, both born at Fort Pierce:

1. Gary Lloyd Vonckx, born May 24, 1948.
2. Marcia Shimonek Vonckx, born March 16, 1953.

Elizabeth and Lloyd Vonckx live with their children, Gary and Marcia, in the old Shimonek homestead on the Indian River in St. Lucie, Florida.

ROBERT LEE GRIFFIN

Cattleman Robert Lee Griffin has always had his cattle in the background while he engaged in other lines of business, chiefly in the grocery, farm supply and citrus businesses. He has also been active in politics, having been city commissioner of Fort Pierce for two years (1939-40) and county commissioner of St. Lucie County for eight years (1949-56), and was a candidate for the State Senate from the 12th Senatorial District in 1958. In 1953 the late Governor Dan McCarty appointed him a legislative aide to promote adoption of the legislative program of the administration. That same year Mr. Grfffin received the American Citizenship medal from the Eugene V. Lish Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and in 1955 received the Good Government Award of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Fort Pierce. These awards were in recognition of his accomplishments as a public official and citizen on behalf of the Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County section.

Born at Ocheesee, Calhoun County, Florida, April 14, 1910, he is a son of Robert Lee Griffin, Sr., who also was born in Calhoun County, July 31, 1866. His father's family has been in the panhandle section of Florida as long as anyone can remember. The senior Robert Lee Griffin moved with his wife and six children (Robert Lee, Jr., being the youngest of the family) to Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, in November, 1912. He was elected marshal of Fort Pierce and was the first uniformed Chief of Police and served in this capacity until about 1922, when he retired. Later he bought and sold land in West Florida, where he had a farm. He died at Greenborough, Florida, January 30, 1931. Bob Griffin's mother was Nancy Catherine Shields, born July 7, 1872, near Griffin, Georgia, who died at Jacksonville, Florida, May 13, 1929.

Mr. Griffin received his education in the public schools of Fort Pierce and at an early age worked for East Coast Lumber and Supply and Cahow Construction Company, both in Fort Pierce; then for several years was a clerk for Piggly Wiggly Grocery Company and later assistant manager of the Fort Pierce store. Meanwhile he had run a small grocery store and kerosene route on his own under the name of Handy Andy. In 1928 he became manager of the Titusville retail store of Independent Grocery Company of Jacksonville. In 1931 he moved back to Fort Pierce and worked in citrus, picking and hauling fruit in winter and produce out of Georiga in summer. He was appointed agent for the Wilson Toomer Fertilizer Company in 1939 and operated under the name of Ideal Farm Supply through 1947. While in this business, in the early 1940's, he owned a citrus grove. He had cattle since he was a young boy and built up his herd through the years. Today he has about 500 head of grade Hereford commercial cattle, which he sells individually or at Okeechobee Livestock Auction Market.

Mr. Griffin first ventured into politics at the age of twenty-six, and when he was elected to the city commission was the youngest city commissioner Fort Pierce ever had. While a county commissioner of St. Lucie County he served as secretary, vice-president and president of the Florida State Association of County Commissioners, working in close harmony with other county commissions to bring improvements to his area and to the State of Florida. He is now an honorary life member of the State Association of County Commissioners.

He has also served on the National Association of County Officials, on the Legislative Committee, the Committee on Roads and Bridges, as chairman of St. Lucie County Sanitary District and as chairman of Fort Pierce Port Authority; also as a director of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, a member of Florida State League of Municipalities, and in many other capacities of importance. During Dan McCarty's suc-

Robert L. Griffin

Tommie M. Griffin

cessful campaign for Governor in 1952, Mr. Griffin accompanied him on most of his stumping and afterwards served as one of his aides in Tallahassee. At one time an officer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Fort Pierce, he was one of the inaugurators of the idea of building Jaycee Field.

As a cattleman Mr. Griffin served several terms as president of the St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association and as vice president of the Florida State Cattlemen's Association. He is a charter member of St. Lucie County Farm Bureau, a member of the Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Pelican Yacht Club and the First Christian Church of Fort Pierce, in which he is a former deacon.

He was married at Fort Pierce April 3, 1928, to Tommie Mae Pittman, born June 11, 1910, in Roanoke, Randolph County, Alabama. Both her parents also were born in Roanoke, Alabama, and her mother died there on August 3, 1927. She was Bessie Anglin, born May 2, 1892. Her father, Gerald Winfred Pittman, was born November 17, 1897, and lives in Walton County, Florida, where he is a farmer and cattleman. Mrs. Griffin is a member of the First Christian Church of Fort Pierce and the Capron Trail Garden Club. Her hobby is flower garden work.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have two children:

1. Betty Mae, now Mrs. Charles M. Dees, born June 14, 1930, at Titusville, Florida, who has two girls, Cheryl Lee and Cynthia Diane. They live in Dallas, Texas.

2. Robert Lynn Griffin, born December 12, 1931, at Fort Pierce, who married Teresa Mae Truman of Greenville, Illinois. They have four children: Rebecca Lynn, Robert Lee, Michael David, and Jeffrey Thomas, and are living in Fort Pierce.

WARNER BELKNAP TILTON

A pioneer real estate operator in the area, Warner B. Tilton, with his associates, has developed practically all of Jensen Beach. He was a member of the St. Lucie Inlet Commission, formed in 1923, and was influential in forming the Jensen Road and Bridge District, which he served as chairman for six or eight years. He and his associates have privately built most of Jensen's roads. He is president of Tilton, Inc. and W. B. Tilton, Inc., president and owner of W. B. Tilton Real Estate and Insurance. Very active in the civic affairs of Jensen Beach and Martin County, he has held many elective offices and is a great benefactor of the community.

Warner Belknap Tilton was born in New Market, New Hampshire, October 11, 1896. His father, Charles Norris Tilton, was born in Raymond, New Hampshire, April 4, 1868, and died in Wadina, Minnesota, March 9, 1905. A Methodist minister, he was a graduate of Phillips-Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, and of Boston University Theological School with a Doctor of Divinity degree. Warner Tilton's mother was Etta May Warner, born at LeRaysville, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1866, and still living in Stuart, Florida.

Mr. Tilton received his preliminary education in the public schools of New Hampshire and Pennsylvania and attended the Tilton Seminary at Tilton, New Hampshire, the Huntington School, Boston (1915-16), Tufts College (now Tufts University) at Medford, Massachusetts (1916-18), and Boston University, from which institution he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1922.

In Miami, Florida, while a Naval aviator, Mr. Tilton met his wife and was married in 1921. He was assistant secretary and treasurer of R. R. Ricou and Sons Company, owned by his father-in-law, R. R. Ricou, who operated eight fish houses from Titusville to Key West. Mr. Ricou had been in the fish business in Savannah, Georgia. When he came to Florida he settled first at Titusville and later followed the railroad into Eden and finally Jensen. Mr. Ricou was also one of the founders of the Seminole Bank of Stuart, which failed in the crash of 1929, and Mr. Tilton was its second president. When he took over the fish operation in 1922, Mr. Tilton formed the Jensen Barrel Company. This he sold in 1926 to the fish business, which was now being operated by Ernest L. and Douglas L. Ricou, following their father's death in 1925.

Mr. Tilton's first real estate development, east of Stuart, was carried on under the name of Edg Riva Corporation. Since then he has built up a large and prosperous business in this field. Among his clients are General Development Corporation (The Mackle Company), Gene T. Dyer, E. C. Wareheim, William M. Kiplinger, Samuel N. Rhodes, Leo Lowry, and Ambassador Stanton Griffith.

In 1950 Mr. Tilton organized the Jensen Beach Development Company to develop Skyline Park in the west section of the town. Through Tilton, Inc., is planned the commercial center of downtown Jensen Beach, to be completed in the summer of 1960. In this commercial center will be established The Jensen Beach Bank, located in the center of the town, and there will be a large-scale development between Jensen Beach and U.S. 1. To quote the man himself, "We work six days a week, fifty-two weeks out of the year, helping Jensen Beach and Martin County to grow."

Elected County Commissioner of Martin County in 1925, he served until 1946 and was chairman of the board two-thirds of the time. He was also a school trustee in 1925 and was on the Board of Public Instruction from 1936 to 1940, serving as chairman for four years. He is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the Florida Association of Insurance Agents; a director and past president of the Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce and past director of the Chambers of Commerce of Stuart, Salerno, and Hobe Sound; treasurer and past president of the Jensen Beach Civic League; a member of Martin County Democratic Club; a charter member of Martin County Historical Society; and a member of Stuart-Jensen Elks Lodge #1870.

He is on the Building Committee and a past trustee of the Jensen Beach Community Church and served as Superintendent of its Sunday School for many years. The property for this church was donated by his wife's people and the furniture by Henry Flagler. The church is being moved to a new site because no land is available around it for expansion. The new church is to be built on Skyline Drive on eight acres of land given to the church by Mr. Tilton and Mr. Kiplinger. It will overlook the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean. Plans are being made for a building to cost approximately $300,000. Mr. Tilton donated some of the land for the hospital in Stuart. Originally a Mason of Tucker Lodge #66 of Raymond, New Hampshire, he is a member of the Lake Worth Consistory and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami. He is also a member of the Cloudland Park Club at Cloudland, Georgia, a social and civic organization.

Mr. Tilton was one of the early Naval aviators. He attended the Naval Aviators School at Massachusetts

Institute of Technology and was the 2054th commissioned Naval Air Officer. He served from April 29, 1918, to January 19, 1923, in Florida and in the Atlantic Fleet under Commander Mitscher. It was during this period, when he was in Miami in 1918, that he met his wife and first came to Jensen Beach to look around. They were married there on October 23, 1921.

Mrs. Tilton, born Anita Gertrude Ricou at Jensen Beach August 24, 1899, is the daughter of Ransom Ren Ricou, who was born at Moss Point, Mississippi, May 1, 1866, and died at Jensen Beach January 7, 1925; and Jesse Gertrude Ross, born at Tampa, Florida, February 8, 1868, who died at Jensen Beach March 9, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton are the parents of three sons and a daughter, all born at Jensen Beach, and have ten grandchildren. Their children are:

1. Warner Belknap Tilton, Jr., born September 29, 1922.
2. Ransom Ricou Tilton, born January 5, 1923.
3. Charles Norris Tilton, born February 9, 1924.
4. Beulah Anita Tilton (Mrs. Wacha), born October 30, 1927.

JOSEPH VERNER REED

Prominent in the theatrical world and in the spheres of international diplomacy, Joseph Verner Reed has been identified with Florida's Jupiter Island since the 1930's, and is the author of a short history of the island.

Born in Nice, France, January 18, 1902, he is a son of Mary Dean (Johnson) and Verner Zevola Reed of Denver, Colorado, whose sketch follows.

Joseph V. Reed graduated from Andover Academy in 1922 with a B.A. degree and from Yale University in 1926. For a short time he worked in the investment business in Wall Street. In 1927 he got into the production end of the theatre, and from then until 1933 produced a great many plays, becoming an "angel of the theatre."

Having become acquainted with Jupiter Island, Florida, on a visit to his father-in-law, Samuel F. Pryor (see sketch), Joseph Reed purchased the entire holdings of the Olympia Club, which is now the Jupiter Island Club, and became president of the newly formed Hobe Sound Company in 1933. The original Hobe Sound Company had been formed in the 1890's by a group of Englishmen, represented by a Mr. William Angas who lived on the island until the boom and built the Island Inn, which opened in 1916. During the boom most of the island property was purchased by Anthony and Mary Duke Biddle, Angier Duke, and their friend Malcolm Meacham. In 1933 William S. Barstow, a retired millionaire living on the island, bought their holdings and formed the new Hobe Sound Company with other stockholders, among whom were the Reed family. Mr. Reed started the development of the island and by 1940 a building boom was under way there, with fifteen to twenty houses per year being built.

From 1941 to 1945 Joseph V. Reed served in the United States Army, training entertainer troops, and had the rank of Major in Special Services. After the war he was occupied in theatre development and was the first president of the American Shakespearean Festival in Stratford, Connecticut. In 1957 he accepted the appointment of the State Department as Special Assistant to the American Ambassador to France and held this position until December, 1960.

Mr. Reed was married in Greenwich, Connecticut, on December 31, 1927, to Permelia Pryor, who was born September 5, 1906, daughter of Samuel Frazier Pryor of St. Louis and Ruby Permelia (Jacques) Pryor of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed have five children, all born in New York City:

1. Laurel, born July 23, 1929, attended Westover Academy and Smith College in Massachusetts and married Robert Hemmes. They live in Washington, D.C., and have a daughter, Linda Lee.
2. Adrian Pryor Reed, born April 26, 1931, attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and served as infantryman, paratrooper and ranger, with two years in Japan, and was a First Lieutenant on discharge. He married Arriane Yassoukovich and they live in New York, where he is with White Weld Company of Wall Street.
3. Nathaniel Pryor Reed, born July 22, 1933, attended Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, and served in the Air Force from 1955 to December, 1958, stationed in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, with the rank of First Lieutenant on discharge. He is President of High Point, Inc., Vice-President of the Hobe Sound Company, and Assistant Manager of Jupiter Island Club.
4. Samuel Pryor Reed, born November 8, 1934, attended Trinity College, Hartford, and is with Engelhard Industries. He married Annette Engelhard and they have one child.
5. Joseph V. Reed, Jr., born December 18, 1937, graduated from Yale University in 1960 and married Marie Maud Byers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have one child.

Mrs. Joseph V. Reed, Sr. became manager of the Jupiter Island Club in 1941 and still runs it.

VERNER ZEVOLA REED

The principal business of Verner Zevola Reed, who made his home in Denver, Colorado, was as a gold and silver broker, and he is said to have sold one of the best gold mines in the world. In business circles he was probably best known for settling the gold weight dispute. He also was in banking, petroleum, manufacturing, ranching, land reclamation and irrigation enterprises in Colorado, Wyoming, and other states.

A son of Hugh Fulton and Elizabeth Amanda (Wolfe) Reed, he was born in Richmond County, Ohio, October 13, 1863. He received his early education in the country and village schools of that period and attended Eastern Iowa Normal School for two terms.

Mr. Reed was a student of American Indian mythology and folk lore, especially among the Utes and some Pueblo tribes, and was the author of several books on this theme. In 1897 he published "Lo-To-Kah" and "Tales of the Sunland," and in 1899, "Adobeland Stories." He contributed stories, essays, editorials and ethnological studies to various magazines and newspapers.

A citizen of the world, he traveled extensively, living abroad for the greater part of fifteen years, and was one of the first to make an automobile tour to the Sahara Desert. In 1913 he published a book entitled, "The Soul of Paris." He lectured before clubs, colleges and societies on peace, international politics and related subjects and was a member of President Wilson's Mediation Commission in 1917.

On July 18, 1893, Verner Z. Reed married Mary Dean Johnson, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, October 6, 1875, daughter eof Mr. and Mrs. Silas Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Verner Reed were the parents of Verner Z. Reed,

Jr., Joseph V. Reed (see sketch), and Margery Verner Reed, who married Paul Mayo and died in 1925.

Verner Z. Reed died in Sanitago, California, April 19, 1919.

SAMUEL FRAZIER PRYOR

A financier and director of many large business enterprises, Samuel Frazier Pryor "discovered" Jupiter Island, Florida, in 1930 and thereafter made it his winter home.

He was born in Palmyra, Missouri, April 21, 1867, son of Dr. Joseph William Pryor and Frances Frazier (Bailey) Pryor. His father was a country doctor of St. Joseph, Missouri, who became one of America's most famous surgeons.

Samuel F. Pryor was President of Remington Arms Company from 1912 to about 1925 or 1926, during which time the company became a very large du Pont holding; and then became chief advisor of the John D. Rockefeller holdings. In addition to the Remington Arms Company, he was a director of the following companies or corporations:

American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company, American Ship and Commerce Corporation, Holland Trading Corporation, National Carbide Corporation, Remington Cash Register Company, Shell Oil Company, Union Banking Corporation, W. A. Harrison and Company, William Cramp and Sons Ship and Engine Company.

Mr. Pryor first came to Florida about 1927 and stayed at Winter Park three or four months. Deciding that he wanted to see more of Florida, he came to Jupiter Island in 1930 and stayed at the Olympia Club, now the Jupiter Island Club, and became one of the stockholders of the Hobe Sound Company when it was reorganized in 1933.

At Kansas City, Missouri, Samuel F. Pryor married Ruby Permelia Jacques, a native of that city, and they became the parents of four children:

1. Jacques, who died at Houston, Texas, in 1956.
2. Samuel F., Jr., who is continuing the tradition of Hobe Sound.
3. Fred, who died at Hot Springs, Virginia, in 1939.
4. Permelia, born September 5, 1906, (Mrs. Joseph V. Reed) of Jupiter Island.

Mr. Pryor was a member of the Episcopal Church. He died in Greenwich, Connecticut, November 17, 1934.

FRANK ELIOT WOOD

When, following his retirement in New Hampshire, Frank Eliot Wood came to Florida in 1946, it was supposed to be just a vacation, but he has been here ever since. His special interest and activities in connection with the history of the east coast of Florida merit for him a place in these pages.

Mr. Wood was born in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1889, son of Clark Verner Wood and Nellie Estella Hall. Both his parents were New Englanders. His father, born at Woodstock, Vermont, in 1863, died at Brookfield, Massachusetts, in 1940. He had been Division Superintendent of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad at Canton, Ohio, and later President of the Springfield and Worcester (Massachusetts) Street Railways, which were consolidated. Frank Wood's mother was born at Colebrook, New Hampshire, July 20, 1868, and died at West Brookfield, Massachusetts, April 28, 1934.

He graduated from Weymouth High School, Weymouth, Massachusetts, in 1907. His first work was in the repair shop of the Springfield Street Railway, learning the equipment. He then went into the electric trolley freight division in Attleboro and Worcester, and worked up to General Agent in charge of all freight operations. In 1914 he went to Maine and opened trolley lines all through East and South Central Maine as General Freight Agent, continuing in this operation for six years.

In 1920 he entered the Investment Department of Hornblower and Weeks in Boston as securities salesman, and was in the employ of this well-known financial firm for seventeen years. From 1937 to 1939 he was New England representative for a utility holding company, after which he retired to Rumney, New Hampshire. This brings him up to the time when he visited this state, and gave up the hills of New Hampshire for the sands of Florida.

In 1947 he built a house in Jupiter—one of the first new houses built on the north side of the Loxahatchie River. In February of 1956 he moved to Stuart, where he now has his home. He had a hand in the restoration of the House of Refuge on Hutchinson Island, and has a continuing interest in this and other matters of historical importance in Florida, particularly on the east coast. He is a charter member and trustee of Martin County Historical Society and historian of the Florida chapter of Sons and Patriots of America, of which society he is a member.

Mr. Wood's first wife and mother of his two daughters was Madeline Estella Cook. The daughters are Marjorie Wood Stocks (Mrs. J. A.), who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, October 15, 1911; and Virginia Wood Clucas (Mrs I. J.), also born in Worcester, on July 4, 1913.

On March 21, 1941, at Plymouth, New Hampshire, Mr. Wood married Anna C. Kolb, who also is active in Martin County Historical Society, and is treasurer of Martin County Association for Retarded Children. As a hobby, both Mr. and Mrs. Wood like to work with the restoration of old furniture, and also enjoy horticulture.

JOSEPH WILLIAM WALTON

A retired Colonel of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and a former engineer and executive in the gold and silver mining industry in Arizona, Joseph William Walton is active in the real estate and insurance business in Vero Beach, where he has been a resident since 1948. Colonel Walton has also taken an active part in the civic affairs of that community and is prominent socially.

He was born at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1903, son of Charles Spittall Walton and Martha Edna (England) Walton. His father was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1862, and died at St. Davids December 26, 1916. His mother, also born in Philadelphia, on February 27, 1868, died in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 22, 1931.

Charles S. Walton graduated in 1882 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he took a course in mining engineering. He became associated with the firm of England and Bryan, leather manufacturers, which in 1906 was reorganized as England, Walton and Company. Upon the death of Mr. England (his father-in-law) Charles Walton became president and treasurer of the company, which became one of the leading firms in its line in the country. Mr. Walton was also a director of

Joseph W. Walton

Florence Earle Walton

banks and an executive of many other firms, and was very active in the Baptist Church. His wife, Martha England Walton, was also active in religious and charitable works.

Joseph William Walton attended Radnor Public School and the Haverford School in Pennsylvania, and in 1921 graduated from the latter, where he was president of the class and of the Student Council. Upon graduation he received the "All 'Round Cup" for general excellence. He graduated from the Pennsylvania Military College in 1924 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and from the University of Pennsylvania in 1925 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and did postgraduate work at the university in the fall of 1929. In 1931-32 he was Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Pennsylvania Military College.

When he graduated from the Military College, on June 11, 1924, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, thereby automatically being commissioned in the United States Reserves, and served until January, 1925, as Second Lieutenant, Company E, 111th Infantry. He was then commissioned a First Lieutenant and served as Adjutant in the Second Battalion, 111th Infantry, until June, 1925, when he was transferred to the National Guard Reserve.

In 1930 Mr. Walton became interested in gold and silver mining operations in Arizona and held executive positions in a number of mining companies. In 1939 he was appointed to the Arizona Copper Tariff Board by Governor Robert Jones of Arizona, and accompanied the Governor to a conference of the Western Governors on the silver question, held in Reno, Nevada, in March, 1939. At various stopping points on the way Mr. Walton spoke to the public on the silver question. As a member of the Arizona Small Mines Operators Association, he worked in close cooperation with Senator Key Pitman on the silver question, and testified before various house and senate committees in Washington on matters pertaining to the mining industry. As chairman of the Arizona Committee, he attended the annual Convention of Mining Congress at Salt Lake City in August, 1939, and addressed the convention. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and of the American Mining Congress. He is also a former director of the Main Line National Bank of Wayne, Pennsylvania.

On April 30, 1942, First Lieutenant Walton of the National Guard Reserve was made a Captain in the Army of the United States and sent on temporary duty to Fort Belvoir, Virginia; thence assigned to the 349th Engineers Regiment at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. With this regiment he served in the Aleutian Islands campaign from September, 1942, to November, 1944. For his services he received a personal letter of commendation from Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, and the regiment was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for this period of service. Captain Walton was promoted to Major on September 5, 1942, and to Lieutenant Colonel on June 24, 1943. On April 26, 1946, he received the Bronze Star medal and the following citation from the War Department:

"Lt. Col. Joseph W. Walton, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 349th Engineers, rendered meritorious service at Adak, Alaska, from Nov., 1942, to Feb., 1943. Despite his illness, shortage of materials, adverse weather conditions and shelter for maintenance equipment, he ably directed the construction of roads, buildings, harbor and airport facilities at this station. His personal attributes of perseverance and sound engineering judgment contributed materially to the successful establishment of the base and its support of the Aleutian campaign."

Also in 1946 he was awarded the Army Commendation ribbon "for meritorious service in the performance of duty during the period from November 13, 1943, to June 26, 1944. As Executive Officer of the 349th Engineer General Service Regiment at Adak, Alaska, Lt. Col. Walton demonstrated outstanding technical skill and organizational ability in completing his assignment."

Following his service in Alaska, Lt. Col. Walton attended Staff and Command School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduated on May 26, 1945, and was assigned to Granite City (Illinois) Engineer Depot and appointed Executive Officer in October, 1945. On May 12, 1947, he was commissioned a full Colonel. He went off active duty in May, 1948, and in 1953 went on the Reserve Retired list.

From 1918 to 1941, excepting a few years, Joseph Walton spent part of the winters in Palm Beach, where his mother had a winter home on South Ocean Boulevard. He has made his home in Vero Beach since 1948. Since coming to Florida he took postgraduate courses at the University of Florida Summer School in real estate law and brokerage; fire, marine, and property insurance; and appraisal courses given by the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. From December 1, 1948, to February 1, 1950, he operated a real estate brokerage office in Vero Beach, and since the latter date has also handled insurance. He was vice-president of the Vero Beach Board of Realtors in 1949, president in 1950 and 1951, and was also a member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Association of Realtors in 1950 and 1951. In 1952 he was vice-president of the Fourth District of the Florida Association of Realtors, and in 1953 was a member of the Realtors' Washington Committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

In civic affairs Colonel Walton was chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the new Indian River Bridge and Causeway and Highway A-1-A (1949); secretary-treasurer of the Beach Association of Vero Beach (1949); a member of the Tax Advisory Board (1950); vice chairman of the Mayor's Special Committee to study reorganization and the proposed new charter for the city government of Vero Beach (1950-51); a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce (1950); a member of the Committee to Select a City Manager (1951); a member of the Board of Adjustment of the City of Vero Beach (1951 to 1952). He is also a former director of the Beach Business Bureau of Vero Beach, a member and past vice-president of the Exchange Club, a member of the Vero Beach Country Club, the Riomar Club, and Trinity Episcopal Church of Vero Beach. He was formerly a teacher of the Young People's Class, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Poinciana Chapel at Palm Beach, and is a member of the Bath and Tennis Club and the Everglades Club of Palm Beach, the Merion Cricket and Union League Clubs of Pennsylvania, the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and the Alumni Associations of Haverford School, Pennsylvania Military College, and the University of Pennsylvania. For recreation he enjoys tennis, golf, swimming, horseback riding, and reading history.

At Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 26, 1926, Joseph William Walton married Florence Earle Trask, who was born in Philadelphia February 3, 1907, daughter of John Ellingwood Donnell Trask (born February 18, 1871, died April 16, 1926) and Alice Nicholson Coates (born October 1, 1873, died August 4, 1955). Mrs. Walton is a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a past member of the Valley Forge Club of the Woman's Trap Shooting League, the Women's Rifle Corps of the Navy League, and the Motor Corps of Emergency Aid Society of Pennsylvania. In Vero Beach she was on the Street Naming Committee for the beach area.

Colonel and Mrs. Walton are the parents of three children:

1. Joseph William Walton, Jr., born March 30, 1927, at Palm Beach. He graduated from Haverford School, Pennsylvania, in June, 1945, and became a private in the United States Army Infantry, entering the Regular Army on December 15, 1945. He married Johanna Eleanor Lang of Frankfort, Germany, where he died on July 8, 1957.

2. Florence Walton, born January 18, 1930, at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

3. Charles Spittall Walton, III, born December 13, 1933, at Prescott, Arizona. He married Mary Ellen Still of Philadelphia. They have a son, Joseph W. Walton, III, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1959.

CORNELIUS VAN DER LUGT

A native of Holland, Cornelius van der Lugt specialized in the study and practice of agriculture from his youth and is now county administrative officer in charge of the Agricultural Conservation Agency at Fort Pierce. He is one of a small group credited with bringing to St. Lucie County the Indian River Field Laboratory, a unit of the State Experimental Station. He has been a citrus grower since 1926 and has a herd of commercial cattle on his VL Ranch in St. Lucie County.

Born in Delft, Holland, October 13, 1899, he is a son of Adrianus and Apollo (Vreugdenhill) van der Lugt. His father was a vegetable grower in Holland. The son was educated in a Dutch Reformed school in Delft, Holland, through the Junior High School level and took night school courses in Agriculture. Growing up on his father's farm, he did his share of the farming until he entered the Dutch Army in World War I, in which he served almost two years and was a member of the King's Guard, a regiment of handpicked men.

In June, 1920, he came to the United States and worked on a farm in Hull, Iowa, for six months, then went to South Dakota. From there in January, 1921, he was brought to Vero Beach, Florida, to work for a development company. In 1922 he moved to Fort Pierce and occupied the land on which he still lives. During his first five years in Florida his work was clearing land, opening up the country to enable farmers to get in to work the land. He began setting out groves on his original St. Lucie County land in 1926 and increased these through the years until now, after giving groves to each of his three children, who all live in St. Lucie County, he has 80 acres left for himself.

Mr. van der Lugt is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and a past member of the Growers Administrative Committee at Lakeland; a director of the Indian River Citrus League and of Fort Pierce Growers Association; a member of St. Lucie County Farm Bureau and St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association; president of the North St. Lucie River Drainage District; a past member of the Everglades Fire District, appointed by Governor McCarty and re-appointed by Acting Governor Johns and Governor Collins. He is also a member of the Florida Horticultural Society, a past director of Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce (now inactive), a member of Fort Pierce Rotary Club and the Pelican Yacht Club, a former Elk, and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church at Fort Pierce. His favorite hobby is growing orchids.

His wife has been very active in the Girl Scouts in the past. The former Julia Rose Niemiec, daughter of John and Mary Niemiec, she was born in Bellaire, Ohio, October 24, 1899, and married Cornelius van der Lugt in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1926. They have three children, born in Fort Pierce:

1. Mary Joan, born June 26, 1927.

2. Cornelius Adrianus ("Pete"), born June 14, 1929. He married Judith Brilley of Oakland Park, Florida.

3. Jan, born December 13, 1931, who married Muriel Seekamp of West Palm Beach.

SAM TALTON JOYCE

Now completing his sixth year as Sheriff of Indian River County, Sam Talton Joyce is assured of another four years in office by his success in the May Democratic primaries of 1960. Sheriff Joyce has set an excellent record of law enforcement and has proved his awareness of the need for keeping step with the phenomenal growth of the county and continually improving the department to meet the growing demands.

Sam Joyce was born at Canal Point, Palm Beach County, March 25, 1921, son of Sam Talton Joyce, Sr., a fisherman of Lake Okeechobee, who died in 1947, and Maxine Burt Joyce, who is living in Pahokee. His mother's family has been in Florida for many years, settling first on the west coast.

Sam was educated in the public schools of Palm Beach County and worked in construction with Arundel Corporation until he joined the highway patrol in 1945. He moved to Indian River County when stationed there as a state trooper on July 1, 1948. After serving seven years as highway patrol trooper and two years as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Indian River County, he was appointed Sheriff October 6, 1954, following the death of the late Sheriff Leonard B. O'Steen. He ran as a write-in candidate in the November, 1954, general election with three other candidates and received nearly half of the votes cast. Re-elected in 1956 without opposition for a four-year term, he was again successful in 1960.

Sheriff Joyce estimates that today's work load in his office runs from five to eight times heavier than when he first assumed the office. Every new citizen and new subdivision brings added work for the sheriff's department. "We answer every call that comes, no matter how trivial it may seem to us," he said. "If anyone calls the Sheriff's Office, he is scared, and feels he needs our help. A man is dispatched to the scene to investigate the complaint, and a record is made of the call."

The department is now fitted with the latest fingerprinting and photographic equipment with a cross file system of fingerprints duplicated at the county jail for quick identification of known criminals. There are now six automobiles in operation by the Sheriff's Depart-

ment, all radio-equipped. Indian River County has one of the strongest base stations with narrow-band equipment, which by August 1st of this year (1960) will be required of all law enforcement agencies. As a result, there is radio contact with every part of the county, and additional frequency gives access to Palm Beach on the south and Orlando and Daytona Beach on the north.

Mr. Joyce is a member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, a director and trustee of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and member of its Founders Club, and a member of Florida Peace Officers Association. He is a veteran of the United States Army in World War II and a member of the American Legion Felix Poppell Post; a Mason of Lodge #250 of Vero Beach and Lake Worth Consistory; past president of the Vero Beach Kiwanis Club (1959); a member of Elks Lodge #1774, Vero Beach Boat Club, and the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach. Hunting and boating are his recreative activities.

He was married at Pompano Beach August 16, 1947, to Emily Elizabeth Austin, a native of that town, where she was born June 6, 1924. Her family has been in Palm Beach County, Florida, about fifty years. Her father, Frank Sylvester Austin, was born January 13, 1894, in Indiana and is living in Pompano Beach; her mother, Emily Elizabeth (Juvenal) Austin, was born in Ohio January 6, 1895, and died in Pompano Beach February 8, 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Joyce have two children, born in Vero Beach; Deborah Sue, born July 22, 1953; Sam Talton Joyce III, born March 22, 1955.

PAUL MARX LUTHER

A large grove owner in Indian River County at the time of his death (March 3, 1954), Paul Marx Luther was also successful in several other lines of business and served three or four terms on the city council of Vero Beach. Born in Germany October 11, 1875, he was a son of Otto Luther, a salesman, who came from Germany in 1880 and later had a large farm in Mexico, Missouri. The family name of Paul's mother was Dietrich. He was educated in the public schools of Missouri and worked on his father's farm until he went to St. Louis, where he became a real estate dealer and at one time had the White Truck Agency and repair department.

He came to Florida in 1921 and bought about 160 acres of land in Winter Beach, some of which was put into citrus groves. Moving to Vero Beach in 1923, he continued to buy up land and devlop groves and also did successful farming of tomatoes and other crops. Later he formed a partnership with John Knight in the farm supply, paint and roofing business, operating under the name of Luther and Knight. In 1943 he acquired the Kenyon Hotel (originally the Gilman Hotel) and changed the name to the Luther Hotel, which since his death has been operated by his wife and son Bill. Bill and Paul, the other son, care for the groves, which are quite extensive, and Bill is also a real estate broker in Vero Beach and serves on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mr. Luther was a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and Indian River Citrus League, Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, the state and national hotel associations, Masonic Lodge #250 of Vero Beach, Lake Worth Consistory, Mahi Temple Shrine at Miami, Fort Pierce Shrine Club, and the Elks. Hunting was his favorite hobby.

He was married at Berger, Missouri, February 11, 1909, to Theresa Christina Zeilmann, who was born at Berger October 18, 1886. Her mother, Susanna Haid, was also a native of Berger, Missouri, where she was born July 4, 1861, and died January 7, 1943. Mrs. Luther's father, George Zeilmann, was born in Bavaria October 26, 1849, and died at Berger, Missouri, April 9, 1931.

Mrs. Luther is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and Indian River Citrus League; of Vero Chapter #135, Order of the Eastern Star, the Ladies Shrine Club of Fort Pierce, and the First Church of Christ, Scientist at Vero Beach. She is a past president of the Woman's Club and for two years was president of the Indian River County Federation of Women's Clubs. She is also a member of the Indian River Garden Club.

Paul George Luther, born May 19, 1917, at Berger, Missouri, graduated from Gulfcoast Military Academy, Gulfport, Mississippi, and married Helen Olson of Green Bay, Wisconsin. They have six children: Patrick William, Ramona Yvonne, Paul Olsen, Shirley Lorraine, Sherry Lillian and Mary Lynn.

William Muriel (Bill) Luther, born July 25, 1924, at Vero Beach, graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy at Lebanon, Tennessee, and married Selma Morris of Rockmart, Georgia. They have six children: James Frederick, John Marx, Joseph Jerome, Jeffrey William, Jerre Lawrence and Jana Suzanne.

JOSEPH HENRY CONN

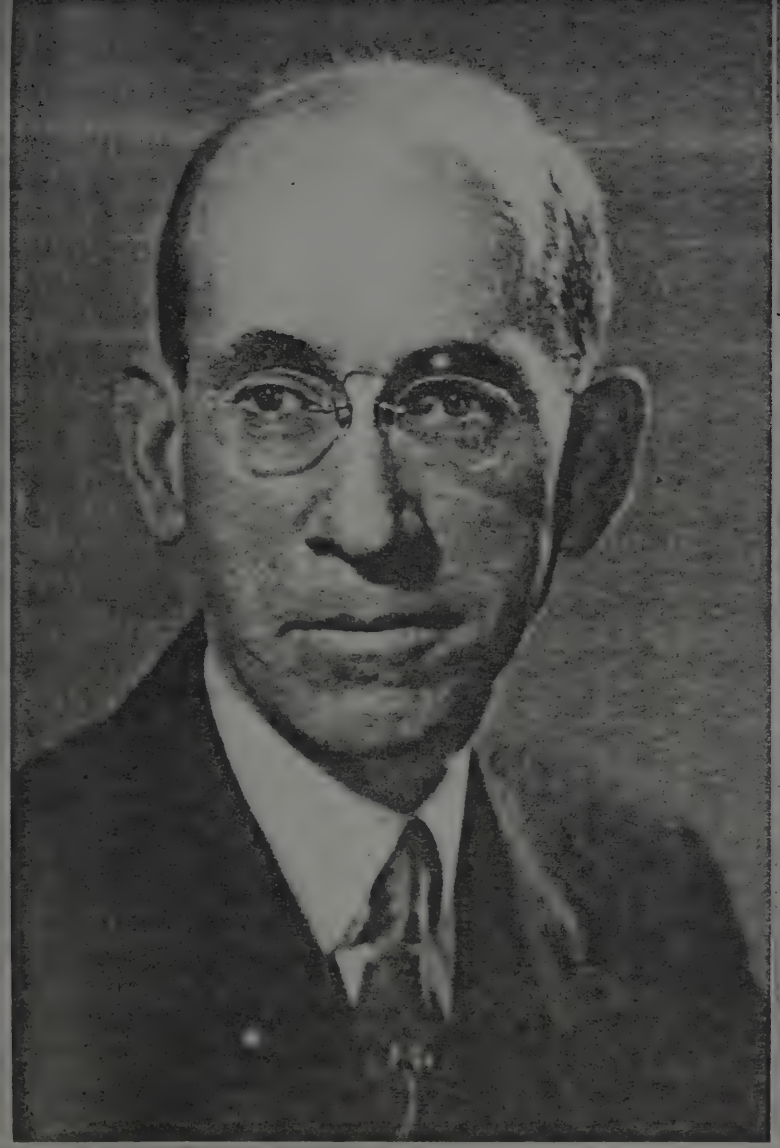
Having been a commercial artist in Chicago, an onion grower in Texas, a fruit grower in the state of Washington, and an automotive parts executive in Detroit, Joseph Henry Conn came to Vero Beach in 1947 and wrote his name indelibly on its sands.

He was born in St. Louis May 15, 1888, son of Lewis Linn and Ida (Plank) Conn. His father, a gentleman farmer, was born in St. Louis June 9, 1858, and died in 1915 at South Haven, Michigan. There Joe's mother also died in 1928. She was a native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Henry Conn received his education in the public schools of Missouri, at Morgan Park Academy in Chicago, at a business college in St. Louis, and an art school in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was a Lieutenant in the United States Army in World War I.

Following a few years in Chicago as a commercial artist and two or three years in Texas growing onions, he went to the Pacific northwest, specifically Wenatchee, Washington. Having spent years in becoming proficient in all phases of orchards, from the planting to retailing, he worked with the United States Bureau of Markets, setting up cooperative procedures to aid fruit growers in new marketing techniques.

His next move represented a drastic change—from agriculture to the automotive manufacturing industry. From Detroit he came to Vero Beach, Florida, in 1947 and began developing subdivisions—another entirely new line of business. He must have been a very versatile man. "Miracle Manor" was one of his developments. Another was "Bethel-by-the-Sea," an 80-acre ocean-front tract. Out of this acreage Mr. Conn gave to the City of Vero Beach for public use approximately 1,500 feet of ocean beach and additional property needed to make Ocean Drive into a 100-foot wide boulevard with landscaping, and specified that there be no buildings on the east side of this boulevard, thus ensuring future



J. H. Conn

DECEASED 1956

Augusta B. Conn

generations a beautiful drive along the beach with uninterrupted view of the ocean. This beach was named the Joseph H. Conn Beach by action of the City Council at the proposal of Mayor Harry C. Offutt, Jr., after Mr. Conn's death.

He died in Detroit, Michigan, November 3, 1956. After his death it was said of him that he would be remembered as a modest man with splendid ideas for the future of Vero Beach; a bundle of energy whom everyone respected; a man with a good sense of humor. He was an honorary member of the Vero Beach Board of Realtors, a member of Vero Beach Golf and Country Club, and attended the Community Church. He loved baseball and was active in Little League sponsorship in Vero Beach. In 1945 Mr. Conn and Dr. Earl A. Peterman were the founders of the "Fund for Crippling Diseases." This was primarily for research in rheumatic fever, arthritis and rheumatism.

Mrs. Joseph H. Conn, the former Augusta Bernice McFarlane, was born in Hillsborough, New Brunswick, Canada, January 12, 1900. Her father, Cory James McFarlane, was born in Weldon, New Brunswick, November 15, 1879, and died at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in 1947. Her mother, Mabel Levina Lounsbury McFarlane, born at Elgin, New Brunswick, August 18, 1881, is living in Calgary, Alberta.

Mrs. Conn is president of the Vero Beach Woman's Club and past president of the Garden Club. She was a charter member of Indian River County Republican Executive Committee and served as precinct committeewoman. She was organizational president of the Indian River County Public Library Association (her pet project) and was head of the Vero Beach Red Cross Fund Drive. She is a trustee of the Community Church. Her hobbies are stamp collecting, Garden Club work, and history, particularly genealogy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henry Conn had a family of three children:

1. Bernice Kathleen (Mrs. Albert Frank), born January 3, 1923, at Powell River, British Columbia, Canada.
2. Shirley Helen (Mrs. John K. Coles), born December 29, 19—, at Powell River, British Columbia.
3. Joseph Henry David Conn, born January 2, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan. He married Sondra Lee Greer of Dayton, Ohio.

ROBERT CHAPMAN SPILLMAN

The young vice-president of Indian River Citrus Bank, who rose to that position in six years, starting as bookkeeper in 1952, is an outstanding civic worker, particularly in Junior Chamber of Commerce work. Although not a native, he has lived in Florida most of his life, his mother having come to Tallahassee in 1929 and operated a 168-acre farm in Wakulla County. She has been with the Florida State Road Department for eighteen years now, as a department head in the Division of Research and Records. She is the former Halline Chapman, born January 13, 1900, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Robert's father was Charles Owen Spillman of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1928, Robert Chapman Spillman was educated through the 12th grade in the public schools of several states and graduated from Leon High School, Tallahassee, in 1944. From February of 1945 to August, 1946, he was in the submarine service of the United States Navy at New London, Connecticut, separated with the rank of Seaman First Class. He then attended Florida State University and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Recalled to active duty by the Navy Reserve in December, 1950, he served with the 1754th Construction Battalion (Seabees) in Japan and Korea until May of 1952, leaving the service with the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

In that year, when he was twenty-four years old, he came to Vero Beach and began his banking career at the Indian River Citrus Bank as bookkeeper. In January, 1954, he was elected assistant cashier, advanced to cashier in 1956, and to vice-president in January, 1958.

Joining the Vero Beach Jaycees in 1952, he has held nearly every local office and received the "Jaycee of the Month" and "Spark Plug" awards. He was elected National Director of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1958-59 and was the first national director in the United States to complete a 100% visitation to his assigned clubs, traveling over 35,000 miles in the performance of this duty. At the State Convention in St. Petersburg in May, 1959, he received the Wolper-Wadsworth Memorial Award as the outstanding National Director in Florida and was elected International Director for 1959-60, the first such elective office in the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is also legal counsel for the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1959-60. At the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce National Convention in Buffalo, New York, in 1959, he received the Clint Dunagan Award, honoring him as one of the ten outstanding National Directors in the nation from more than 287, and was further honored by being the top man out of the ten selected.

Mr. Spillman is now vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of Vero Beach and Indian River County, and has been on the board of directors of that body for three years. He is past president of the Vero Beach Kiwanis Club and past lieutenant governor of the Florida District of Kiwanis International. He was appointed by Governor Collins to the Indian River County Forest Committee, of which he was chairman; was a member of the Governor's Citizens Tax Council; and is a member of the Tax Stabilization and Debt Safety Committee for the City of Vero Beach, and one of the top ten men from the field of finance who are responsible for long-range planning for money expenditures and bond indebtedness for the city. He is also chairman of the joint City and Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee.

He served as treasurer of the Indian River County Tuberculosis and Health Association four years, as treasurer of the Heart Fund four years, as treasurer of the Polio Fund two years, and as co-chairman of the local Red Cross one year; and received certificates for meritorious service from the Tuberculosis and Health Association, the Heart Fund and the Red Cross. He is a member of the Hospital Association, the Youth Center, the Boy Scouts, the Quarter Back Club, the Seminole Boosters, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge #1774, Vero Lodge #250 F. & A. M., and the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach. He is a life member of Florida State University Alumni Association and Theta Chi social fraternity of the Florida State University. Boating, fishing and hunting are his favorite sports, and he has a workable collection of guns.

On April 17, 1949, at Tallahassee, Robert Chapman Spillman married Ruth Ruby Norwood, who was born

in Tallahassee April 9, 1928, daughter of Robert R. and Willie Mae (Daniels) Norwood. They have two children:

1. Brenda Delores, born February 12, 1950, in Tallahassee.

2. Daniel Robert, born June 18, 1955, in Vero Beach.

MARION STOUDER HOEFLICH

Marion Stouder Hoeflich of Fort Pierce came with her parents to Eldred on the Indian River when she was nine or ten years old. Her father, Horace Greely Stouder, (born February 8, 1854, in Delaware County, Indiana; died May 23, 1922, at Fort Pierce) had been a cowboy in the midwest in his youth, ranging from Texas north through the Dakotas. For many years after that he was brand inspector at the Union Stockyards in Chicago. He came to Eldred, St. Lucie County, Florida, in 1903 and established a pineapple plantation, bringing his family down a year later. Mr. Stouder bought and laid out a subdivision on Oak Street (now Delaware Avenue) where he built his home, just opposite the brick high school which was then being built. His friends couldn't understand why he built "so far out in the country" (one mile west of the Indian River). Mrs. Hoeflich's present home is also in the original plat, still known as Stouder Subdivision on the real estate maps.

Mrs. Hoeflich's mother, Lettie Louise Green Stouder (born August 9, 1864, at Monroeville, Ohio; died December 15, 1933, at Fort Pierce), was postmistress of Eldred for quite a while.

Born in Chicago December 10, 1894, Marion Stouder's education was begun in the public schools of Chicago and continued at the country school in Eldred. She then was sent to the Episcopal Fairmont School for Girls at Monteagle, Tennessee, and finally graduated from the Cathedral School at Orlando, Florida, in 1913 as salutatorian of her class.

On August 3, 1915, at Eldred, Florida, Marion Stouder married James Lynn Hoeflich, whose pineapple plantation adjoined that of her father. Son of Rudolph Kite and Edith Ridgley Hoeflich, he was born at Maysville, Kentucky, August 9, 1889. After they were married he had a citrus grove in White City, most of which he set out himself. When pineapples were no longer grown along the Indian River, he traveled for a wholesale grocery concern, and later was a bookkeeper in Fort Pierce. Until his health prevented it, boating was his favorite hobby, and he also had a woodworking shop in his home as another hobby. He died at Fort Pierce January 12, 1941.

Mrs. Hoeflich's hobby is handweaving, and she is president of the Indian River Hand Weavers Guild. She is a member of the St. Lucie County Democratic Executive Committee; the P.E.O. Sisterhood, past president of Chapter R; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Pierce, and has been treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary since 1953. She and her husband were members of the Fort Pierce Yacht Club, he a charter member.

Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoeflich at Eldred, Florida: Edith, now married to Gregory J. Luke of East Boothbay, Maine, was born July 22, 1916; Marion Esther, now Mrs. Marion H. Enns, was born March 18, 1918. Edith has four children: Lynn Ellen, Joseph Andrew, David Eric, and Timothy James. Marion has one child, Marie Lynn.

A brother of Mrs. Hoeflich, David Charles Stouder, born August 25, 1908, in Chicago, lives in Coral Gables. He married Frances Nadine Higbie of Lafayette, Indiana, and they have two daughters, Diane and Lettie.

JESSE LESTER SWORDS

Formerly in the same line of work in Peoria, Illinois, Jesse Lester Swords, contractor of Vero Beach, has been engaged in road construction and heavy excavation since coming to Florida in 1942, and is president of Swords Brothers McDougal Company, Inc., and of Swords and Sons Asphalt Company.

Born in Peoria, Illinois, January 22, 1897, he is a son of William A. Swords, a contractor and farmer in Peoria, who died there February 22, 1915, and of Clara Jane (Stevens) Swords, who also died in Peoria. He attended school in Peoria and in Evansville, Wisconsin, where he specialized in bookkeeping and graduated in 1916. For a while he farmed in Peoria and during the winter was in the coal dealership business. He worked on his father's contracting jobs off and on until 1926, when he established his own firm, the Jesse L. Swords Contracting Company, and engaged in road construction and heavy excavation work.

Coming to Florida in 1942, he worked with his brother in Swords McDougal Company, Inc., until 1946, when Swords Brothers McDougal Company, Inc., was organized and he became its president. Swords and Sons Asphalt Company was organized in 1955. Together these two firms have 65 employees and do work all over Florida. They did the paving for Miracle Mile Plaza, Vero Beach's fine new shopping center, the lot for the Kwik Chek store in Vero, the grade work and filling for the Los Angeles Dodgers' Holman Stadium in Vero Beach, a shopping center in Melbourne, and 17 miles of paving on roads in Indian River County for the State Road Department in 1959.

Mr. Swords is a director of the Florida Road Builders Association, a past director of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, a director of Indian River County Hospital Association, and is active in charitable fund drives in the area. He is a member of Vero Beach Rotary Club, Elks Lodge #1774 of Vero Beach (a charter member), Masonic Lodge #250, Vero Beach Shrine Club, Bahia Temple Shrine at Orlando, and Peoria Consistory, Peoria, Illinois. A Democrat in politics and Methodist in religion, he is a member of the Official Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of Vero Beach, in which his wife is also active. She is a member of the Vero Beach Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Vero Beach Woman's Club. Deep sea fishing is one of Mr. Swords' favorite relaxers, and travel comes second.

He was married in Peoria, Illinois, on July 2, 1918, to Bessie E. Dietz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dietz, who was born in Peoria May 25, 1900. Two sons and two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Swords in Peoria:

1. Jesse Joseph, born January 29, 1919, died February 28, 1919.

2. Betty Laberta, (Mrs. John Dezzutti) born April 26, 1920.

3. Mary Jane, (Mrs. Rex Hailey) born August 18, 1922.

4. Charles Eugene, born August 17, 1924. He married Marie Doss of Peoria.

DANFORTH KIDD RICHARDSON

A citrus grower in Indian River County since 1946, Danforth (Dan) Kidd Richardson is president of Gracewood, Inc., and also owner of Bar G Ranch, located west of Vero Beach. He is very active in organizations pertaining to his business and to the economy of the lo-

cal area and the state, also in civic service and social organizations.

Son of Danforth and Alice (Kidd) Richardson, he was born in Brooklyn, New York, April 27, 1919. He graduated from Pelham High School, Pelham, New York, in 1938 and attended Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, until August, 1941, when he entered the United States Army as a private. After a year in the jungle on Panama in an anti-aircraft battery, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in April, 1943, at Camp Davis, North Carolina, and on separation from the service in December, 1945, held the rank of First Lieutenant.

When he got out of the service in early 1946, Dan Richardson came to Vero Beach and became a citrus grower. His groves include one of the first blocks of the Pope summer orange, a late-bearing orange in the Indian River section. Mr. Richardson's ranch is a beef-fattening operation—he buys cattle, fattens them, and sells them to the meat packers.

Mr. Richardson is a past president of Indian River Citrus League and of Florida Citrus Production Managers Association, a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and of Indian River County Cattlemen's Association, immediate past vice-president of Florida State Horticultural Society, a member of the Indian River County Farm Bureau, chairman of the Indian River-Sebastian Drainage District, past chairman of Vero Beach City Planning and Zoning Board, and a past president of Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce. He has been a trustee of the Indian River Memorial Hospital for fifteen years and is a past president of the Rosewood Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, a past moderator and trustee of the Community Church, past president of the Vero Beach Country Club, past president of the Rotary Club, a member of the Yacht Club and of Elks Lodge #1774. Golf, hunting and fishing are his favorite recreations.

On January 12, 1943, in New York City, Dan Richardson married Marjorie Gilbert Hopwood, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1921, daughter of John Maitland Hopwood and Edna Grace (Whitford) Hopwood. Her father, the founder and president of Hagan Chemical and Control company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, having previously spent two winters in Vero Beach, built a home there in 1939 and in the early forties became a citrus grower. Mrs. Richardson is a founder and past president of the Junior Garden Club of Vero Beach and is active in the Hibuscus Circle of the Indian River County Federation of Garden Clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson teach the teen-age class in the Community Church Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are the parents of three daughters:

1. Sandra Maitland, born April 24, 1944, in Wilmington, North Carolina.
2. Nancy Danforth, born January 7, 1949, in Vero Beach.
3. Susan Kidd, born October 6, 1954, in Vero Beach.

Mr. Richardson's mother is a member of the local artists group and has shown her pictures locally. She studied under Beanie Backus.

WILLIAM JOHN MATHESON

A progressive farmer, cattleman, dairyman and horticulturist, William John Matheson of Palm City, Martin County, is the grandson of a pioneer of the Miami area who bore the same name. The original William John Matheson, who was a chemist in New York, came to Dade County, Florida, in the early 1900's and developed Key Biscayne and a large area in what is now South Miami. His son, Hugh Merritt Matheson, gave to the City of Miami the land on the bayfront which is now Matheson Park. He was a farmer in Dade County and on the Florida Keys.

Son of Hugh Merritt and Ligoure (Hardy) Matheson, William John Matheson was born in Coconut Grove, Florida, June 23, 1912. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1937 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biophysics and continued his studies in the graduate school for almost three years.

In 1940 he came to Palm City and entered the cattle business on his 5,000-acre Crane Creek Ranch. This was a commercial beef operation. In 1953 he established Coastal Dairies with an all-purebred Guernsey herd, and in 1955 became associated with Boutwell Dairy of Lake Worth, merging to form Boutwell-Matheson, Inc., and moving the Boutwell herd to Palm City. His Coastal dairies won the Florida Dairy Pasture contest in 1953, and in 1955 at the State Fair in Tampa he had a clean sweep in the Guernsey cattle division, winning five first awards, and had the Grand Champion Guernsey bull and the Senior Champion bull in the dairy division.

Since coming to Martin County Mr. Matheson has farmed various truck vegetables, lately on quite a large scale, and at present is growing tomatoes. His newest operation is growing cut roses for florists, and he now has close to 5,000 plants.

He is a member of the American Guernsey Cattle Club and the Martin County Cattlemen's Association, a director of Martin County Memorial Hospital and president of the Martin County unit of the American Cancer Society. He is also a life member of International Oceanographic Foundation, a member of Biscayne Bay Yacht Club of Miami, past commodore of St. Lucie Inlet Yacht Club of Stuart, an Elk, and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

During World War II Mr. Matheson served in the United States Navy. Commissioned an Ensign on July 16, 1942, he was a Communications Liaison Officer serving aboard the S.S. Mexico in 1943, and was awarded the bronze star on the area ribbon for his part in the operation in which the S.S. Mexico was under attack in the Sicily invasion off the coast of Palermo. On separation from the service his rank was Lieutenant Commander.

Mr. Matheson was married at Coconut Grove on December 27, 1937, to Faith Theresa Alexander, daughter of George Paul and Alice (Lynch) Alexander, who was born at Mansfield, Ohio, June 6, 1916. Their son, Paull Middleton Matheson, was born May 31, 1948, at Miami Beach. Mrs. Matheson belongs to the Stuart Garden Club and Martin County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She owns a registered quarter-horse mare.

J. PATRICK CORRIGAN

Son of a Texas oil man, Pat Corrigan is owner and manager of the Corrigan Ranch, located near Vero Beach. His father, Hugh Corrigan, Jr. (born August 16, 1891, in Cisco, Texas), came to Florida on a visit in 1942 and three years later moved his home to Wabasso. He bought two ranches, totaling 17,000 acres, west of Vero Beach and northwest of Fellsmere, and in 1947 established a commercial cattle operation with his sons, Hugh III and Pat. On January 1, 1958, Pat bought all interests in the ranch, leaving his father and brother

still active in the oil business with their office in Vero Beach. The boys' mother, Clementine Eleanor (March) Corrigan, was born July 10, 1895, at Duncan, then Indian Territory, now Oklahoma.

Born in Midland, Texas, November 28, 1928, Pat Corrigan graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1948 and from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in June, 1956. Meanwhile he served two years in the United States Army. Entering October 28, 1952, he was with Division Headquarters at Fort Riley, Kansas, and for eight months with the United States Army forces at Salzburg, Austria; discharged in October, 1954, with the rank of sergeant.

When he finished college Pat Corrigan became manager of the family's cattle ranch, and less than two years later took over the whole operation. They had started with Florida native cows crossed with Brahman bulls. In 1954 they switched to about 80% Hereford bulls, and at present have two separate operations; one a herd of purebred Herefords to produce bulls for use in improving the commercial herd, which is now composed of about 1,000 brood cows. He plans to get his commercial cows as close to being Herefords as possible. The Hereford cow produces a better calf crop percentage, and the Hereford steers command a good market. He finds, too, that the docility which characterizes this breed of cattle makes them easy to work with.

His cattle are grazed on 1,600 acres of improved pasture with a year-'round clover crop serving as the backbone of the grazing program in every pasture. He plans to double the amount of improved pasture. The bulk of the grass pasture is Pangola, and his ranch has a good system of irrigation and drainage ditches.

Mr. Corrigan is a director of the Indian River Cattlemen's Association, director and secretary-treasurer of Indian River County Farm Bureau, a member of the American Hereford Association, the Florida Hereford Association, and the Florida Cattlemen's Association. He is also a member of Vero Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge #1774, the Community Church of Vero Beach, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity of the University of Florida.

Pat Corrigan's hobby is sports car racing. He drives a Porsche Carrera and has taken part in races at Daytona Beach three times, once in Havana, and at other Florida tracks. Since his first two races, in which he finished second, he has been unbeaten in his class. In 1957, with his brother and two friends, he went on an African hunting expedition and took all types of game.

In Aztec, New Mexico, on October 28, 1954, Pat Corrigan married Patricia Porter, who was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, August 3, 1931. Her father, James Porter, Jr., born in Graham, Texas, February 17, 1898, is a petroleum engineer with Cities Service Oil Company and lives in Great Bend, Kansas. Her mother, Imogene Daniels Porter, was born in Lancaster, Missouri, January 24, 1903, and died at Vero Beach December 29, 1957.

Mrs. Corrigan graduated from Kansas State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and Education. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority in college and now belongs to the Beta Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Psi, a national civic sorority of which she is recording secretary. She is also corresponding secretary of the Indian River Hospital Auxiliary, a past member of the Board of Fellowship of the Community Church of Vero Beach, and vice-president of the Women's Division of the Indian River County Farm Bureau.

On March 4, 1960, at St. Petersburg, Florida, the Corrigans adopted a daughter, Eleanor Christie Corrigan.

HARRY CANNON GOODE

The owner and manager of Harry Goode's Outdoor Shop at Melbourne, Harry Cannon Goode, is a grandson of the founder of Melbourne, Richard Walter Goode, whose wife, Jesse Scott Goode, decided the naming of the community, as described in the little book, "Thy Lighted Lamp," by Amey Van Horn Hoag, wife of another grandson of Richard Goode.

Harry Goode's father, Alexander John Goode, was born in Villa Ridge, Illinois, and was three years old when, on May 6, 1877, his parents settled at Crane Creek in Brevard County, now Melbourne. He was the first mayor of Palm Bay, formerly Tillman, south of Melbourne, and was a Justice of the Peace (then called Judge) of South Brevard County. He married Mazie Calder, a native of Millan, Georgia, who is living in Palm Bay. Alexander Goode died in Melbourne December 20, 1952.

Harry Goode was born at Palm Bay on October 8. 1914. He graduated from Melbourne High School in 1935. For about a year he worked for Harry W. Cannon of Cocoa, then worked in the sporting goods business for B. B. Vinson in Fort Pierce. In 1938 he became executive secretary of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, and retained that position until he left for military service in World War II. Entering the United States Army in 1942, he served as a surgical technician with the 109th General Hospital in England.

After the war he established his Outdoor Shop, selling a line of fishing tackle, guns and archery equipment, with a complete repair department for his merchandise, including bicycles. When he was twelve years old he had come into possession of his grandfather's Civil War Colt pistol and Sharps rifle, and now has a fabulous collection of workable firearms. His other hobby is plants, especially flowering shrubs. He has won many ribbons for plants he has shown and speaks before from twelve to fifteen Garden Clubs each year. He is also an amateur artist, painting mostly landscapes and fish.

Mr. Goode is a past commissioner of the City of Melbourne, a past president of the Greater Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Sebastian Inlet District (elected in 1948), chairman of the Water Safety and First Aid Committees and vice-chairman of the Disaster Committee of the South Brevard County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a member of the Brevard County Citizens Safety Council. He is a past director of the Brevard County Sportsman's Association, a member of the American Legion Post #81 of Melbourne, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Melbourne Yacht Club, the American Hibiscus Society, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Melbourne.

He was married at Cocoa, Florida, in June, 1937, to Katharine Verina Weinberg, who was born at Cocoa, a daughter of Morris W. and Eleanor (Hatter) Weinberg. The Hatters are an old Cocoa family. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goode are the parents of three children, all born at Melbourne, Florida. They are:

1. Harry Cannon Goode, Jr.
2. Richard Wesley Goode.
3. Kathaline Ann Goode.

THE ROSSETTER FAMILY

The Rossetter family took six generations to reach the Florida East Coast after the arrival in New England of Edward Rossetter who embarked from Somersetshire, England, in 1630 on the Mary and John with his son, Dr. Bryan Rossetter. Edward was assistant governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Dr. Bryan Rossetter lived in Dorchester, Massachusetts, until 1639 when he moved to Connecticut. It is said that he was the only physician in the Connecticut Colony at the time he moved to Guilford and that he performed the first autopsy in Connecticut.

His son, Timothy, served in the Navy as a surgeon in the War of the Revolution from May, 1775, to January 1, 1777. He then served on a private army ship. He came south after the War for Independence was won and lived in Sparta, Hancock County, Georgia, until his death in 1845. Appleton Wolcott Rossetter was his only son. He was prominent in the development of the State of Georgia and lived there until his death. After the War between the States his son, Arthur Rossetter, sailed down the St. Johns River to a location between DeLand and Sanford. After the freeing of the slaves the family could no longer operate the vast cotton plantation in Georgia and he thought that the new industry of citrus groves in Florida could be handled with the small assets left to him after the war.

His son, James Wadsworth Rossetter, was the thirteenth child and, fortunately for him, his older sisters had received their formal education in France before the war and were in a position to act as instructors for their brother. He attended college in Macon, Georgia, and was married to Ella Maude Rogero from an old St. Augustine family in 1894. They moved to Eau Gallie, Florida, in 1901.

James Rossetter inherited his father's interest in citrus and planted early groves back of Eau Gallie. He was also interested in cattle and experimented with a spineless cactus for cattle feed. He developed the fishing industry in South Brevard County which at one time had the largest payroll in this section. His "run boats" for years were the chief contact with the outside world for the settlers of Canaveral and North Banana River. James Rossetter died in Eau Gallie November 19, 1921.

His sons and daughters live in Eau Gallie and Melbourne. The daughters, Caroline Postell Rossetter and Ella Fort Rossetter, live in the old home where the first Catholic Masses in the area were celebrated. James Wadsworth Rossetter lives in Melbourne, Appleton Tomlinson and Charles Anderson Rossetter live in Eau Gallie. James was a Colonel in the Army in World War II, Appleton was a Commander in the Navy, and Charles was a non-commissioned Army officer.

These descendants of the Rossetter family are vitally interested in Florida and particularly the East Coast, which their parents loved and helped to develop.

ERNIE LABRONE BLACKBURN

The principal business of Ernie Blackburn of Melbourne is transportation. He heads three companies with distinctly different functions but all having to do with transporting a commodity; namely, Blackburn's Transfer and Storage, Blackburn's Heavy Haulers, and Arrow Fruit Company, an express fruit-shipping business. Mr Blackburn also plays an important part in the civic life of his community.

He is a native of Xenia, Ohio, where he was born September 3, 1900. His father, James Henry Blackburn, was a grocer in Xenia, and died there August 1, 1925. His mother, who was Anna Etta Mowen, died in Springfield, Ohio. Both parents were born in Green County, Ohio.

Ernie's education began in the public schools of Xenia. He subsequently attended the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, and the University of Cincinnati, working his way through college over a period of years. His first job was selling insurance in Dayton and Xenia, and he continued to sell insurance until about 1941, when he became a propeller technician for Aero Products, a division of General Motors. During World War II he was loaned to the Army Air Force and worked in different locations all over the country.

In 1945 he came to Melbourne, Florida, and established the Arrow Fruit Company, which in the last several years has been the largest express shipper of citrus fruits in the county. Until about 1956 he owned a thirty-acre grove in South Brevard County. His transfer and storage business began in 1948, when he rented a storage warehouse and one open truck. Today he has twenty-two trucks and over 18,000 square feet of storage area. For the first nine years he was an agent for Mayflower, but since October, 1957, his transfer and storage service is affiliated with North American Van Lines. Blackburn's Transfer and Storage also has an office in Cocoa Beach. Blackburn's Heavy Haulers was organized in 1957 for carrying full loads of heavy equipment, such as drag lines, on flat bed trailers, and has cranes for lifting such heavy articles aboard.

Mr. Blackburn is a member of the Movers Conference and Florida Trucking Association, Indian River Citrus League and Florida Citrus Mutual, and Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, which he served as president for three years. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce at the time the Air Force was considering a missile base on the east coast of Florida, and was influential in convincing the authorities that the old Banana River Naval Base (Cape Canaveral) was the place to locate. He was also instrumental in having the Civil Aeronautics Board approve Melbourne as a commercial stop, appearing before the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington. For two years he was vice-president of the East Coast Highway Association, which covers U.S. 1 from Maine to Key West, and worked for the four-laning of this highway. He pioneered the opening of Babcock Street, running between Melbourne and Eau Gallie, upon which is now located Melbourne High School and the Melbourne Shopping Center. Mr. Blackburn was elected a city commissioner of Melbourne in 1947 and served two years. In 1950 he directed the United States census in Melbourne. He is a trustee of the First Christian Church, a Mason of Melbourne Lodge #143, Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando Consistory, and a member of Melbourne Shrine Club.

In Springfield, Ohio, on December 27, 1946, Ernie Blackburn married Ruth Doster, daughter of John B. and Grace Leach Doster, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 16, 1904. Mrs. Blackburn is vice-president and co-owner of her husband's business interests. Her hobby is flowers and plants and his is reading and sports.

LOCK DAVIDSON

Lock Davidson, Realtor of Melbourne, has been buying and selling land since he came to Florida in the twenties, and about 1945 became licensed to sell land other than his own. Mr. Davidson was a civil engineer both before and after coming to Florida, and over a period of years owned extensive citrus acreage. As one of Melbourne's oldest and most prominent citizens, he has played an important role in local government and is still an active participant.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, February 28, 1884, he is a son of C. L. Davidson, who was born in Cuba, Allegany County, New York, in 1860, and May Louise Throckmorton from Martinsburg, Virginia. Both parents died in Melbourne; the mother in 1938, the father in 1939. His father was in real estate in Wichita, Kansas, and came to Melbourne when he retired, about 1925.

Lock Davidson graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1908 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He carried on an engineering practice in Wichita and built two dams in Kansas. In 1923 he came to Melbourne, and was a civil engineer in the Drainage District program. He owned 30,000 acres of land within the Drainage District and planted several hundred acres of groves at a time, selling them as fast as he planted them. He sold all remaining citrus interests in 1946.

Mr. Davidson was Mayor of Melbourne for nine consecutive terms and after that was city councilman for one term. He is now chairman of the Melbourne City Planning and Zoning Board; a member of the Florida Board of Realtors and the Brevard County Realty Board, past president of the latter; a past president of Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, and past president of Melbourne Kiwanis Club, which awarded him its Legion of Honor certificate for twenty-five years service. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Melbourne and served that church as steward years ago.

Mr. Davidson was married three times. His first wife was Florence Tuttle; the second, Margaret Heckman; and his present wife is Gloria Haultiwonger. The Davidsons' home is in Indialantic.

Mr. Davidson had two sons and a daughter:

1. Stephen Lock Davidson, who died in 1958, was married and had two children, Lock and Daniel. Lock is married.

2. Charles L. Davidson is District Manager for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, covering Miami to West Palm Beach. He lives in Fort Lauderdale and has three children: Jody, Robert Lock, and Kathy.

3. Eleanor Davidson first married Kenneth Miller of Pennsylvania and they had two children, Kenneth and Van Miller. She is now Mrs. William Reineking of New York, and they have a son, William Reineking, Jr. ("Billy").

CLARENCE WILLIAM NELSON

A retired attorney who was prominent in real estate and investments in Miami and the Melbourne area, and at one time raised a small herd of Santa Gertrudis beef cattle, Clarence William Nelson began his career as a school teacher.

His father, Charles Hart Nelson, born in Saybrooke, Illinois, June 16, 1868, was in real estate in the United States and Mexico. His mother was Ellen Turnbull from Fermanagh County, North Ireland, where she was born February 3, 1872.

Clarence William Nelson was born in Chicago September 12, 1898, and had his early education in the public schools of Chicago. When he was ten years old the family came to Florida, settling first at Delray, and moved two years later to Merritt Island, where they homesteaded. After two summer sessions at the University of Florida, Mr. Nelson began teaching in a rural school and in two months was promoted to assistant principal of the Eau Gallie High School. During the next five years, except for a period in the Army in World War I, he attended the University of Florida Agricultural College while holding his teaching position, and in 1922 received the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree. The following school year he was science instructor at Plant City High School.

Seeing an opportunity in Melbourne, he went there in 1923 and for three years bought and sold real estate. While in this business he became interested in law and moved to Coral Gables to enter the University of Miami Law School, which was just opening. He graduated in June 1929 with the first law class of that university, received his LL.B. degree, and practiced law in Miami until 1950, when he moved back to Melbourne and gave his full attention to his real estate holdings. Owning property in four counties, he became known throughout Florida and Texas for his extensive real estate holdings and his herd of cattle.

Mr. Nelson was a member of the Dade County, the Florida and the American Bar Associations, the Florida Real Estate Board, the Amercian Legion, a charter member of the Melbourne Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Episcopal Church. While a student at the University of Florida he was in the Reserve Officers Training Corps,

At Gainesville, Florida, on September 15, 1940, Clarence William Nelson married Nannie Merle Nelson, who was born at Chipley, Florida, December 28, 1908. Mrs. Nelson taught school in Florida for ten years previous to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have a son, Clarence William II, born in Miami September 29, 1942, who at the age of seventeen became a celebrity. His sketch follows.

Mrs. Nelson belongs to a pioneer family of Northwest Florida. Her father, John Wesley Nelson, was born in Chipley October 20, 1883, attended rural school in a log cabin, and was a farmer and cattleman in Chipley all his life. He was a county commissioner in Washington County and a member of the Baptist Church. His parents were Melvina Drucilla Jordan and John Nelson, a cattleman and farmer, who also was in the lumber and sawmill business. Mrs. Nelson's mother was Eva Florence Harrell, born in Chipley December 8, 1888, whose parents were Alexander Leonidas Harrell, also a cattleman in North Florida, born in Donalsonville, Georgia, April 1, 1858, and Nancy Alice Bryan, born in Faceville, Georgia, February 23, 1861. Eva Harrell and John Wesley Nelson were married in Chipley February 12, 1906. They had five children, all born in Chipley:

1. Nannie Merle (Mrs. C. W. Nelson), born December 28, 1908.

2. Jewel Rex, born February 13, 1910.

3. Farrell Leonidas, born June 16, 1912.
4. Julian Wesley, born December 10, 1918.
5. Donald Bryan, born December 13, 1920.

Julian is living in Pensacola. All the others, except Mrs. Nelson, are living in Chipley.

C. WILLIAM (BILL) NELSON II

One wonders what the future may hold for a boy who, before his seventeenth birthday, had become so famous as a public speaker that he was swamped with requests to speak, not only by small local groups but by large organizations of business men and civic leaders, and had been invited to take part in a Crusade for Freedom tour of Europe, the only teenager in the group.

Son of Clarence William Nelson, Sr. and Nannie Merle Nelson (whose maiden name also was Nelson), C. William (Bill) Nelson II was born in Miami, Florida, September 29, 1942. A sketch of his father, including some information on his mother's Florida family, precedes. Bill Nelson attended the Cushman School in Miami and Melbourne High School, from which he was graduated in 1960. His intention at this time is to enter the University of Florida to study law.

Bill became interested in cattle when he was ten years old and joined the 4H Club. His father gave him a few Santa Gertrudis and he won many trophies from state fairs. He is a past state treasurer and vice president and is now president of the Florida 4H Club, and the first junior member of the Breeders International; also a member of the county and state Cattlemen's Associations.

Young Nelson has combined success in his many extracurricular activities with high scholastic attainment, and also played on the baseball, basketball, and football teams in high school. He is a member of the National Honor Society and maintained the highest grade average in all classes, graduatiing as covaledictorian. In June 1959 he won the state-wide Florida 4H Public Speaking contest.

He was district secretary and a member of the board of directors of the local Key Club, a high school boys' service organization, and on July 4, 1959, at the 16th annual convention in Toronto, was elected president of Key Club International (sponsored by Kiwanis International), representing some 50,000 Key Club members. His many speaking engagements and special trips during the year carried him throughout much of the United States and Canada and into Europe. Somehow, he managed to keep up his school studies while traveling.

On the Crusade of Freedom tour he left New York October 15, 1959, with 67 businessmen and civic leaders, the only other Floridian being the mayor of Jacksonville. The party flew to Munich, Germany, where Nelson gave a talk over Radio Free Europe. From there they went to the West German-Czechoslovakian border to observe the Iron Curtain; then to Paris, where they visited the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and, finally, to Lisbon, Portugal. On the return trip, from New York Nelson went to Chicago to speak at the Kiwanis International Council meeting. At the Kiwanis International Convention at Miami Beach in 1960 he addressed 14,000 members.

A member of the Baptist Church, he has delivered sermons in churches of various denominations. Near the close of his year as president of the Key Club International, he gave his own commencement address at Melbourne High's graduation, the farewell address before the Key Club International Convention in Boston, and the Kiwanis Club in Melbourne; speaking eloquently, as usual, giving recognition to the many persons and groups who assisted and supported him during his year at the helm. He said that an "increase in faith" had been a source of strength in keeping his busy schedule and expressed appreciation to his supporters, who had enabled him to find the "secret of life: service to our fellow man."

PURLEY EUGENE TUCKER

An early settler in Melbourne, Purley Eugene Tucker came to that town when the population was three to four hundred and there were no paved roads. He has served Melbourne as mayor and tax collector and operated his own wholesale candy and tobacco business in Melbourne for a good many years. He has been with the State Motor Vehicle Commission for the past five years.

Mr. Tucker was born in Clarksville, Florida, then Bailey, in Calhoun County, September 22, 1891. His mother, Lovey Saphronia Kendrick, was also a native Floridian, born near Bailey in 1871, and died in 1910. His father, Michael Tucker, born in Irvinsville, Georgia, in 1857, moved to Florida near Bailey when a young man. He lived at Willis for two years and then moved to Blountstown for the remainder of his life. He was a farmer.

P. E. Tucker attended elementary and grammar school at Clarksville and Willis and high school at Altha, all in Calhoun County. He worked in a drug store in Blountstown for a couple of years, then at Alton near Mayo, Lafayette County, for less than a year. In 1917 he came to Hopkins on the east coast and worked as a clerk in the commissary of Union Cypress Company. In 1920 he was made manager of the commissary. Shortly after that he went on the road for Lewis Chitty Company, wholesale grocers whose main office was in Jacksonville, and was with this company for fourteen years. He then went into the wholesale candy and tobacco business for himself in Melbourne under the name of Tucker Candy Company, and carried on this business until June 1955, when he sold it to Jack M. Jones of Mami. He began working for the Motor Vehicle Company on April 22, 1955.

Mr. Tucker has been a director of the Melbourne Bank and Trust Company since 1955. He was Mayor of Melbourne in 1948-49 and was appointed tax collector in 1950 to fill in an unexpired term. He served two to three years in the Florida National Guard. He has been a Mason since he was twenty-one years old, is a past member of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of the First Methodist Church of Melbourne.

At Blountstown on August 23, 1910, he married Gladys Mary Horne, born in Columbus, Georgia, August 31, 1894, daughter of Mary (Neal), a native of Florida, and Albert Jackson Horne, who was born in Marianna, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have two children and four grandchildren.

Their daughter, Dora Evelyn, was born in Blountstown, Florida, May 12, 1914, and married William

Langston Bass from Greenville, South Carolina. A son, Thomas Langston Bass, graduated from Duke University with honors, having been on the Dean's List for six semesters, and is now taking a three-year course in Law.

Thomas Eugene Tucker, born in Blountstown, Florida, July 16, 1916, married Helen Hutchison of Sanford, where Gene and family now live. They have three children: Jalie Ann, Mary Neal, and John Carson Tucker.

THOMAS EUGENE TUCKER

President of the Florida State Bank of Sanford, Thomas Eugene Tucker started in the banking busi- at the age of sixteen, before he was through school, and, excepting time out for further education and his war time service, has continued in that line of business since then.

Son of Purley Eugene Tucker (see sketch) and Gladys Mary (Horne) Tucker, he was born in Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida, July 16, 1916. On graduating from Melbourne High School in 1934 he joined C. H. McNulty in the Bank of Melbourne. He resigned as Cashier in 1937 to attend Washington and Lee University, returning to the bank in 1939. In 1940 he was transferred to New Smyrna as Assistant Cashier and continued there until he entered military service in World War II.

Starting in the Air Force, he served one year as aerial photographer; then was a purser in the Maritime Service for two years, serving in the North Atlantic.

Following his return to civilian life in 1944, Mr. Tucker was made Cashier of the Florida State Bank in Sanford. He became Vice President in 1950 and President in 1953. He is State Vice President of the American Bankers Association, Personnel Committee Chairman of the Florida Bankers Association, Director of the Bank of Melbourne and Trust Company, Melbourne, Florida, and a member of the Executive Committee of the McNulty Banks.

Mr. Tucker's performance in civic affairs may best be estimated by stating the fact that he was chosen the Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Seminole County in 1953, and was the Orlando Sentinel's Man of the Week. He is on the Board of Directors of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce, a Rotarian, treasurer of the American Cancer Society in Seminole County, Finance Chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, former Chairman of the Board of the Seminole Memorial Hospital and former President of the Fernald Laughton Memorial Hospital, and is an active worker and one of the chairmen of the United Fund. He is a member of the United States Navy League, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is currently the tennis champion of Sanford.

On August 31, 1946, in Sanford he married Helen Carson Hutchison, born in Sanford August 31, 1925, a daughter of Lt. General Joseph Carson Hutchison and Ann (Whitner) Hutchison, the mother also a native of Sanford. Her father was born in South Carolina in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eugene Tucker are the parents of three children, born in Sanford:

1. Jalie Ann, born March 31, 1954;
2. Mary Neal, born November 4, 1955;
3. John Carson, born March 13, 1958.

EVELYN RODGERS CALMES STEWART

Mrs. William Woodford Thomas Stewart of Merritt Island, owner of a large estate of most unusual beauty, is loved and respected in her community, where she is known as a person who gets things done. She has fought persistently for the preservation of the natural beauty of Florida, particularly on Merritt Island. Through her diligent work and by financing some of its original structure, she is responsible for the creation of the Brevard County Zoning Board. She works with the Izaak Walton League and the Audubon Society for conservation of Florida's wild life and waterways, fighting against the emptying of salt water into fresh waters. Her beautiful estate on Merritt Island is a bird sanctuary where flamingoes and other rare Florida birds and animals have found refuge from the progress of civilization which has robbed them of their native haunts.

Born in Brooksville, Mississippi, July 8, 1895, Mrs. Stewart is a daughter of Jo Ella Rodgers and William Pratt Calmes, both natives of Brooksville, Mississippi, where her father owned a plantation and was a cotton broker. Her parents came from a long line of doctors and soldiers who were active in both the Revolutionary War and the War Between the States, and both were born during the latter war. Her maternal ancestor, Thomas Rodgers, who came to Massachusetts, was a passenger on the Mayflower and signed the Mayflower Pact. Her paternal French Huguenot ancestor, Marquis Guillaume de la Calmes I, was one of the early settlers in Virginia, after the Edict of Nantes.

Evelyn Calmes attended public school in Brooksville and Meridian, Mississippi, graduated from the Meridian School of Music, and spent one year at Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

In 1916 in Meridian she married Edmund Webb Von Hasseln, who was born in Anderson, South Carolina, a descendant of a long line of Virginia and South Carolina ancestors. Mr. Von Hasseln's family in Germany were of the nobility and one of Germany's most prominent families. He was an insurance adjustor in Jacksonville, Florida, where he brought his bride, and they lived there until November 1918. They then went to New York and lived there until Mr. Von Hasseln's death in 1933.

During the last three years in New York Mrs. Von Hasseln had her own business as an interior decorator in Pelham Manor. After her husband's death she came to Palm Beach and became interested in Florida real estate. She bought property in Miami Beach, Cocoa Beach and on Merritt Island, being particularly interested in exclusive residential developments.

In September 1933, in Juarez, Mexico, Mrs. Von Hasseln married William Woodford Thomas Stewart of Palm Beach, Florida, a descendant of a famous line of Scottish, English and Dutch ancestry. Shortly before his death he was in line for the title of Earl of Blantyre. He was a civil engineer and a great athlete and sportsman. He was very active on the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast, developing railroads, building hotels, hospitals, utilities, sea walls and transit lines, and also owned lumber camps, which led to the investment field. During World War I he built ships for the United States Government.

Mr. Stewart first came to Florida to live in 1926

Evelyn R. C. Stewart

DECEASED 1956

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bryan Guyton

and returned in 1937. He and Mrs. Stewart owned a home in Palm Beach on Chilean Avenue. With the intention of building, he bought property at Miami Beach which is now leased for 99 years. He acquired ownership of Royal Island in the Bahamas, property on Eluthera Island and on Bay Street, Nassau, and in 1935 bought the land on Merritt Island and began developing Hacienda del Sol. Mr. Stewart died November 30, 1956.

Hacienda del Sol preserves the natural beauty of the grounds, giving the visitor the feeling of having slipped back into the past, seeing the vision of primitive beauty that must have met the eyes of Florida's early settlers. Like a jewel in this lovely setting, Mrs. Stewart's home reflects her exquisite taste. Its interior furnishings beggar description.

Mrs. Stewart is president of Hacienda del Sol, Inc., Chairman of the Board of the South Merritt Island Property Owners' Association, which she organized, and their first president. A member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Cocoa, she was one of the founders of and a generous contributor to the church school and served on its board. During World War I she was active in Red Cross work and for several years after World War II she was Chairman of the Board of the Red Cross in Cocoa. She is a member of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club, the Audubon Society, the Izaak Walton League, the D.A.R. and U.D.C., and the Huguenot Society, Manakin Chapter. She cruises to her Bahama island on her yacht, "Sis IV".

Mrs. Stewart has two children:

1. Edmund Webb Von Hasseln, Jr., a surgeon, born in Jacksonville, Florida, April 10, 1917, now living with his family in Carmel, California. He married Mercelia Louise Boyd of Santa Barbara, California. and they have had three children: Virginia Boyd, Edward III (who died in 1955 at the age of eight years), and Louise Calmes Von Hasseln.

2. Mary Evelyn Calmes Stewart, born July 25, 1934, who married Dr. Thomas Bryan Guyton of Miami. They have two children: Thomas Bryan Guyton, Jr., and Mary Evelyn Calmes Stewart Guyton.

Mrs. Stewart has a hobby of collecting dolls, tiles, and objects of art from all over the world, and these collections are evident throughtout the house and grounds of the Hacienda del Sol estate.

RUSSELL JAMES HOAG
AMEY VAN HORN HOAG

Grandson of the first white settlers of Melbourne, Florida, Russell James Hoag was born in Jacksonville, Florida, January 7, 1909. In 1922 he returned with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Turnbull Hoag, to reside in Melbourne. His father, a naturalized American citizen, was born December 14, 1862, in the North of Ireland and migrated to this country when he was nineteen years old. Prior to his return to Melbourne he had been Director of Internal Revenue for the Southeastern Section of the United States for a number of years.

Russell's mother, Grace Viola Goode, was the eldest child of the first white settlers in Melbourne, Richard W. Goode and Jessie Scott Goode. She was five years old when she came to Florida in May of 1977 with her parents, her brother Alec and sister Annie. Her sister Jessie was the first white child born in Melbourne. Grace was born at Villa Ridge, Illinois, November 28, 1871, and died at Melbourne, Florida, August 12, 1953. In 1892, she married James Turnbull Hoag, who died in Melbourne, February 24, 1939.

Russell's grandmother, Jessie Scott Goode, was a dynamic personality who was vastly influential in the Republican Party of Florida and in Washington, D.C. In 1922 President Harding and Mr. Charles G. Dawes were her personal guests in Melbourne and dedicated the flagpole at the Melbourne Country Club. She was responsible for the first Bird Sanctuary in this area and gave lavishly of her money in the development of the town and golf course. Richard Goode, her husband, devoted his life to the development of the town. He and his father, John Goode, who followed him here, and who with Richard had been a horticulturist in Illinois, were responsible for the introduction of many rare tropical plants to this area. Richard was killed at the age of 68 in a train accident at Chicago in 1912. He was buried in Melbourne, as was Mrs. Goode, who died in 1935 at the age of 84. She was born in Scotland in 1851 and came to this country at the age of fifteen.

Russell Hoag graduated from Melbourne High School in 1927 and attended Massey Business College at Jacksonville. He is now a sales representative of the Tri-State Culvert and Manufacturing Division of the Florida Steel Corporation of Tampa, Florida. He is a member of the Florida State Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation from O.C.S. at Miami Beach in 1942, served as Captain on Okinawa in Combat Intelligence, going on inactive duty after the war, and was recalled during the Korean War to serve in the United States at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Texas and at George Air Force Base in California.

He is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Melbourne and Vero Beach Golf Clubs, the Eau Gallie Yacht Club and when he lived in Orlando (1936-42) was very active in the Jaycees and the Kiwanis Club. His hobby is golf, for which he is widely known in Florida. He was High School Boys State Champion in 1927 and has frequently been Florida Jaycee Champion. Because of his personal convictions, much of his philanthropic contributions have been veiled by anonymity.

At Rollins College Chapel, Winter Park, Florida, on April 24, 1936, Russell James Hoag married Amey Van Horn Robison. Amey has added her bit to the histories of Florida by writing a small book entitled "Thy Lighted Lamp." Although primarily a history of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Melbourne, it is not strictly limited to this subject but gives a little general history of the area, which was founded by Episcopalians. It tells of the founding of Melbourne, drawing a vivid picture of the people and life of the early days in that settlement and telling how it came to be named for the Australian metropolis by a broom straw draw in 1880.

Amey Van Horn graduated from Alfred University, Alfred, New York, with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1921. That year she headed the Department of Biology and Zoology at Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, and the following year (1922-23) was assistant in the Department of Natural Sciences at Alfred University. At both schools she was also Director of Women's Physical Education. She has written articles and stories which have appeared in national magazines and feature articles for newspapers. Two years of research preceded her writing of "Thy Lighted Lamp."

Amey is the daughter of the Reverend Theodore J.

Van Horn, a Seventh-Day Baptist minister, and Harriet W. Carpenter. Amey Van Horn was born at Ashaway, Rhode Island, October 24, 1899. Her father was born at Welton, Iowa, July 19, 1857, and died at Orlando, Florida, February 7, 1946. He came to Daytona Beach when he retired in 1936. Amey's mother was born at Ashaway, Rhode Island, September 24, 1865, and died at Orlando, Florida, October 6, 1949.

Mrs. Hoag was previously married in 1923 to David Vincent Robison, who died in 1934. To this union came two children, both born in Zanesville, Ohio. They are:

1. David Vincent Robison, born July 6, 1924, who married Mary Alice Beaver of Kannapolis, North Carolina. He is now an architect living at Vero Beach, Florida.

2. Daphne Ann Robison (Mrs. Fred M. Woodbury), born November 5, 1927.

FREDERICK LEE McFARLIN

Publisher and General Manager of The Melbourne Times, Frederick Lee McFarlin inherited his newspaper blood from his father and grandfather. The McFarlins are old settlers of northwest Florida, where Robert E. Lee McFarlin, Frederick Lee's grandfather, owned the Gadsden County Times and later the Quincy Publishing Company, which two publications were merged in the early 1930's. Fred McFarlin's father, Henry Curtis McFarlin, who was born and died in Quincy, Florida, was also a newspaperman, and when he lived in Eustis owned the Western Auto store there. Fred's mother was Edith Harding of East Orange, New Jersey, who died in Eustis, Florida.

Born in his mother's birthplace, East Orange, New Jersey, on March 28, 1927, Frederick Lee McFarlin began his education in the public schools of Quincy, Florida, continued at Eustis, and finished his senior high school year at Sewanee Military Academy, Sewanee, Tennessee. He spent a year at the University of Florida before entering the United States Army in June, 1945, and served with the 26th Infantry Division of the First Army in Occupation duty, discharged as technician fifth grade on November 24, 1946. After his military service he attended Florida State University from 1947 to 1950.

Starting in the advertising department of the Palm Beach Post Times in 1950, he became national advertising manager of that paper. In 1955 he joined the staff of The Melbourne Times as business manager and in August of that year became general manager and publisher. The Melbourne Times was established by E. D. Oslin in 1895, the first edition printed on April 5. R. H. Berg was the owner when it was sold to John H. Perry newspapers. It became a daily in 1952 and today has a staff of 45 persons.

Mr. McFarlin is a director of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, past president of Melbourne Rotary Club, and a member of the First Methodist Church of Melbourne. He finds relaxation in a game of tennis.

On July 24, 1949, at West Palm Beach he married Juanell F. Bailey, daughter of P. K. Bailey and Nell Jo Jackson, who was born at West Palm Beach November 18, 1927. They have two children, born in West Palm Beach: Gregory Lee, on August 5, 1950; Gail Leslie, on July 18, 1953. Mrs. McFarlin is president of the Pan-Hellenic Association of South Brevard County.

JOHN JORGENSEN

On December 1, 1892, there arrived on the east coast of Brevard County at the tiny settlement known as Grant, a group of sixteen people comprised of Lars Jorgensen, his wife Marie, four daughters, his infant son John, who had been born in Florence, Minnesota, on August 14 of that year, a grandson Edmund Frederick, one year older, and a cousin of Lars, Christoffer Christensen. The other family was Jess Paulsen, his wife Christine, three daughters, a son and Mrs. Paulsen's father. The Paulsens stayed only two years and then returned to Minnesota. The Jorgensens stayed on. The family, with the exception of the son and grandson, were natives of Denmark, having arrived in New York three years earlier, in 1889.

They came from Minnesota by train as far as Jacksonville and stopped over there on Sunday, there being no transportation out. The competition between the railroad and the steamship line was keen, and they were induced to go by steamship from Jacksonville, but after getting under way found that their railroad tickets were not good on the boat. They were put off at Palatka, where they waited for the train to go to Titusville. From there they went by stern-wheeler down the Indian River, coming in on the east channel, and transferred to small boats to get to the west shore. Lumber for their houses came down from Titusville and up from West Palm Beach by schooner, and was carried on the backs of men up the hill where the house was to be built.

The other families there at the time were those of L. K. Smith, Peter and Edward Nelson and George Sanderson. On the other side of the river were R. T. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Latham, who owned Oak Lodge, a boarding house. The settlement was named Grant by Mrs. Ed Nelson. R. T. Smith, not to be outdone, called his town Lee. The ticket agent in Jacksonville did not know where Grant was, but knew where Grant Island was. The only communication was by steamer and sail boat. Mail came twice a week by small boats. The Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad, as the Florida East Coast Railroad was originally called in that area, came to Grant in 1893. In the early days Indians often came to Grant to sell venison. Mr. and Mrs. Latham came to Florida from New York state earlier. They had homesteaded a place across the Indian River and called it Oak Lodge.

Some of the famous people who visited Mrs. Latham's boarding house were: John Burroughs, Newton Dexter, William Beebe and William T. Hornaday from the New York Zoological Society. They came here for specimens of wild life. Mrs. Latham also was interested in wild life. She had Indian mounds dug up and each year shipped a couple of carloads of birds, alligators, snakes and all kinds of plants to northern zoos. Up until some years ago there was a large shell mound south of Grant, a half mile long and 2,300 feet wide. This was eventually used up for road construction work. Mrs. Latham's home burned down the night Halley's Comet was seen, in 1911. It had been predicted that the tail of the comet would hit, and it was at that exact time that the hotel burned.

Lars Jorgensen bought property in Grant, raised pineapples and worked in construction for a couple of years. He helped build the Royal Poinciana Hotel in Palm Beach. He also had a general store and a fish business and was postmaster of Grant for fifteen years. He died there on March 16, 1912.

Growing up in Grant, John Jorgensen attended its public school and worked for his father in the general store and at the fish house. About 1910 he worked on a well-drilling rig owned by his father and a partner, R. O. Couch, until he got his own rig, and for the next ten or twelve years he contracted well-drilling jobs.

The fish business, along with the mercantile business, was the family's financial pillar. They used to ship fish packed in ice in barrels by rail express to Georgia and northern markets. The present fish house, Jorgensen Fish Company, was built about 1940. John Jorgensen retired January 1, 1957, and the fish business is now run by his son-in-law, Marshall Richards. The post office in Grant has been in the Jorgensen family since John's father was postmaster. His wife and sister have served in that office and his son-in-law is now postmaster.

Mr. Jorgensen is a member, past president and past director of the Melbourne Lions Club, which he helped lo organize.

He was married in Chicago on May 25, 1915, to Helen Louise Dineen, daughter of Frank and Lillian Dineen, who was born in Chicago July 3, 1893, and died in Grant August 1, 1956. The Jorgensens had four children, all born in Grant, Florida:

1. Edmund Robert ("Red"), born November 24, 1918.
2. Henry Lars, born August 3, 1920.
3. Helen Marie ("Tommy"), now Mrs. Marshall Richards, born April 2, 1926.
4. Alice Joy, born October 27, 1934.

HOWARD PHILLIP WINTON, O.D.

Practicing Optometry in Melbourne since 1951, Howard Phillip Winton specializes in visual training, contact lenses and industrial vision. He has a staff of three people assisting him. Dr. Winton is prominent in professional organizations and active in civic groups.

He was born at Springfield, Missouri, June 23, 1925, son of George Lecompt and Emma Pearl (Schoonover) Winton. His father, who was a veteran of the Spanish-American war, was born at Red Cloud, Nebraska, June 25, 1882, and died at Coral Gables, Florida, September 20, 1953. His mother was born in Ness City, Kansas. In 1935 Howard's father swapped, "sight unseen," a grist mill he owned in Winona, Missouri, for five acres of land in Broward County, Florida. There he had a truck farm and when he retired, in 1952, he was Superintendent of Maintenance at Port Everglades.

Howard Winton attended a Catholic school at Springfield, Missouri, then public schools in Texas, at Cedar Keys, Florida, in Missouri, and finally at Fort Lauderdale, where he graduated from Central High School in 1943. Entering the Navy on February 1, 1943, he attended Ordnance School and served in the Pacific with aviation ordnance divisions; separated from the service in April, 1946, with the rank of Aviation Ordnanceman Second Class.

After returning from the Navy Mr. Winton entered Northern Illinois College of Optometry, where he received his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1949, and did postgraduate work at the Illinois College of Optometry. He also studied at the Midwest School of Optics, Chicago. In 1950 he received his license to practice Optometry in Illinois and the same year was licensed in Florida. He came to Melbourne in 1951 and opened an office on Melbourne Avenue, moving to his present location at 410 Strawbridge Avenue in 1958.

Dr. Winton is a past president of Central Florida Optometric Association and the Indian River Optometric Association, treasurer and state committee chairman for the Florida Optometric Association, and a delegate to the 1960 convention of the American Optometric Association. He is a member of the Southern Council of Optometrists, the American Optometric Foundation, and the Optometric Extension Program.

In civic organizations he is a member of the Melbourne Junior Chamber of Commerce, past treasurer and secretary and now a director of the Rotary Club, a charter member and director of the Exchange Club of South Brevard County, a director of the United Fund Appeal, a member of the American Legion Post #81, Elks Lodge #1744, and the First Methodist Church of Melbourne. Fishing and travel are his hobbies.

On June 29, 1946, at Melbourne he married Frances Jeanne Zellweger, who was born September 20, 1927, at Liberty Corner, New Jersey, daughter of Conrad and Bessie (Moreau) Zellweger. Mrs. Winton is president of the Florida Optometric Association Auxiliary and teaches Sunday School in the First Methodist Church. The Wintons have five children, the first born in Chicago, the others in Melbourne. They are:

1. Susan Lea, born September 6, 1948.
2. James Howard, October 13, 1952.
3. Stephen Robert, January 27, 1956.
4. Gary David, February 3, 1957.
5. Carolyn Jeanne, October 25, 1958.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HOPKINS

A pioneer developer of the East Coast of Florida was George Washington Hopkins, who founded the town of Hopkins, south of Melbourne, and Deer Park in Osceola County, about eighteen miles west of Melbourne.

Born in West Virginia November 8, 1844, he was a son of Samuel Hopkins (born June 26, 1818) and Susannah Loar (born April 22, 1819) and a descendant of the Samuel Hopkins who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His education was gained in a country school near Blissfield, Michigan. His early work included gathering data for a directory of people living in several communities in Michigan. Later he and his older brothers were in the timber and sawmill business at Bear Lake, Michigan, until just before he came to Florida in the 1890's.

About 1901 he purchased a large tract of land in the west central part of Brevard County and the northwest part of Osceola County. There his first venture was raising beef cattle, in which he was extensively engaged for a number of years. About 1910 he established the Union Cypress Company which in time operated an immense saw and planing mill. Included with the plant were some thirty miles of standard gauge railway, running from the mill at Hopkins on the Indian River and Florida East Coast Railway to Deer Park and several miles farther west. At Deer Park Mr. Hopkins also engaged in the production of naval stores in partnership with his son-in-law, William H. Kempfer. Becoming impressed with the great possibilities of the tract from the standpoint of agriculture, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Kempfer finally concluded to open it for settlement and cultivation, and offered Deer Park farm lands at thirty to fifty dollars an acre and town lots from fifty dollars upwards.

The esteem in which Mr. Hopkins was held by his contemporaries is shown in a letter, dated August 29, 1916, written by State Senator Arthur E. Donegan to

William H. Kempfer, Mr. Hopkins' partner in business. We quote:

"I have just been reading the article written by Mr. George W. Hopkins advising the County Commissioners how to build the road from St. Cloud to Melbourne most economically. The opinion of Mr. George W. Hopkins upon any subject of particular importance to any community merits public attention, for the reason that he is himself an all around successful man of independent action with a long and useful career of achievement behind him.

"If it be true that Florida is the playground of the rich, it is equally true that it is also the workground of some rich men, and Mr. Hopkins has proved the truth of this fact. He is a typical developer—a strong specimen of the old-fashioned type of hard-headed pioneer who blazed the original trail for Western civilization across the continent. Land and timber, two of our greatest raw commodities, are his pet hobbies, and it is upon them that he founds his flattering faith in Florida's future.

"It is about fifteen years ago since he made his first Florida speculation in the Valley of the Upper St. Johns—a large block of both land and timber. At that time both of these commodities were a drug on the market. In a few years the Florida land market opened and the demand for Florida timber became active. Included among his holdings was a magnificent cypress tract—the 'Jane Green Cypress.' His speculation has quickly become a profitable investment.

"Soon after his purchase, Mr. Hopkins, with rare sagacity and foresight, began to plan its economical development along practical lines of stock raising and drainage. Abandoning the old free range fetish he established a modern cattle ranch intelligently operated, fenced in a veritable empire tract of prairie and pine woods, and began to breed up the native scrub cattle. He also boldly tackled the gigantic problem of draining the St. Johns River across the divide into the Indian River by means of lateral cannals leading out of the lands connecting the upper reaches of river basin. In both of these undertakings he was a pioneer and early demonstrated the breadth of his views and the strength of his faith in the future of his investment. Today there are dozens of modern cattle ranches in South Florida and drainage is the fashion throughout the State.

"A few years ago Mr. Hopkins, with characteristic energy and determination, decided to develop his timber holdings, with the result that today the flourishing town of Hopkins, beautifully located on the Indian River, contains the most expert cypress mill in Florida and is the terminus of the new railroad built by him across the St. Johns River to the town of Deer Park in the center of his vast and valuable tract of fertile lands.

"Recently Mr. Hopkins has taken the lead in the formation under the State Law of the Upper St. Johns Drainage District, and it is expected that before many months construction work will begin on the immense drainage system outlined by Dr. Isham Randolph of Chicago for the reclamation of the entire Upper St. Johns Valley, which project will be the culmination of the original pioneer hopes and ideas of George W. Hopkins, and he will go down in history as one of the great empire builders of the East Coast of Florida.

"I have had the pleasure of being associated with Mr. George W. Hopkins since he first came to Florida and my observation of him has been that he is not a man with a desire to make money, but rather to spend it in the development of his large interests for the benefit of future generations. Mr. Hopkins, being advanced in years, could not expect to derive the large results in his time that will come from the great plans which he has outlined, and which will take several years to accomplish . . ."

George W. Hopkins was married in Blissfield, Michigan, on August 4, 1868, to Ella Stuart, who was born in West Virginia September 1, 1845, and died at Melbourne, Florida, April 16, 1930. Mr. Hopkins died January 21, 1925. They had four children:

1. Arlie L., born August 13, 1870, at Manistee, Michigan.
2. Agnes, (Mrs. W. H. Kempfer), born October 18, 1871, at Bear Lake, Michigan.
3. Clare, (Mrs. C. C. Burgess), born August 21, 1876, at Bear Lake.
4. Bess, (Mrs. A. A. Worcester), born June 21, 1885, at Bear Lake.

Agnes Hopkins graduated from the Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Michigan, and from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. On September 25, 1907, she married William H. Kempfer, who was born in Pennsylvania, October 25, 1878, and came to Melbourne, Florida, from Madison, Wisconsin, in 1913. After her marriage Mrs. Kempfer was active in the Woman's Club and the Garden Club of Melbourne, having served the former as president and the latter as treasurer. She died at her home in Melbourne on December 7, 1956, leaving her husband, two daughters and a son, and six grandchildren.

As already indicated, William H. Kempfer became a partner with George W. Hopkins, his father-in-law, in the firm of Hopkins and Kempfer at Deer Park. He had a large cattle ranch in that area, now owned by his son, George Hopkins Kempfer. He also owned the Melbourne Wholesale Grocery firm, which he organized, and which had chain stores in Eau Gallie and Cocoa. He was a member of the City Commission of Melbourne for several terms, an honorary member and past president of the local Rotary Club, past president of Brevard County Cattlemen's Association, and served as a director of Brevard Hospital for many years. Interested in all beautification projects, he played an important role in the Riverfront Park area's development. Mr. Kempfer died at the Brevard Hospital December 25, 1956.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kempfer are:

1. Katherine, (Mrs. Michael J. Doran), of Melbourne.
2. Ella Clare (Mrs. Stuart A. Clark), of Cocoa.
3. George Hopkins Kempfer of Deer Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Doran acquired the Neptune Hall Hotel at Bahama Beach, Melbourne, September 1, 1953. First opened in 1941 by a Mrs. Jean Arnold, it was the first resort hotel on the northern Melbourne beaches. It has eighteen guest rooms overlooking the ocean, each with bath, hair dryer and recessed electric heater, and its dining fare has the Duncan Hines stamp of approval.

Stuart A. Clark, who died June 21, 1958, at the age of fifty-one, was a native of Hutchinson, Kansas, and a resident of Cocoa for twenty-one years. He became sole owner of the Kempfer Food Store at Cocoa and also owned the Farmer's Supply Store there. He served as

City Councilman and Chairman of the School Board. Mrs. Clark is now a department head of the RCA offices at Patrick Air Force Base. She has two sons, John and George.

George Hopkins Kempfer married Carolyn Reed of Savannah, Georgia, and they have four children: William, Reed, Doris, and Ann. Mr. Kempfer is past president of Brevard County Cattlemen's Association, past vice-president and director and now treasurer of Florida State Cattlemen's Association, treasurer of Florida Beef Council. He has been a member of Osceola County School Board for the past ten years; is a member of the Silver Spur Club and helps put on the rodeo at Kissimmee.

MAXWELL KENNEDY RODES

The late Max K. Rodes of Melbourne, a member of a pioneer family of that community, who served twenty-two years as County Commissioner of Brevard County and eight years as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was one of the most highly respected and widely loved officials in Brevard County's history.

Born near Fayetteville, West Virginia, September 5, 1905, he was a son of Milton Baber Rodes and Ada M. Hedrick, now the widow of Claude Beaujean. Milton Rodes moved his family to Melbourne, Florida, in the fall of 1907. He ran a livery stable with his brother, Seth, and was with the Florida East Coast Railroad about fifteen years. He was Deputy Sheriff of Brevard County for at least twenty years, and another brother, John Baltzer Rodes, who had a grocery store in Melbourne, was County Commissioner of Brevard County for twenty-two years. A fourth Rodes brother, C. G. Rodes, now living in Ocala, was the developer of the early subdivision of Fort Lauderdale known as Venice.

At Melbourne High School, from which he graduated in 1922, Max Rodes earned the nickname of "Highpockets" as a baseball pitcher. He attended the University of Florida in 1924 and part of 1925, then business college in Jacksonville. He played baseball, basketball and other sports at the University and also played on City of Melbourne teams for many years. He was a member of Alpha Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

For ten or eleven years Max worked in two Melbourne clothing stores. Starting in 1934, he was associated with his uncle John in the grocery business for twelve years. In 1946 he joined the insurance and real estate firm of Kerr-Oudshoff as a salesman, and in time acquired an interest in the business. About 1957 the insurance business of this firm was separated from the real estate business, becoming Rodes-Oudshoff Insurance Agency, Inc., with Max Rodes as vice-president and secretary.

Mr. Rodes was named to the District Three County Commissioner post in the spring of 1939 by Governor Fred Cone, filling a vacancy created by the death of John B. Rodes, his uncle. He was consistently re-elected to his seat on the commission by substantial margins, and during the last eight years was elected chairman by his fellow commissioners. As chairman he was greatly responsible for the formation of a County Zoning Board, a Recreation Department, and a greatly enlarged Public Health Department.

The mosquito control program of the district, regarded as the best in the country for the eradication of mosquitoes, was his pet project for a long time. During his last ten years as commissioner he struggled effectively with gigantic road-building problems and dozens of other thorny situations that stemmed from the influx of people brought there by the Air Force Missile Test Center, which made Brevard the fastest-growing county in the nation. But he was not one to brag about his accomplishments. Humility was the keynote of his personality.

In 1960 Mr. Rodes was honored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce with the Certificate of Good Government for an outstanding job in the field of better and more progressive government. Since his death, the Greater West Melbourne Recreation Committee unanimously voted to name its new twenty-acre park in his honor.

Mr. Rodes was a member of the State Association of County Commissioners, the Florida State Association of Insurance Agents, the Brevard County Board of Realtors, the Florida Board of Realtors, and the National Association of Real Estate Boards. He was a past president of the Melbourne Kiwanis Club, a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the First Methodist Church, in which he served on the official board and in the choir. At one time he held eight offices in the church. His parents also were members of this church and Mrs. Rodes has been associated with the Youth Division of the First Methodist Church for twenty-seven years.

During World War II Mr. Rodes was a member of the Auxiliary Coast Guard, jokingly called "the Hooligan Navy," whose duty it was to patrol seventy-five miles of ocean beach and the seventy-five miles of Indian River waterway.

As already indicated, Max Rodes was interested in sports and had taken up golf again for recreation. He was one of the most active and best-loved members of the Melbourne Hunting and Fishing Club for more than twenty-three years. Coming from a family of musicians, he was a member of the Melbourne Band for some twenty-five years. Milton Baber Rodes, his father, had been first band director in the Eau Gallie-Melbourne area. Nine members of the father's family were musicians.

Max Rodes was first married in 1926 to Amy Green of Lake City, Florida, who died in 1928. On November 26, 1931, at St. Petersburg, Florida, he married Gladys Kindel, daughter of Otey and Jeffie (Parsons) Kindel, who was born in Tennessee July 12, 1912. Their three children were born in Melbourne. They are:

1. John Kindel Rodes, born September 14, 1932, who has already spent many years in the West and Alaska.
2. Marceleen Elizabeth Rodes, born July 26, 1939, now a senior at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.
3. Thomas Maxwell Rodes, born April 26, 1945, who is attending Battleground Academy, a boys' preparatory school in Tennessee.

After an illness of several months' duration, Max Rodes died at the University Medical Center in Gainesville on December 24, 1960. As he had appeared to be on the road to recovery, his death was a great shock to his family and to a multitude of friends. All downtown Melbourne business houses were closed for one hour while his funeral service was in progress and about 600 persons attended the service.

Many glowing tributes were paid to him. His business associate, Rudi Oudshoff, said in part:

"It was my privilege to be associated in business with this man for many years. The longer I knew

Max K. Rodes

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him, the greater man he seemed, and I know this is how Max Rodes affected all the people who knew him. To know this man was to respect him as a gentleman at all times. His death deprives Brevard County of one of its finest leaders."

A newspaper editorial said:

"A soft-spoken Christian gentleman with a God-given voice and a deep love of his fellowmen, Max was an unusual combination of old-school chivalry and a sacrificial citizenship as modern as tomorrow. The memory of his selfless devotion to duty as a public servant and to his friends, who are legion, will remain as a challenge as they face the future in this southland which he loved and served so well. The world is a better place in which to live because of Max Rodes."

The Board of County Commissioners and the State Association of County Commissioners and Melbourne City Commissioners adopted Memorial Resolutions attesting to his selfless devotion to duty, his contributions to the progress of Brevard County and the well-being of all its citizens, and his high degree of integrity and character. The simplest and best of all the eulogies is expressed in his epitaph: "He was a good man."

In addition to his wife, two sons, daughter and mother, Mr. Rodes was survived by a brother, Greene Rodes of Melbourne, and a sister, Mrs. Erwin Howell of Pompano Beach.

WILLIAM DAVID WEBB

William David Webb of Melbourne has been carrying on a general insurance business of his own, representing Travelers and Hartford Insurance Company, since 1953, and is also a partner with his father in the real estate business. The younger Mr. Webb is a City Commissioner of Melbourne and is generally active in civic affairs.

He was born in Jacksonville, Florida, September 16, 1927, son of WD and Dorothy (Martineau) Webb. His mother is a native of Newton Falls, New York, and his father was born July 11, 1905, in Memphis, Tennessee. Both are living in Eau Gallie in a house that was built of native pine about 1885. With his parents, Zack and Ethel M. Webb, WD Webb came to Jacksonville from Memphis, Tennessee, in 1915, when he was ten years old. He was with Jacksonville Gas Company until 1939 and then was a manufacturer's representative until about four years ago (1956), when he became active in real estate in Melbourne. He is a member of the Melbourne Area Board of Realtors.

Young William David Webb graduated from the Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville in 1945 and had started his course at the University of Florida when he entered the Navy early in 1946. He served as a medical corpsman in two naval hospitals and was separated from the service in February, 1948. Recalled in the fall of 1950, he served with the Second Marine Division until early in 1952. Meanwhile he had returned to the University of Florida and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

After the Korean War he returned to Eau Gallie, where his family had moved from Jacksonville, and joined Arthur L. Thornton in the insurance and real estate mortgage loan business. On January 1, 1953, he bought the insurance part of this business and in 1954 added a real estate department of his own, in which he was later joined by his father. They have a secretary and two saleswomen, and in the insurance branch he has an office manager and two clerical employees.

Mr. Webb is a member of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents, vice-president and past secretary of the Melbourne Area Board of Realtors and was treasurer of its predecessor, the Brevard County Board of Realtors. He is a director of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and past vice-president of the Florida State Junior Chamber of Commerce; also a member of Brevard County Board of Adjustments, now vice-chairman. In November, 1959, he was elected a City Commissioner of Melbourne for a two-year term. He belongs to the Melbourne-Eau Gallie Elks Lodge #1744, in which he is a past leading knight; Melbourne Lodge #143, F. & A. M., Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando Consistory, Melbourne Scottish Rite Club and Melbourne Shrine Club; also the First Methodist Church of Melbourne, in which he is a past president of the Men's Club.

He was married in Melbourne on April 14, 1949, to Ruby Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Rice, who was born at Mammoth Springs, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are the parents of four children Deborah, born December 9, 1949, at Gainesville, Florida; Pamela, born May 22, 1952, at Melbourne; and twins, Kenneth David and Keith William, born March 5, 1955, at Melbourne.

Mr. Webb and his father have an old coin collection, but the younger man considers his work and his civic activities as hobbies.

CHARLES EVERETT VARNER

Charles Everett Varner is president of Coleman's, Inc., the largest department store in Melbourne, and is also president of Village Inns, Inc., a chain of three coffee shops, located in the Coleman department store, at the Municipal Airport, and at Satellite Beach.

Mr. Varner was born at Laurel, Mississippi, on April 2, 1920, son of C. E. and Doris A. (Strickland) Varner. He graduated from Jonesboro (Arkansas) High School and from Mississippi State College in 1938 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration.

Entering the United States Army in World War II, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1943, graduated from Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was assigned to the Transportation Corps School at New Orleans, Louisiana, serving until 1946, when he had reached the rank of Captain. He is now a Major in the Army Reserve.

Returning to Natchez, Mississippi, after the war, he was District Superintendent for a chain of variety stores there and served as Judge of the Fifth District, Adams County, from 1950 to 1953. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rotary Club in Natchez.

Mr. Varner came to St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1953 and for the next five years was associated with the large department store of Webb City, Inc., in which he was a director of the board. In December, 1958, he came to Melbourne as president of Coleman's, Inc., which was established in 1950 by J. A. Coleman and employs forty-five people.

Mr. Varner is chairman of the Lighting Authority of the City of Melbourne, a member of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, the Eau Gallie Yacht Club and the Methodist Church.

He was married at Jonesboro, Arkansas, on April 1, 1939, to Bette Louise McDaniel, and they have a daughter, Jean Ann Varner, born at Jonesboro, Arkansas, September 5, 1944.

HARVEY BLAIR HUGGINS

The President of the Bank of Melbourne, Harvey Blair Huggins, was one of the founding directors of that bank and became its first vice-president in 1934. After twenty-five years of service to the bank he became president in 1959. Mr. Huggins has been in the hardware business in Melbourne since 1936 and has been active in the civic life of that community.

Born at Rincon, Georgia, June 18, 1903, he is a son of Charles Blair and Bertha Harvey Huggins, now Mrs. J. B. Bradley. His father was a merchant in Georgia and came to Florida in October, 1913, settling at Malabar, south of Melbourne. There he was a landowner and was in the naval stores business. He later built and operated a general store, and young Harvey worked in his father's store while he was going to school.

He graduated from Melbourne High School in 1921 and for three years attended the University of Florida, where he played baseball and became a member of the Letterman's Club. He later played semi-professional baseball in various Florida towns. From 1927 to 1939 he was Postmaster of Malabar and was in the general merchandise business there, having taken over his father's store. He also did truck farming at Malabar.

Mr. Huggins is a member of the Florida Bankers Association, a member and past director of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, a member of Melbourne Civic Improvement Board, a charter member and past director of Melbourne Lions Club, a charter member of Elks Lodge #1744, and a member of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. He was chairman and treasurer of the South Brevard Chapter of the American Red Cross and in 1957 was a vice-chairman of the Red Cross Fund Drive. He attends Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, in which he has been treasurer, vestryman and senior warden. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports now.

On March 23, 1926, Harvey Blair Huggins married Helen Peterson, who was born in Chicago February 17, 1903. They have three children:

1. Shirley Mae (Mrs. Ben E. Smith), born August 27, 1927, at Malabar.
2. Harvey B., Jr., born June 6, 1935, at Melbourne. He married Judith Heath of Orlando, Florida.
3. James Bryan, born June 14, 1936, at Macon, Georgia. He married June Smith of Winter Haven, Florida.

AUSTIN VAN CATTERTON

President and General Manager of Mel-Eau Broadcasting Corporation, which owns Radio Station WMEG at Eau Gallie, Austin ("Chick") Van Catterton has been in radio broadcasting since 1946 and is a musician with many years experience in military bands.

Son of a farmer of South Carolina, Madison Frank Catterton, and his wife, Lottie (Harper), Chick Catterton was born at Walterboro, South Carolina, January 26, 1913. He was educated in the public schools of South Carolina and Georgia, including Savannah High School, and at the age of seventeen joined the Marines and went to China. From 1930 to 1937 he played with the Parris Island Marine Corps Band and the Fourth Marine Corps Band in Shanghai, China. Entering the United States Army in the fall of 1940, he played the trumpet with the 43rd Field Artillery Band. He was wounded at New Georgia in the Solomon Islands campaign, was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, and discharged in 1945 with the rank of Master Sergeant.

When he got out of the Army in 1945, Mr. Catterton came to Melbourne and was publisher of the Melbourne Times for about three years. In 1948 he became manager of Radio State WMMB in Melbourne. In 1954 he moved to New Smyrna Beach and purchased an interest in Radio Station WSBB. Returning to Melbourne in 1955, he built the WMEG studio and transmitters at Eau Gallie and formed Mel-Eau Broadcasting Corporation. He is a member of the Florida Association of Broadcasters. For nine years he drilled the Melbourne High School Band, and during this time the band won many honors.

Elected a City Commissioner of Melbourne in 1952, Mr. Catterton served two years and then was elected Mayor for 1954. He was an organizer and chapter advisor of the Melbourne Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, and is a member of Melbourne Lodge #143, Georgia Chapter #3 Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar #24 of Cocoa, Bahia Temple Shrine of Orlando, and the Melbourne Shrine Club. He is a member of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club (past president), the Baptist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, which awarded him the Americanism Medal and named him outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1954. He also received a citation for Distinguished Service from the Disabled American Veterans.

In 1945 in Melbourne Austin Van Catterton married Claudia Strange of that city, daughter of Dr. James W. Strange, a dentist, and Grace (Carr) Strange. The Cattertons now have three children: Austin Van, Jr., Candyce Clare, and Grayce Camille, all born in Melbourne.

HOLLIS WALTON BOTTOMLEY

For twenty years Hollis Walton Bottomley owned and operated the Dixie Bar and Package Store in Melbourne, and still owns the building in which it is located, which also contains a TV repair shop and two apartments. Previous to 1935 he did a number of things, mostly of an engineering nature. He served in both World Wars and has been very active in veteran, civic and social organizations.

Mr. Bottomley was born at Brown City, Michigan, March 28, 1898, son of Walter John and Bernice Cynthia (Walton) Bottomley. His father was a jeweler in Brown City. He retired about 1925 and moved to Florida.

Hollis Bottomley received his education in the public schools of Brown City, Michigan, Dalton and Varnell, Georgia, St. Louis, Missouri, Detroit and Highland Park, Michigan, including two years of college. Entering the United States Army in August 1918, he served in the student Army Training Corps.

After the war he came to Grant, Florida, south of Melbourne, and worked with the Upper St. Johns Drainage District as a topographical draftsman; then with the State Road Department in 1923-24 as note keeper and office draftsman in the area from Sebastian to Titusville. In 1925 and '26 he was an instrument man with Phoenix Utilities Corporation. From 1927 to 1930 he was a grove engineer for Florida Gold Citrus Corporation.

During the next five depression years he did what he could. Finally, in 1935, he opened the Dixie Bar and Package Store next to the Van Croix Theatre on Washington Avenue (Dixie Highway) in Melbourne and continued to operate this business until 1955, when he sold it to his nephews, John and Andy Huy.

Mr. Bottomley served as a lieutenant in the Florida State Guard from 1940 until July, 1942, when he joined the regular Army as an enlisted man and served in the South Pacific with the 808th Engineers. He is a charter member, past adjustant and past commander of American Legion Post #81 of Melbourne, a past quartermaster of Chapter #32 of the Disabled American Veterans, and a former member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4206 of Melbourne.

He is a past secretary of the Melbourne Rotarian Club, in which he was active for twenty years; a member of the Melbourne-Eau Gallie Elks Lodge, Wally Byam Caravan Club, Tin Can Tourists of the World, the Order of the Good Time (oldest social club in America), the National Rifle Association, and the American Numismatic Association. He has a coin collection and a large collection of workable weapons. From 1938 to 1942 he held a private pilot's license and had the first private plane based at Melbourne.

On July 19, 1930, at Miami Mr. Bottomley married Edwina Harriett Vandewater, daughter of Arthur Jay and Harriett Emma (Bailey) Vandewater, who was born at Gregor, Minnesota. Her father came to Florida from Minnesota in 1913 and operated a grocery store at Malabar, where he also had a garage and filling station. Mrs. Bottomley is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Travel is a hobby of both Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley, who have visited all the mainland states and twelve foreign countries. Their home is at 629 Melbourne Avenue. On their property is an early Melbourne swimming pool, long since out of use, which used to be a social gathering spot.

THOMAS C. HOBBS

An electrical contractor in Melbourne since 1956, Thomas C. Hobbs also has a cattle ranch in Dixie County on the Suwannee River.

Born at Baker, Okaloosa County, Florida, March 24, 1918, he is a son of Thomas Franklin and Minnie Lee (Kennedy) Hobbs. His father, who was born December 23, 1888, in Coffee County, Alabama, came to Florida with his parents when about five years old. He farmed in Santa Rosa County and was a county commissioner and school board member in Okaloosa County. His wife, also, was born in Coffee County, Alabama, June 2, 1886, and died at Baker, Florida, June 15, 1951. The father is now living in Seattle, Washington.

Following his education in the public schools of Baker, Florida, Thomas C. Hobbs came to Orlando in 1936 and worked in citrus, testing fruit. He entered the United States Navy in the spring of 1942 and served with the Fourth Fleet in the South Atlantic as a Boatswain's Mate First Class until October 16, 1945.

After the war he came to Melbourne and worked as an electrician's helper for Edge Electric Company and Reynolds Electric Company. On January 1, 1956, he opened his own business office on Vernon Place at New Haven Avenue and in September, 1958, moved to his present location at 212 Washington Avenue.

About three years ago Mr. Hobbs began clearing his land in Dixie County on the Suwannee River and putting in Pensacola Bahia grass, stocking this pasture with Whiteface Hereford and Black Angus crossed cattle.

He is a member of the Board of Electrical Examiners in Eau Gallie, Florida, a charter member of the Florida Association of Electrical Contractors, a member of the Greater Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, a member and past director of Melbourne Exchange Club, and a member of the First Baptist Church at Eau Gallie. Active in Freemasonry, he belongs to Melbourne Lodge #143, Bahia Temple Shrine at Orlando, Orlando Consistory, the Melbourne Scottish Rite Club and Melbourne Shrine Club. Bowling, fishing and hunting are his hobbies.

He was married in Americus, Georgia, June 5, 1955, to Julia Ruth Radford, born in Fullerton, Louisiana, July 5, 1917, daughter of George B. and Roselle (Ussery) Radford. They have an adopted son, William Javis Mills, born April 14, 1948, in West Palm Beach.

SIDNEY MILTON PLATT

Manager of the Hotel Melbourne on Highway U.S. 1 in Melbourne, Sidney Milton Platt has held this position since 1933 and has been connected with the hotel since 1925. Mr. Platt is also a cattleman, having had cattle on his ranches in Brevard and Osceola counties since before 1920. He participated in one of the last three big cattle drives in the central part of the state, which were just as depicted in TV "westerns" of today, including stampedes, cattle wars, square dances and candy pulls, and gambling with matches, belts, saddles, etc., as booty.

Mr. Platt's family on both sides are long-time natives of Florida. Not very long ago a Melbourne newspaper published an article featuring his mother, Mrs. Katherine Mary Sumner Platt, or "Momma Platt," in which she reminisces about the pioneer history of her family in Florida. She was born in Deer Park, thirteen miles west of Melbourne, in 1882, daughter of Mary Katherine Lanier and Daniel J. Sumner. Both her grandfathers were Florida trail blazers, though both were born in Georgia. Her grandfather Sumner came to Florida from Swainsboro, Georgia, after Sherman's forces had destroyed all the family belongings. Her maternal grandfather, Isaac Lanier, had a narrow escape from the Indians when, with his brother-in-law, he left the fort near Micanopy, where the people of the area were staying for protection, to hunt for meat. His brother-in-law was killed. Mrs. Platt thinks that about four of her grandfather's children were born in that fort. She recalls seeing Indians from the Everglades coming to see her grandfather, bringing hogs for sale. He talked with them and bought everything they had.

Between 1878 and 1880 Isaac Lanier brought his family and 5,000 head of cattle from Hernando County to Deer Park, then called Ocean Prairie. Mrs. Platt's mother was the youngest of his thirteen children. She herself has seven children—four sons and three daughters. One son, Lansing, is in Pakistan with a Government agency. The other three, Cecil, Sidney and Giles, are all in South Brevard County. Her daughters are Mrs. Mildred Martin, Dixie (Mrs. W. S.) MacPherson of West Palm Beach, and Dorothy (Mrs. Earl) Partin of Kissimmee. Of their children she said: "The woods are full of them, and you know there's a lot of woods around here." She has twenty-five grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Platt's husband, Hiram Platt, who died in Melbourne in April, 1958, was born at Kathleen, Polk

County, Florida, and was a cattleman in Brevard and Osceola counties. He served as mayor of Melbourne in 1915 and as county commissioner of Brevard County, and was instrumental in having Highway 192 from Kissimmee to Melbourne opened up.

Born in Melbourne February 9, 1905, Sidney Milton Platt graduated from Melbourne High School in 1922. While still in school he served an apprenticeship in all phases of passenger and freight railroad service for the Florida East Coast Railroad, and when he got out of school he worked in the freight office at Daytona Beach. Late in 1922 he returned to Melbourne and was assistant to Mr. Elton Hall in the freight station there, remaining there until January, 1925; when he came to the Hotel Melbourne to assist in the operation of the building. He was made manager in 1933 under L. ("Andie") Frazee, then owner. Charles H. Johnston is the present owner. For the past year (1959-60) Mr. Platt's son, James, has been assistant manager.

Sidney Platt is a past director and treasurer of Greater Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, a past director and now honorary lifetime director of West Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, a director of the East Coast Highway Association, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Melbourne, of which his parents were charter members. His mother is a charter member of Melbourne Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Platt had no military service in wartime but in the 1920's had Citizens Military Training in Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and training in Engineering at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Horseback riding, aviation and hunting are his means of relaxing. He had a student pilot's license years ago.

At Titusville on April 1, 1936, he married Gwendolyn Towson, born in Irwin County, Georgia, December 24, 1912, daughter of George and Loretta (Davis) Towson. Mr. and Mrs. Platt have six children, all born in Melbourne:

1. Robert Milton Platt (son of a former marriage) born August 21, 1931.
2. James Sumner Platt, born November 4, 1937.
3. George Calvin Platt, born July 30, 1941.
4. Linda Loretta Platt, born April 7, 1945.
5. Dorothy Katherine Platt, born April 25, 1949.
6. Gwenell Platt, born June 9, 1955.

V. C. BROWNLIE

The Brownlie Funeral Home in Melbourne was established in 1935 by V. C. Brownlie, who for forty-five years has been serving the needs of the community in this respect, and has also engaged in other lines of business. His son became manager of the Funeral Home in 1945, and in 1947 his son-in-law joined the firm.

Mr. Brownlie was born at Pennington Gap, Virginia, March 30, 1893. His father, Thomas Adelbert Brownlie, was born in Indiana July 9, 1870, and died March 31, 1955, at Melbourne. He was a railway agent for the L. & N. Railroad and had a mercantile business, Brownlie and Sons, at Pineville, Kentucky. When he retired he came to Melbourne and spent the last sixteen years of his life living with his son. V. C.'s mother was Effie Smith, born July 1, 1870, at Georgetown, Georgia. She died in Melbourne August 29, 1954.

The family having moved to Kentucky early in his life, V. C. Brownlie received his education in the public schools of that state and attended the University of Kentucky. He learned his profession at the Cincinnati College of Embalming. In 1913 he joined his father in the mercantile business at Pineville, Kentucky, and was there until he came to Florida.

Arriving in Melbourne March 23, 1915, he joined the firm of Stewart Hardware as manager of the undertaking department, and remained there for twenty years. In 1935 he bought out the undertaking department of the business and established the Brownlie Funeral Home. At the same time he formed the partnership of Brownlie and Beaujean, an electric retail business, in which he continued his interest until 1946, when he sold it. About 1935 to 1940 he owned and operated the Palm Garden Nursery, and from 1950 to 1958 he owned a forty-five acre citrus grove in South Brevard County.

While in the citrus business he was a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, and they still carry him on the rolls. He is a past president and past director of the Greater Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the Melbourne Kiwanis Club, a past lieutenant governor and member of the Legion of Honor of Kiwanis International. In 1960 he completed his 25th year of perfect attendance in the Melbourne Kiwanis Club. About thirty years ago he was elected to serve on the School Board of South Brevard County. He is a charter member and member of the Board of Deacons of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church at Melbourne. Bridge and other card games are his favorite pastime.

At Covington, Kentucky, on August 30, 1916, he married Olive Roberta Johnson, daughter of Daniel A. and Frances P. (Black) Johnson, who was born October 12, 1895, at Barboursville, Kentucky. They have a son and a daughter. Their son, V. Conger Brownlie, was born in Melbourne October 7, 1917, and married Elizabeth Jane Mahoney of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is one of the founders, vice-president and director of the First National Bank of Melbourne, as well as manager of the Brownlie Funeral Home. The Brownlies' daughter, Elizabeth Jean, was born in Melbourne April 16, 1923. She married Bert S. Maxwell, who also is associated with her father's business.

JOHN MILTON CANNON

John Milton Cannon has been running his own real estate business in Indialantic for several years now, having been associated with a Melbourne realtor for three years previously. Before coming to Florida Mr. Cannon was a manufacturer in Connecticut for more than twenty years. Although a resident of Indialantic (and of Florida) only since 1952, he has been very active in the civic life of his chosen community.

He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, August 17, 1904, son of Fannie (Forbes) and Clarence John Cannon, a real estate broker in Connecticut, and was educated in the public schools of East Hartford.

From about 1924 to 1929 he was a salesman for the Coca-Cola Company in Hartford. He then founded the Savol Chemical Company of Southern Connecticut, manufacturers and distributors of washing fluids, and was president of this company until June, 1952, when he sold his interests and came to Indialantic.

Mr. Cannon is a member of the Melbourne Area Board of Realtors, a past president and director of Melbourne Beach-Indialantic Lions Club, a member of Melbourne Elks Lodge, Melbourne Masonic Lodge #143, Bahia Temple Shrine and Orlando Consistory, and the First Presbyterian Church of Melbourne. He has been made permanent chairman of the Christmas

tree sales program of the Lions Club, his pet project. For three or four years he was Deputy Director of Civil Defense in South Brevard County. His political faith is Republican.

Mr. Cannon enjoys fishing but gardening is his favorite hobby and one that is shared by his wife, who is active in the local Garden Club work. She also collects antiques and is interested in interior decorating. She is past Regent of the Abigail Wright Chamberlain Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution.

Mrs. Cannon was Ruby Comins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Comins of Hadley, Massachusetts, where she was born December 31, 1908. The Cannons were married June 30, 1928, and have a daughter, Nancy Lucia, born July 25, 1931, at Hartford, Connecticut. She is now Mrs. James McDermott.

HAL ROSS HEGENWALD, JR., O.D.

An optometrist in Eau Gallie since 1956, Hal Ross Hegenwald, Jr. was formerly in the jewelry business with his father in Daytona Beach. The firm of H. R. Hegenwald, Jeweler, originally established by Leon H. Rowe in 1898, was one of the oldest business establishments in Daytona.

Through his wife's family Dr. Hegenwald is connected with other pioneers of Daytona. Her father, Abartus Church Hankins of the Bartow Hankins family, came to Daytona Beach as a young man with his brother, William Hankins, and started a drug store which led to a chain of thirteen stores throughout that area. He was well remembered for his activities on the Daytona Beach Hospital Board; was president of the Daytona Beach Islanders, a class D baseball team, and active in many other civic projects. His family were early Florida settlers.

Dr. Hegenwald's father, Hal Ross Hegenwald, Sr., was born February 22, 1893, at Montgomery, Alabama, where he had a jewelry store. He came to Florida about 1920 and died at Daytona Beach April 17, 1948. His widow, born Faith Meyer on March 18, 1907, at Springfield, Missouri, has kept her home in Daytona Beach.

Born at Daytona Beach July 21, 1926, Hal Ross Hegenwald, Jr. received his early education in the public schools of Daytona and Hollywood, Florida, and graduated from Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Georgia. He entered the United States Army on November 27, 1943, and served in the Infantry with the 78th Division in Germany; received two battle stars and was discharged with the rank of staff sergeant in August, 1946.

After his return from the Army Mr. Hegenwald attended the University of Florida for one year, then relieved his father of the operation of the jewelry store and took over its management after his father's death, continuing to operate the business until January, 1951, at which time it was sold. He then returned to college and graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and the Doctor of Optometry degree. Coming to Eau Gallie, he established his practice there and has been an active participant in the civic and social life of that community.

He is vice-president of the Indian River Optometric Association, past president and past director of the Eau Gallie Chamber of Commerce, a charter member and director of the Eau Gallie Lions Club and chairman of its Eye Committee, a member of the honorary optometric fraternities Beta Sigma Kappa and Sigma Alpha Sigma, a member of the Episcopal Church of Eau Gallie and of Rockledge Country Club. Fishing, skin diving and golf are his favorite recreations.

Mrs. Hegenwald is active in Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a national women's service sorority. As Joan Louise Hankins, daughter of Abartus Church Hankins of Bartow, Florida, and Louise Dean Hankins, she was born at Daytona Beach December 30, 1930. Dr. and Mrs. Hegenwald were married at Daytona Beach August 4, 1951. They now have four children:

1. Dawn, born August 17, 1953, at Daytona Beach.
2. Holly, born February 16, 1956, at Memphis, Tennessee.
3. Hal Ross, III, born November 11, 1957, at Eau Gallie.
4. Bartus Hankins, born February 8, 1960, at Eau Gallie.

MILTON H. FULMER

The Milton H. Fulmer family of Melbourne are a family of pharmacists. Father, mother and son are graduate pharmacists and even the daughters are studying pharmacy. To top it off, the grandfather (Mr. Fulmer's father), Arthur C. Fulmer, was a pharmacist in Trion, Georgia, later in the druggist business in Cedartown, Georgia, where he also was president of the Liberty National Bank. Milton's mother was Mattie Ada McClure.

Born in Trion, Georgia, March 6, 1913, he attended public school in Cedartown, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Florida in 1934 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. Employed by Bennetts Drug Stores, Inc., he worked in their Jacksonville store for six months, then in Lake City for six months, and in Gainesville for another six months. In the fall of 1936 he went to Vero Beach and became a partner with Charles McClure in McClure's Drug Store. He came to Melbourne in 1938, bought the Hotel Melbourne Pharmacy and established Fulmer Drug Company. Since then he has opened eleven drug stores and two prescription shops, the locations ranging from Daytona Beach on the north to Fort Pierce on the south and including, besides Melbourne, Titusville, Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Patrick Shores, Indialantic and Vero Beach.

Mr. Fulmer is a member of Brevard County and Florida State Pharmaceutical Associations and, through Fulmer Drugs, a member of the Melbourne and Eau Gallie Chambers of Commerce. He is also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity at the University of Florida and of the First Methodist Church of Melbourne. He and his wife are Democrats. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer consider their work as a hobby. She is a graduate of the Crowe School of Pharmacy, Atlanta, Georgia.

As Eloise L. Cockfield, Mrs. Fulmer was born May 25, 1913, at Millen, Georgia, daughter of Joseph C. and Ruth (Hillis) Cockfield. Her father, who was an accountant and merchant in Rocky Ford, Georgia, brought his family to Brooksville, Florida, in 1923. Eloise married Milton Fulmer on April 14, 1935. They have four children, the first three born at Vero Beach, the last at Melbourne. They are:

1. Charles A., born September 3, 1937.
2. Mary Ann, born December 26, 1941.
3. Melinda E., born December 26, 1943.
4. Sheila Katherine, born July 2, 1945.

Milton H. Fulmer

Eloise Fulmer

Charles graduated from Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, in June, 1960, with a B.S. degree in Pharmacy and is associated with the family drugstore business. When he was a student at Culver Military Academy he was head of the Black Horse Troop and on the track, football and swimming teams. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Mary Ann is a graduate of Gulf Park High School and Junior College at Gulfport, Mississippi, and is now in Pharmacy School at Atlanta, Georgia. Melinda also graduated from Gulf Park Junior College and plans to enter Mississippi State University this coming fall (1960) to study toward her B.S. degree in Pharmacy. Sheila is enrolled at the Bartram School for Girls in Jacksonville.

ADGER SMITH

Following his father's and grandfather's lead, Adger Smith of Eau Gallie began learning the well-drilling business as soon as he was "big enough to shake a pump handle," and has been at it ever since. Today he operates three rigs in Brevard County and employs four to six people the year 'round .

Mr. Smith is a native of Eau Gallie, where he was born June 20, 1917. His parents were both natives of New York state. His father, Earnest Charles Smith, was born April 26, 1880, and died January 6, 1941, at Melbourne. His mother, Sarah (Near) Smith, died at Eau Gallie. Her father, Alexander Near, came to Eau Gallie about 1892 from Dutchess County, New York, and acquired property in what is now downtown Eau Gallie. He had a small fleet of lighters and a well-drilling rig, having begun drilling water wells in 1893. Adger's father was a farmer in New York state. He came to Florida when his wife's father died and took over the well-drilling operations. He married Jessie Saunders of Merritt Island about 1930, after the death of his first wife. Jessie Saunders died in 1956 in Eau Gallie.

Young Adger Smith graduated from Eau Gallie High School in 1934 and about three years later took a business course through Massey Business College, Jacksonville. In 1937 he took a job in the office of Eau Gallie Yacht Basin for four months; then for two and a half years had a job on a private yacht owned by Kempton Adams, during which time the yacht visited almost all Atlantic ports and the Bahamas. When he was married in 1940, his father gave him a partnership in the well-drilling business.

Mr. Smith is a charter member, vice-president and director of Eau Gallie Federal Savings and Loan Association; executive secretary and director and past second vice-president of Eau Gallie Chamber of Commerce; a member of Florida Well Drillers Association and National Water Well Association; a member of the Izaak Walton League (a national conservation association), and second vice-president of Brevard County Sportsman's Association. For years he was in the Eau Gallie Volunteer Fire Department. During World War II he was vice-commander of the Melbourne Flotilla in the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve. Fishing, hunting, and boating are his hobbies.

Mr. Smith was married at Vero Beach on September 28, 1940, to Gretelle Elizabeth Merrow, who was born August 10, 1918, at Winslow, Maine, daughter of Leon Allen Merrow and Lucille Victoria Dickinson, both living in Eau Gallie. Her father was born at Norridgewock, Maine, August 23, 1898; her mother at Smyrna Center, Maine, October 10, 1900. Her father was an electrical contractor in Melbourne. About 1936 he became the franchised dealer for Green's Fuel in Osceola and Brevard counties. He sold the Osceola franchise in 1946 and the Brevard franchise in 1949. Until recently he had a 160-unit trailer park on the beach. Mrs. Smith is active in the Melbourne Seventh Day Adventist Church.

A daughter, Constance Natalie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith in Melbourne on November 10, 1941. She is now Mrs. George Alfred Bruce.

W. JACKSON VAUGHN

Following in the profession established by his father in Melbourne in 1924, W. Jackson Vaughn has carried on a successful practice of law there since 1939.

He was born June 11, 1914, in Vienna, Georgia, where his mother also was born. She was Pearl Jackson before her marriage in 1912 to William Glover Vaughn, who was born in Hawkinsville, Georgia, November 8, 1890. William G. Vaughn attended Emory University, 1908 to 1911, and considerably later took up the study of law, being admitted to the Georgia bar in 1922. After one year's practice in Vienna, Georgia, he came to Orlando, Florida, and was engaged in the real estate business there until 1924, when he was admitted to the Florida bar. Establishing his office and home in Melbourne, he practiced law there with success and distinction, and served as City Judge of Melbourne from 1930 to 1933 and as City Attorney from 1933 to 1948. He died in Melbourne November 16, 1951.

W. Jackson Vaughn graduated from the University of Florida in 1937 with an A.B. degree and received his LL.B. degree from the same university in 1939. He began to practice law with his father that year and, except for four years in the Navy in World War II, continued in that partnership until his father's death in 1951. In 1952 Tom Waddell, Jr., joined him and the firm name became Vaughn and Waddell. He carries on a general practice of law in all Florida state and federal courts and has been City Attorney of Melbourne since 1950.

Entering the Navy in January, 1942, he was commissioned an Ensign at Northwestern University, Chicago, and served in the American and Pacific theaters for the duration of World War II, separated early in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade.

Mr. Vaughn is a member of the Florida Bar, a charter member of Brevard County Bar Association, a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Brevard County, and a member of Melbourne Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club and a past lieutenant governor, a member of Elks Lodge #1774, Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Phi fraternities, the Melbourne and Eau Gallie Yacht Clubs, the Melbourne Hunting and Fishing Club, and the First Methodist Church of Melbourne, in which he serves on the official board of stewards. His father also was a member of this board and taught the Men's Bible class. For recreation Mr. Vaughn likes boating and hunting. Mrs. Vaughn is active in Garden Club work.

In Titusville, Florida, on October 17, 1946, Mr. Vaughn married Elaine Waring, who was born in Jacksonville, Florida, January 31, 1924, daughter of Otis G. and Louise (Curtiss) Waring. The Curtiss family are old settlers of the Indian River region, the old home place being at

Sand Point, where the first post office in that area was located. They were early citrus growers there.

The Vaughns have five children, all born in Melbourne: W. J. Vaughn, Jr., Curtiss Glover, Lane Waring, Louis Edward, and Cynthia Louise.

W. GLENN CARMICHAEL

The president of Glenn's Tire and Recapping service in Melbourne, W. Glenn Carmichael has been in the tire business from the beginning of his businss career. His father, Roswell Wylie Carmichael, was in the same business in Orlando in his later years, having moved there from Georgia in 1922. The father was born at Sharpsburg, Georgia, in 1887 and died at Orlando November 13, 1954. Glenn's mother, Mary Broadwater before her marriage, was born in Georgia September 11, 1896, and is living in Orlando.

Born in Orlando February 29, 1924, Glenn Carmichael graduated from Orlando High School and entered the United States Army Air Force July 7, 1941. He served in Alaska and England with the 50th Fighter Squadron, 11th Air Force, in aircraft armament work, and was discharged as staff sergeant on September 11, 1945.

In 1946 he went to work for Witt Tire Company in Tampa and was with this company in Atlanta, Georgia, for a short time. Returning to Orlando in January, 1947, he became manager of Quick Service Tire Company and was there until September, 1952. In October of that year he moved to Melbourne and opened Glenn's Tire and Recapping, which today is franchised distributor for Fisk Tires in Brevard County and offers complete tire and recapping facilities, employing nine people.

Mr. Carmichael is a member of the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association, Inc., a director of Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a director of Brevard County United Appeal, and a member of Melbourne Airport Authority, appointed by the city commissioners in 1960. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the South Brevard YMCA, in 1961, for a three-year term. He is also a member of Melbourne Kiwanis Club, and a member of the board of governors of the Tradewinds Club. His church affiliation is with the Eastminster Presbyterian at Indialantic, in which his wife has been Circle Chairman several times and president of the Women of the Church. Mr. Carmichael has held a private pilot's license since November, 1946, and has his own plane, Beach Bonanza, in which he frequently flies to the Bahama Islands for deep sea fishing. Hunting is another hobby of his.

On July 3, 1948, at Orlando he married Sara Ilene Medlin, who was born in Orlando July 25, 1929, daughter of Charles G. Medlin and Laura Foote. The Footes have been residents of Central Florida for five or six generations and Mrs. Carmichael's father has lived in Orlando for over fifty years. He is an executive of Orlando daily newspapers.

The Carmichaels have two sons:

1. William Glenn, Jr., born January 27, 1951, at Orlando.
2. Charles Randall, born July 11, 1955, at Melbourne.

ROBERT GILBERT GRAHAM SESSLER

The president of Monocoupe Airplane and Engine Corporation of Melbourne is a man of wide learning and experience in many different lines of activity. Since his service in the Navy in World War II he has had a special interest in aeronautics. He is also president of Prinzapolca Gold Mining Company, Inc., of Siuna, Nicaragua, which company developed a suction dredge for gold exploration which is now in use and proving successful. And he is president of Caribe Investment and Development Corporation of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Born March 9, 1908, at Roanoke, Virginia, Robert G. G. Sessler is a son of Jacob Louis and Rebecca (Gilbert) Sessler. His father was born in Montgomery County, Virginia, March 12, 1866, and died at Mount Hope, West Virginia, November 20, 1926. He was an engineer and a member of the firm of Sessler and Sessler, railroad and bridge contractors. Rebecca Gilbert Sessler was born February 25, 1878, in Russell County, Virginia, and died at Melbourne October 20, 1956.

The education of Robert Sessler was begun in the public schools of West Virginia. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the Chemical Institute of New York in 1928, then a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Columbia Institute of Commerce, New York, after which he did graduate study at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blackburg, Virginia. He did postgraduate work in Archaeology and Foreign Relations at the University of Mexico, Mexico City; studied Language and Law at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu; studied Government at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, and at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California; took further studies in Business Administration at Mountain State College, Parkersburg, West Virginia; and, finally, studied Tropical Agriculture at the graduate school of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Throughout most of this period Mr. Sessler was an executive in different family corporations. In 1940-41 he was in Mexico with the firm of Lesher and Fisher Plantations, Ltd., a London syndicate dealing in coffee, bananas and rubber.

On September 10, 1942, he entered the United States Navy, was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in Richmond, Virginia, and served with the Technical Division, Bureau of Ships, in Washington, D.C., then with the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Virginia, as planing officer. After that he was assigned to the Army as a Naval officer in Port Control in the military government of Okinawa and Japan, and was separated from the service December 28, 1945, as a lieutenant commander, which is his rank in the Navy Reserve.

After the war Mr. Sessler came to Titusville, Florida, where he was an organizer of the Indian River School of Aeronautics. In 1947 he organized Sessler Airmotive in Melbourne, handling surplus aviation supplies. In 1949 he and his associates bought the Monocoupe Airplane and Engine Corporation, which was located at Orlando, and moved the plant to Melbourne. They manufacture the Monocoupe, America's first successful light plane, originally manufactured by Mono Aircraft Corporation, Moline, Illinois. It is the most popular and lowest-priced government-approved plane in the world, and one of the few planes sold with a guarantee that includes the plane and motor as a single unit.

Mr. Sessler has held a private pilot's license since 1929. He is a member of the American Ordnance Association and used to belong to quite a few gun clubs and attend gun tournaments. He is also a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association; a Mason of Mount Hope Lodge #103, West Virginia, Sewell Chapter

#24 of the Royal Arch Masons of Oak Hill. West Virginia, and Mount Hope Commandery #22 of Mount Hope, West Virginia; and a deacon of the First Christian Church of Melbourne. He is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southeast" and in "Who's Who in World Aviation."

On December 24, 1955, at Melbourne, Florida, Robert G. G. Sessler married Marie Josephine Wolf, who was born at Green Cove Springs, Florida, March 2, 1915. Her mother, Margaret (Loth) Wolf, was born at Hartford, Wisconsin, June 18, 1872; her father, John Wolf, was a native of Hoeflin, Austria, where he was born March 30, 1873. As a young married couple they came to St. Johns Park in the St. Johns River Basin and moved to Green Cove Springs in 1909. Mr. Wolf was in the lumber business. Both died at Green Cove Springs: Mrs. Wolf on April 3, 1944; Mr. Wolf on July 17, 1957.

Mrs. Sessler operated Marie's Riverview Restaurant in Melbourne from 1952 to 1958 and is now owner and manager of Riverview Rest Home at Eau Gallie. She collects antiques, specializing in French Provincial and Italian, and has some nice Chinese pieces.

JAMES H. PRUITT

Owner of a successful real estate and insurance business in the Melbourne-Eau Gallie area, James H. Pruitt represents Brevard County in the State Legislature and also served in other state and local civic capacities. In 1956 and 1957 he was the recipient of the Eau Gallie Junior Chamber of Commerce Good Government Award.

Born at Cartersville, Georgia, December 16, 1917, he is a son of Alex C. and Julie (Cain) Pruitt. His father, who was a contractor in Cartersville, Georgia, and in Cocoa, Florida, during the boom of the twenties, is now retired and lives in Winter Haven, Florida.

After completing his education in the public schools of Cartersville, Georgia, James Pruitt came to Florida in 1936 and worked as a salesman for Southern Baking Company in Melbourne. In 1940 he became owner of the Highland Motel in Eau Gallie. During World War II he served in the First Cavalry Division of the United States Army in the South Pacific and had the rank of sergeant when honorably discharged in 1946.

He returned to his motel in Eau Gallie and in 1951 established a real estate and insurance business in Melbourne, opening an office in Eau Gallie a short time later. Since then he has combined his two offices in one, located between Melbourne and Eau Gallie. He specializes in fire and casualty insurance and has a staff of five assisting him.

Outstanding in public service, Mr. Pruitt was appointed to the Eau Gallie City Council in 1956 to serve an unexpired term and subsequently served a term as Mayor of Eau Gallie. He was chairman of the committee for the Eau Gallie Civic Center, a pet project of his, covering an area of 12,000 square feet and housing the Library and the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Civic Center building. At the present time he is chairman of the Juvenile Merit Board of Brevard County, appointed by County Judge Virgil Conkling. In 1958 Governor Collins appointed Mr. Pruitt to the State Welfare Board, on which he is still serving, and in 1958 also he was first elected to represent Brevard County in the State Legislature. He has worked as a director of the United Appeal Drive for Brevard County and as chairman of the South Brevard Chapter of the American Red Cross.

He is a member of the Melbourne Area Board of Realtors, an organizer and director of the First National Bank of Eau Gallie, a charter member and past president of both the Melbourne and Eau Gallie Lions Club and now a director of the latter, a member of J. W. Mathers Post of the American Legion of Eau Gallie and of the First Baptist Church of Melbourne. Golf is his recreation.

On March 13, 1937, at Eau Gallie he married Mary A. Law, who was born in that town on July 4, 1918, daughter of Eva (Russell) and John Law, an old resident and former mayor of Eau Gallie. Mrs. Pruitt is active in politics for the Democratic party.

Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt have three children, all born in Melbourne:

1. Lonnie Kent, born December 6, 1938, now married to Carol Johannessen of Melbourne Beach.
2. Tanya Jean, born December 1, 1943.
3. James Michael, born April 23, 1951.

JAMES STEPHEN FOLEY

Less than two years after opening his own real estate office in Melbourne, James Stephen Foley handled one of the largest real estate transactions in Florida's history, and since then has undertaken another gigantic project which is to be a tourist attraction rather than a real estate development.

Mr. Foley is a son of the late John R. Foley, a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church in Raleigh County, West Virginia, who passed away in September, 1950, at the age of 94, leaving 137 descendants. His life work was the Church, which he served as pastor for 57 years. For a combined total of 145 years he served three separate parishes, meeting once a month at each. James Foley's mother was Nancy Tolliver, a relative of the Tollivers written about in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" by the late John Fox, Jr., of Bigstone Gap, Virginia.

The youngest of twelve children, James Stephen Foley was born in Beckley, West Virginia, February 23, 1920, and was educated in the public schools of West Virginia, graduating from Shady Springs High School, Beckley, in 1938.

Until 1945 he was a clerk in a retail store in Beckley and at the same time operated a small farm. From 1945 to 1953 he had a small appliance business in Princeton, West Virginia, and Bristol, Tennessee. He came to Leesburg, Florida, in 1953 and soon afterwards moved to Orlando, where he remained only a short time before moving to Melbourne. Here he sold Fords until he got into the real estate business. For two and a half years he was sales manager for Ocean Realty Company of Cocoa Beach; then in November, 1957, he opend his own office in Melbourne under the name of Foley Realty.

The transactions he has handled since then include several in Central America. Probably the largest local deal was the purchase in February, 1959, by Mackle Company for General Development Corporation of a 48,000-acre tract three miles south of Melbourne, between Palm Bay and Malabar, for a sum in excess of $18,250,000. Here they propose to build a half-billion dollar city to be known as Port Malabar. The property extends thirteen miles east-to-west between the Indian River and the St. Johns River and twelve miles north-to-south.

About one year later Mr. Foley and associates formed the firm of Attractions, Inc., for the purpose of building

James S. Foley Doris Foley

a huge missile observation tower six miles north of Eau Gallie on U.S. Highway 1. The 350-foot, 35-story tower will give the public a view of the Indian River section of Florida, the missile test center, Patrick Air Force Base and the stretch of ocean beaches. The observation platform at the 250-foot level will be reached by two elevators. The tower will be equipped with studios for broadcasting and there will be shops, restaurants and service facilities on the ground level. On the 16-acre site there will be space for lease to concessions such as a missile museum, motel, service station and wild life farm in proximity to the creek which runs through the property.

Other principal backers of this project with Mr. Foley are Louis G. Olson of Melbourne, president of Attractions, Inc., and John A. Whiting of Clermont, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Foley is also vice-president of Smokey Mountain Development Corporation. He is a member of the Melbourne Board of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, the International Traders Association, Melbourne and Palm Bay Chambers of Commerce, a director of West Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the Tradewinds Club of Melbourne. His church affiiliation is with the Empire Baptist (Primitive Baptist) of Groveland. Mrs. Foley is active in church circles and in the Parent-Teacher Association. Hunting and fishing are favorite recreations of Mr. Foley and he is often accompanied by his wife.

He was married December 23, 1943, in Beckley, West Virginia, to Doris Violet Wood, daughter of Oliver N. and Ruth Thomas Wood, who was born October 29, 1924, in Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Foley have five children, the last two twins. They are:

1. Nancy Ruth, born March 30, 1945, in Beckley, W.Va.
2. Violet Ann, born January 26, 1948, in Beckley, W.Va.
3. James S., Jr., born July 27, 1950, in Bristol, Virginia.
4. and 5. John Oliver and Judith Kay, born March 30, 1957, in Melbourne, Florida.

LOUIS V. COLEMAN, JR.

Coleman's Pharmacy, originally established in St. Cloud in 1934 by Louis V. Coleman, Sr., now has four stores, two in Melbourne and two in Eau Gallie. The two Eau Gallie Stores are owned and operated by Louis V. Coleman, Jr., and the two stores in Melbourne by his brother, Perry J. Coleman. The subject of this sketch, Louis Coleman, Jr., is very prominent in the business, professional, and civic life of Eau Gallie.

The Colemans' parents came from northwest Florida. Their mother, Nell Wheat Coleman, born in Milton, Florida, February 10, 1890, is from an old Pensacola family. She is living in Eau Gallie and has been very active in civic and church affairs both in Eau Gallie and in St. Cloud. The father, Louis V. Coleman, Sr., was born in Lyons, Georgia, September 19, 1889, and came to Holmes County, Florida, with his parents as a boy. His father was in the mercantile business, and Louis Sr. had his first drugstore experience in Bonifay and Chipley, then in Pensacola. He came to St. Cloud, Osceola County, about 1925 and there was associated with J. Z. Roberson in Roberson's Pharmacy until 1934, when he opened Coleman's Pharmacy. The senior Mr. Coleman, active in civic and religious affairs, served as City Commissioner of St. Cloud. Moving to Eau Gallie in 1943, Mr. Coleman assumed operation of the Eau Gallie store while his sons were in military service. He passed away March 15, 1946.

Louis V. Coleman, Jr. was born in Orlando, Florida, September 22, 1916. He graduated from St. Cloud High School in 1934 and from the University of Florida School of Pharmacy in 1938 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. That year he became manager of his father's store in St. Cloud and the father became semi-retired for health reasons. In 1939 Perry Coleman opened the first store in Eau Gallie and was its manager. The second of the present chain of Coleman Pharmacies was opened in Melbourne, the third in Eau Gallie and the fourth in Melbourne. The St. Cloud store was sold in 1943 when both sons were in the service. Since 1946 the stores have been franchised Rexall dealers.

In addition to their drug business, the Coleman brothers and their associates are participating in the fabulous growth of Eau Gallie, "the fastest growing city on Florida's East Coast," by erecting over twenty-five commercial units.

Louis Coleman, Jr. is a member of the Florida State Pharmaceutical Association and has served on its Executive Committee, a past president of Central Florida Pharmaceutical Association, now president of Brevard County Pharmaceutical Association, and a member of the National Association of Retail Druggists. He was an organizer, vice-president and director of the First National Bank of Eau Gallie, a director of Eau Gallie First Federal Savings and Loans Association, and a director of the Eau Gallie Chamber of Commerce.

In 1947 he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of a city commissioner and was re-elected for a two-year term, during which time he served as chairman of the Board of Commissioners and chairman of the Finance Committee. Elected to the Brevard County Board of Public Instruction, he took office in January, 1959.

A member of the First Methodist Church of Eau Gallie, Mr. Coleman is chairman of the Official Board and chairman of the Building Committee, which has just built a $75,000 sanctuary and $17,000 parsonage and plans a $100,000 Educational Building.

He is a past member of the Elks, the Odd Fellows, and the Kiwanis Club, a member of Phi Sigma (honorary Biology) and Rho Chi (honorary Pharmacy) fraternities at the University of Florida, a past president of the Eau Gallie Parent-Teacher Association, vice-president of the Drum and Bugle Corps Parents Association, and was twice commander of the J. W. Mathers Post #163 of the American Legion.

He entered the United States Army in April, 1941, and served as a non-commissioned officer in charge of the dispensary at the Second Army Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, until November, 1942, when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps and became Detachment Commander of the 53rd General Hospital (a 2,000-bed hospital in England) where he was Medical Supply Officer. He was released from military service in February 1947 with the rank of Captain.

In Fort Benning, Georgia, on September 15, 1943, Louis V. Coleman, Jr., married Norma Dean Jenkins, born July 7, 1922, in Christiansburg, Ohio, daughter of Judson and Julia Jenkins. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman in Eau Gallie:

1. Louis V. III, born February 9, 1949.
2. Dean Judson, born March 1, 1952.
3. Cynthia, born November 26, 1953.
4. Lauren Paul, born October 3, 1958.

Mrs. Coleman has been president of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eau Gallie Gardenettes.

ALWYN WALTER WILLIAMS

An old-time professional piano player from the days of the silent movies, who also played with a traveling dance band, Al Williams has been a resident of Melbourne for thirty-five years. For the past ten years he has been a County Service Officer of the Veterans Administration, handling veterans' affairs in South Brevard County.

Son of Arthur Williams, who was a printer in Lafayette, Indiana, and New York City, and of May Chistopher Williams, Alwyn Walter Williams was born July 25, 1886, in Lafayette, Indiana. He graduated from Oakwood High School, Lafayette, in 1905. His first work was playing in dance bands and even before he was through school he was a member of the Musicians Union. He had learned to play the piano at home. For two years he played in a theater in Lafayette, then in a theater in Indianapolis for four years. After that he joined The Virginians, a dance band that played in six states.

Coming to Florida in 1925, he bought property in Melbourne and built a home on Highway U.S. 1. There he raised gladioli, and also played in local dance bands for some years. He still plays the piano, mostly for his own entertainment.

During the first World War Mr. Williams served as a corporal in in the 682nd Squadron of the Army Air Force in the United States. He is a member of the American Legion Post #81 of Melbourne, a past commander and for nine years service officer; also service officer for the Disabled American Veterans Melbourne Chapter #32, and a member of the Forty-and-Eight. He is very active in Civil Defense as a volunteer worker in the Auxiliary Police and Hospital Unit of South Brevard County. He holds membership in the County Service Officers Association of Florida, the Palm Bay Methodist Church and its official board.

Mr. Williams was married in Melbourne on June 1, 1935, to Mrs. Audrey Brooks Ashley (nee Fisher), who was born February 7, 1895, at Charleston, West Virginia. She is active in the American Legion Auxiliary, in which she is a past state vice-president and past president of her district and local group; and is also a member of the Florida Children's Commission, appointed by Governor Collins. Her hobby is flowers. As for him, next to playing the piano he enjoys fishing.

CLAUDE H. DYAL

A real estate developer and builder and insurance agent in Cocoa, Claude H. Dyal also manages the grove interests of his late father. Mr. Dyal served as City Clerk and Treasurer of Cocoa from April, 1947, to January, 1958, and during this time, in May, 1952, was made City Manager, the second man to hold that position in Cocoa.

Claude Dyal is a native of Florida and son of natives. His father, Enoch Robert Dyal, who was a citrus grower in Brevard County, was born at Starke, Bradford County, and died at Cocoa July 5, 1954. Claude's mother, Susanna (Hutchinson) Dyal, born at Hampton in Bradford County, is living in Cocoa. He himself was born at Indianola, Merritt Island, Brevard County, August 2, 1918.

He graduated from Cocoa High School in 1937 and, after working in the citrus groves with his father for a while, attended Jones Business College in Jacksonville. He then went to Brazil, South America, and did construction work on airplane runways with Faulk & Coleman and Cone & Manley Construction companies.

Returning in February, 1944, he entered the United States Army on March 28 and served with the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team. Awarded the bronze star, he was honorably discharged on May 16, 1946, with the rank of sergeant. Back in Cocoa, about a year later he entered upon his public service career as City Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Cocoa.

In January, 1958, he and his associates organized the Causeway Beach Company for the development of real estate lots, and he is still president of this company. About the same time he became vice-president of the Smith and Gray Agency, Inc., an insurance business; and in December, 1958, he formed Pine Grove Homes, Inc., builders of homes in the Cocoa area, and is secretary of this company.

Mr. Dyal is a director of the Barnett National Bank of Cocoa and a past director of the Cocoa Chamber of Commerce. He is a Mason of Brevard Lodge #113, Cocoa, and of Morocco Temple Shrine, Jacksonville; an Elk of Cocoa Lodge #1503, a member of American Legion Post #22 of Cocoa, and Rockledge Golf and Country Club. Golf is his recreation.

On April 17, 1948, in Jacksonville, Florida, Claude H. Dyal married Doris Anne Hutchins, daughter of Emily (Bell) and Dewey McKinley Hutchins, born in Jacksonville July 26, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Dyal now have two sons, born in Cocoa: John McKinley Dyal, born June 29, 1952, and James Edwin Dyal, born December 20, 1957.

WILLIAM HOWARD ROUNDTREE

William Howard Roundtree was born at Waldo, Florida, on July 30, 1921. His father was the late Roby Elbert Roundtree, who was a Seaboard Railway conductor. His mother is Nellie E. Roundtree (nee Kite) who lives at Orange Heights, Florida. He has three brothers, Truman A. Roundtree, Robert E. Roundtree and Jack L. Roundtree, all of Gainesville, Florida. He has three sisters, Curtis Poole of Orange Heights, Elsie Gray of Jacksonville, and Virginia Hatch of Fort Myers, Florida.

Mr. Roundtree married Wanda Lee Waggoner of Henderson, Texas, at Rusk, Texas, on November 1, 1943. She was born at New Salem, Texas, on November 29, 1925, to B. Waggoner and Freddie Lee Waggoner (nee Medford). Mrs. Roundtree has one sister, Mrs. Betty Baker of Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roundtree have three children:

1. Wanda Sharon, born August 6, 1944, at Ocala, Florida.

2. William Steven, born November 26, 1946, at Jacksonville, Texas.

3. Dean Lea, born January 15, 1951, at San Diego, California.

William Howard Roundtree received his early education in the public schools of Waldo, Wildwood and Melrose, Florida, where he graduated from High School. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on April 22, 1941, and thereafter served continuously until August 28, 1953. He received his "boot" training at Norfolk, Virginia, and was then assigned to Patrol Squadron Seventy-one (VP-71) and served some fifteen months in the Pacific during World War II. Selected to attend naval flight school as an enlisted pilot, he received his Navy wings of gold at Pensacola on December 19, 1944, and was com-

missioned an Ensign on February 9, 1945. He next graduated from fighter pilot school at Melbourne, Florida, and was then assigned to Fighting Squadron Seventeen (VF-17) at Alameda, California. Thereafter he saw flight duty at Alameda; Fallon, Nevada; Brunswick, Maine; and Norfolk, Virginia. He served in the first air squadrons on the aircraft carriers USS Valley Forge and Coral Sea. After completing the Naval five-term college program, he was assigned to Night Attack Squadron Thirty-five (VA-35) at San Diego, California, and served a tour of duty in the Korean conflict aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Bonhomme Richard, receiving an Air Medal. He returned to Korea as Gunnery Officer on the USS Marshall and was inside enemy-held Wonsan Harbor during the entire month of December, 1952, winning a commendation for bravery under enemy fire.

At the conclusion of the Korean War, Mr. Roundtree resigned his regular Navy commission as a Lieutenant in order to attend law school. He had 169 aircraft carrier landings, about one-fourth of which were at night. He has some 2,000 hours of single-engine flight time to his credit. He survived three serious aircraft crashes, one in the Chesapeake Bay on November 6, 1946, and two in the Sea of Japan off the east coast of Korea on July 7 and July 11, 1951.

Mr. Roundtree has attended the following colleges:

1. Louisiana State Normal College at Natchitoches, Louisiana (1943).
2. Lon Morris Junior College at Jacksonville, Texas (1943).
3. University of Georgia at Athens, Georgia (1944).
4. George Washington University at Washington, D.C. (1948-1950).
5. Loyola Law School at Los Angeles, California (1953-1956).
6. University of Southern California at Los Angeles, California (1956).

After graduation from law school, he was given a position as a legal assistant in the Office of Attorney General of California by former Attorney General Edmund G. (Pat) Brown. He returned to Florida in 1957 and upon passing the Florida Bar opened his law practice at Cocoa, Florida. He specializes in personal injury law.

Mr. Roundtree has been active in political matters in Central Florida. His wife is Vice-Chairman of the Brevard County Democratic Executive Committee, and he is a precinct committeeman. In 1960 he was Central Brevard manager of the Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., campaign for governor and the John F. Kennedy campaign for the presidency. In 1958 he was a candidate for the state legislature, losing in a run-off by only 192 votes.

As might be surmised from the foregoing, Mr. Roundtree comes from a family of Floridians with a long history in the state. His grandfather, Robert Kite, came to Florida in the late 1830s from St. Mary's, Georgia, and served in Company A of the First Florida Mounted Cavalry during the Seminole Indian War. His great grandfather on his maternal grandmother's side of the family, E. J. Wainwright, served as State Representative from Bradford County, Florida, in 1879. His uncle, E. R. B. Kite, served two terms, 1913 and 1919, as State Representative from Alachua County.

Mr. Roundtree is a member of the Florida Bar, the Brevard County Bar and the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. He is past president of the Toastmaster's Club of Cocoa. Reading and golf are his hobbies.

JOHN V. D'ALBORA, SR.

A retired citrus grower and packer, John V. D'Albora, Sr., of Cocoa is the founder of two companies. Flarapco, formerly the Florida Radio and Appliance Corporation of Miami, founded in 1943, of which he is president, is wholesale distributor of major appliances specializing in heating and air conditioning. Mr. D'Albora is a pioneer in this field, having completely air-conditioned his home for summer and winter in 1936. Of Centronix, Inc., founded in 1950, Mr. D'Albora was chairman of the board and president until 1958, when the company was merged with the Jetronics Industries, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. D'Albora is also one of the founders of the Central Brevard National Bank, established in 1956, of which his son is a director.

Born in New York City April 16, 1898, he is the son of Felix D'Albora and Theresa Montouri, both born in Italy: his father on June 12, 1874; his mother on February 14, 1877. She died in Cocoa, Florida, June 14, 1958.

Felix D'Albora started the firm of Felix D'Albora and Company in 1895, and became one of the largest distributors of fresh fruits in New York City. He headed this firm until he passed away in 1932, at which time his son, John V. D'Albora, Sr., became president, and this firm still operates in New York City.

John V. D'Albora, Sr., attended the public schools of New York City and graduated from St. Johns Military Academy, New York, in 1915. He worked as a clerk for The Fruit Auction Company in New York until 1920, excepting 18 months service in the Navy, then in the construction business until 1923, when he joined his father in the fruit-distributing business.

He came to Florida in 1924 and engaged in the citrus growing and packing business. His first groves were in Fort Pierce. In 1927 he moved to Indian River City and the following year to Cocoa. His fruit was marketed under the famous Acme brand.

Mr. D'Albora is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, a charter member of Indian River Citrus League (of which his son is a director), a member and past vice-president of Florida Shippers and Growers Association. He has been chairman of the local Cancer and Polio Fund drives and was president of the Cocoa-Indian Class D Baseball team when it was in Cocoa, until 1958. He is a past Kiwanian, a member of the Elks Lodge #1532 of Cocoa, American Legion (serving as Commander two terms), Rockledge Golf and Country Club, Trustee in the Knights of Columbus Cape Canaveral Lodge #4286, and member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Rockledge. His leisure time activities include fishing, boating and travel. Mr. D'Albora also founded a boys' and girls' camp in Brevard, North Carolina. Mrs. D'Albora is interested in gardening.

Mr. D'Albora served in World Wars I and II. He left his business in 1941 to do what he could in the war effort, which he considered a privilege, serving in the U.S.C.G.R. as District Security Officer, 7th Naval District, returning to his business three and a half years later.

On June 14, 1920, in New York City, John V. D'Albora married Marie Augusta King, daughter of William Rufus and Mary Sheffield King, and a native of New York City, where she was born March 15, 1898. John V. D'Albora, Jr., was born in New York City June 29, 1925.

John, Jr., attended The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Florida, served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in

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World War II, returned to his studies at Duke University, and graduated in 1949 from Florida Southern College, Lakeland. He married Noretta Cuesta of Tampa, Florida, in 1947. They have four children, all born in Florida: John V. D'Albora III, Noretta Marie, Paul and Ann. He is now associated with his father and resides in Cocoa.

ERNEST JOHN REID

A private accountant in Melbourne since 1947, Ernest John Reid is also an insurance agent and has other important business connections in Melbourne. He and his wife are active in civic and social work in their community. Mr. Reid's business is located at 27 Grant Place, Melbourne, and his residence at 604 Riverside Drive, Indialantic.

He was born in Bay City, Michigan, September 30, 1922, son of James W. and Rena Jarvis Reid. His father was a merchant in Rochester, Michigan, and was in the sporting goods business in Mancelona, Michigan, during the last ten years before his death in April, 1958.

Ernest John Reid graduated from Rochester High School, Rochester, Michigan. Entering the United States Navy on September 12, 1942, he served on Submarine Chaser #696 in the Atlantic-Mediterranean area and was wounded when his ship was lost in action at Palermo, Sicily, August 23, 1943. He was awarded the Purple Heart and was discharged as Seaman First Class on July 14, 1945.

After his return from the Navy Mr. Reid entered the Pontiac Business Institute and graduated in 1947 with a Certificate in Accounting. He came to Melbourne, Florida, in 1947, arriving on his birthday, and established a private accounting business in which he now has a staff of six. He has been an insurance agent since 1951 and is president of Reid and Lillycrop Insurance, Inc. He is also secretary of the Melbourne Title and Abstract Company, past comptroller and a director of Kel's 5-10-25c Stores, Inc., secretary and director of Minit Saver Food Stores, Inc., and is one of the founders and a director of the First National Bank of Melbourne.

Mr. Reid is a member of the Brevard County Democratic Executive Committee. Appointed to the City of Indialantic Board of Adjustment in late 1958, he is still serving on this board. He was a charter member and past president of the South Brevard Exchange Club; is a member and "Exhausted Rooster" of the Melbourne Junior Chamber of Commerce; a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans; of Melbourne-Eau Gallie Masonic Lodge, Bahia Temple Shrine and Orlando Consistory; of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club, the Bahama Beach Club, and attends the Presbyterian Church. He has supported Little League and Pony League baseball locally and is very much interested in committees for funds for the new Melbourne Hospital. Golf and boating are his hobbies.

He was married in Detroit, Michigan, October 16, 1942, to Marcetta Mae Doerges, daughter of Lester P. and Hilda (Johnson) Doerges. She was born February 16, 1924, at Winslow, Indiana. Their son, Jerry Edward Reid, born at Pontiac, Michigan, April 8, 1945, is a student at Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Georgia.

Mrs. Reid is active in the Brevard Hospital Service Guild and Tempo Club, the Rio Vista Garden Club in Eau Gallie, the Melbourne Jaycettes, the Insurance Women's Association of Melbourne-Eau Gallie, and the American Legion Auxiliary. In 1958 Mrs. Reid was selected as one of Central Florida's Twenty Best-Dressed Women, representing Melbourne. The selection, sponsored by the Orlando Sentinel newspaper, was made from eighteen cities throughout Central Florida by a secret committee composed of fashion buyers and club women, and the subjects ranged from career girls to socialites.

JOHN JEWELL HOLMES

Although John Jewell Holmes did not come to Melbourne until 1955, his family had roots in this section of Florida since the early 1920's, when his grandfather, Trevesant Holmes, homesteaded eighty acres west of Palm Bay. Originally from coastal Georgia, he had moved first to Alabama and, about 1918, to Quincy, Florida, where he stayed a short time before moving on to the East Coast. He began to sell real estate about 1922 and soon after that added insurance to his business. He was founder of the present firm of James E. Holmes, Inc.

John Jewell Holmes was born in Bessemer, Alabama, February 18, 1927. His father, Judah Moses Holmes, was born in Prattville, Alabama, March 5, 1902, and died September 21, 1941, in Birmingham, Alabama, where he was an industrial machinery salesman. John's mother, Mayne Langston Holmes, was born in Centerville, Alabama, January 25, 1898, and died in Melbourne, Florida.

His early education was divided between the public schools of Melbourne and Birmingham, Alabama, and he graduated from Phillips High School at Birmingham in 1945. After serving in the 13th Airborne Division of the United States Army for one year, discharged with the rank of corporal, he attended Auburn University at Auburn, Alabama, in 1947. For about seven years after leaving college he was employed by Hightower Box and Tank Company in five Alabama locations, doing office and production work. In January, 1955, he came to Melbourne to join his brother in the James E. Holmes, Inc., real estate and insurance business. John Holmes is head of the insurance department, which writes all kinds of insurance except life insurance.

Mr. Holmes is now president of the Melbourne Lions Club and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Melbourne. In Leeds, Alabama, on April 21, 1950, he married Jean Bailey, daughter of Onsby and Myrtle Morgan Bailey of Leeds, where Jean was born September 25, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have three sons:

1. John Edward, born March 9, 1951, in Leeds, Alabama.

2. Robert Wayne, born March 20, 1954, in Leeds, Alabama.

3. Russell Lee, born August 20, 1957, in Melbourne, Florida.

MORGAN E. DEKALB

In the last ten years the City of Melbourne and its neighboring communities have grown in population from 10,000 to 50,000, as a result of the activities at Patrick Air Force Base, administrative center for Cape Canaveral. Making the most of these circumstances is Morgan E. DeKalb, Phillips 66 oil jobber for Brevard County since 1954, who in 1956 established DeKalb Natural Gas Company, Inc., a subsidiary of DeKalb Oil Company. In less than three years the new business

rocketed to 2,000 customers, using more than 1.3 million gallons of natural gas in a year. More than 90% of his installations are in new subdivision-type homes, individually metered and fed by block supply systems. The rest of his business comes from substantial commercial accounts, such as laundries and restaurants, and from a delivery route servicing mobile homes.

Morgan E. DeKalb was born in Boulder, Colorado, April 20, 1917, son of James Emmons DeKalb, a banker in Boulder, and Abbie Morgan DeKalb. He attended the University of Colorado and went into commercial aviation, barnstorming air shows. On December 8, 1941, he joined Continental Air Lines as co-pilot, later becoming captain, and flew in the western part of the country. From 1942 to 1945 he was test pilot with Ford Motor Company at Willow Run, Michigan, and from that time until he came to Florida was with Phillips Petroleum Company as test pilot and corporation pilot. Appointed oil jobber for Brevard County, he came to Melbourne January 5, 1954.

The combination of a gasoline-oil distributorship and a natural gas dealership has its advantages. The two firms share a two-way radio dispatching system; accounting and billing for both are handled by the same equipment and personnel; and the 30,000-gallon LPG (natural gas) storage tank and oil bulk tanks are on the same property. Frequent interchange of personnel between the two companies equalizes the peaks in work schedules, and the greater resources of DeKalb Oil back up its subsidiary's large investments.

DeKalb Natural Gas is, in effect, in partnership with project developers, for the company offers a service the builders need, and in return the builders push gas appliances. Some of the housing developments have all-gas homes. All must have a high proportion of gas appliances or DeKalb will not supply them.

Because he knew very little about the natural gas business himself, Mr. DeKalb brought in Stan Koller, who was manager of a Hollywood firm distributing both natural and manufactured gas, to head the gas operation, and Mr. Koller has since been made general manager of both the LPG and oil operations. DeKalb Natural Gas now serves nine developments with underground piping systems. As a result of this volume of business they have been able to set up a sort of standard contract for projects. They decided early to use only top-grade materials and men, and have had almost no trouble that could be traced to installations.

The usual block installation, serving twenty to twenty-four homes, is supplied by a 1,000-gallon underground tank with a two-stage regulator system. Occasionally 500 and 100-gallon tanks are used as supplemental supply sources. A considerable amount of equipment goes into one of these projects. The company was assisted by the engineering department of Phillips Petroleum Company in the system design, and engineering firms employed by several developers verified the suitability of the system. Florida has tremendous fluctuation in gas usage because of the small number of heating days. With the block system twenty-four customers may be served at the same time, and because they are caught before they are out of gas you have a smooth operation, regardless of weather fluctuations.

The success of the housing project program has made it unnecessary to advertise or use salesmen. However, the investment has been heavy. What happens if "The Cape" closes down? This is a calculated risk. DeKalb and Koller feel that this area is fast becoming a part of the Gold Coast of Florida, a vacation paradise; and they are not sitting around waiting for it to develop into a tourist attraction but are active in community work, helping to bring about that development.

Mr. DeKalb is president of Brevard County Oil Distributors Association, a member of Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, and was appointed a city councilman of Indialantic in May, 1959. He is a member of Eau Gallie Yacht Club and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, a Mason and Shriner of Bartlesville Lodge, Oklahoma, and a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity of the University of Colorado. A fun-loving and casual type who puts his feet upon his desk, his favorite sport is deep-sea fishing for blue marlin, tuna and sailfish. He likes hunting, too.

In Detroit, Michigan, on June 16, 1945, Morgan E. DeKalb married Barbara Jane Sheldrick, daughter of Lawrence Spence and Bessie Francis (Turton) Sheldrick of Detroit, where Barbara was born September 9, 1921. The DeKalbs have two daughters: Betsy Jane, born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, February 2, 1950, and Deborah Lynn, born in Melbourne, Florida, August 25, 1955. Mrs. DeKalb is active in church work and in the South Brevard Hospital Guild.

JOE A. COWART, JR.

Young Joe Cowart of Cocoa has been practicing law there since he returned from two years military service in 1957. In addition to his law practice he has a herd of commercial cattle and registered Angus on the family's ranch west of Cocoa, and is a director and vice-president of Brevard County Cattlemen's Association.

Born in Cocoa February 24, 1928, he is a son of Joe A., Sr. and Catherine Belle (King) Cowart, both living in Cocoa, where the father is an automobile salesman. Joe A. Cowart, Sr. was born in Laurens County, Georgia, February 27, 1905, and came to Cocoa from Dublin, Georgia, about 1919. His wife was born in Hendersonville, North Carolina, August 13, 1905.

Joe Cowart, Jr. was graduated from Cocoa High School in 1946 and from the University of Florida in 1950 with a Bachelor of Laws degree and high honors. For the next five years he practiced law in the firm of Yonge, Beggs and Lane in Pensacola.

Commissioned out of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Florida as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve, Mr. Cowart was called to active duty in October, 1955, and served at the Bolling Air Force Base until September, 1957. He is now a captain in the Reserve.

When released from the service in 1957, he returned to Cocoa and resumed his law practice with William G. Akridge, now Circuit Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and in September, 1958, opened his own office in Bellaire Arcade, Cocoa. He practices in all state and federal courts and is a member of the Florida Bar and the Brevard County Bar Association, a vice-president of the latter.

Interested in politics, he serves on the Brevard County Democratic Executive Committee, in which his wife also is a committeewoman. He belongs to Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, Phi Eta Sigma scholastic fraternity, and Phi Delta Phi national honorary fraternity, and is a Mason of Cocoa Lodge #113 and a member of the First Baptist Church of Cocoa.

On September 16, 1950, Joe A. Cowart, Jr. married Mary Evelyn Huett, daughter of K. D. and Roberta (Whitten) Huett, who was born in Center Hill, Florida,

April 9, 1929. Joe and Mary Cowart now have two daughters, both born at Rockledge, Florida: Mary Delys Cowart, on March 24, 1958; Kathryn Kim Cowart, on June 9, 1959.

JOE H. GLOVER

During the first twelve years of his distributorship for American Oil Company in Melbourne, Joe Glover has increased the sales volume of wholesale gasoline from 27,000 gallons to 200,000 gallons per month. He is sole distributor of Amoco products for Brevard County. Mr. Glover raises riding horses as a hobby.

Son of Joe H. and Lottie (Pye) Glover, he was born in Gainesville, Georgia, December 5, 1917. His father was a mechanical engineer and a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He came to West Palm Beach in 1923 and met his death there by accident in February, 1926.

Joe attended the public schools of Gainesville, Georgia, and Georgia Military College at Milledgeville. then the University of Georgia, for one year, 1938-39. From that time until he entered the United States Navy in World War II he was a hauling contractor in road and airport construction in Georgia, North and South Carolina. Entering the Navy April 19, 1945, he served one year, stationed at Honolulu, Hawaii, and was discharged as seaman second class.

He came to Cocoa, Florida, in 1946 as distributor for Shell Oil Company, and in February, 1947, became distributor for American Oil Company in Melbourne.

Mr. Glover served as city commissioner of Cocoa Beach in 1948-49. He is a member of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, the Brevard County Cattlemen's Association, American Legion Post #81 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4206 of Melbourne, Masonic Lodge #143, Bahia Temple Shrine and Orlando Consistory, the Melbourne Shrine Club. the Bahama Beach Club, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Melbourne. His wife is a member of the South Brevard Hospital Guild and the Masonic Ladies of Nobility.

At Miami, Florida, on November 21, 1939, Joe Glover married Evelyn Mayfield, daughter of Minor Pierce and Elizabeth (Couch) Mayfield of Gainesville, Georgia, where Evelyn was born October 18, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Glover have three children:

1. Angela Evelyn, born June 1, 1941, at Gainesville, Georgia.

2. Joe H. III, born August 1, 1947, at Rockledge, Florida.

3. Eleanor Elizabeth, born February 3, 1949, at Rockledge.

EDWARD RUTLEDGE ENSEY

The first mango grower of Merritt Island and the largest grower of mangoes in Brevard County, Edward R. Ensey is a son of George Fahnstock Ensey, one of the first pineapple growers in Florida, who also was a citrus grower on Merritt Island, where he died. He was a native of Baltimore, Maryland. His wife, Edward Ensey's mother, was Mary Evelina Titus (born in Brooklyn, New York, died in Miami, Florida) whose father, Colonel Henry T. Titus, came to Florida in the 1870's and settled at Sand Point, which later was named Titusville.

Born at Titusville in the home built by his father, on August 26, 1887, Edward Rutledge Ensey received his education in the country school on Merritt Island which covered all grades through the eighth. He worked with his father, running the groves, until he was twenty-seven years old. In 1914 he went to Eden, Florida, and began truck farming, and because of his farming was deferred from military service in World War I.

He started his mango and avocado grove on the Merritt Island property in 1918 and now has a grove of twelve acres and one of two acres, with 400 mango trees and about 100 avocado trees. Always experimenting in developing better fruit, he holds a patent on a mango called the Sunset, a large multi-colored fruit, and has two others which are just about ready to be patented. His mangoes and avocados are shipped by mail and express to restaurants and individuals all over the United States, and also sold to grocery chains.

Mr. Ensey moved back to Merritt Island in 1948 but still owns his home in Eden on the Indian River. A conservative Democrat, he is a frequent contributor to the editorial page of the Orlando Sentinel, and is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at Fort Pierce.

He was married at Eden on January 1, 1916, to Maude Richards Miller, daughter of Captain John and Annie K. Miller, who was born at Eden November 16, 1894. They have three children:

1. Kathryn Maude Ensey (Mrs. Fred Mattox), born December 17, 1920, at Eden. She has one child, Angeline.

2. John Donald Miller Ensey, born November 8, 1922, at Eden, who married Idoma Monroe of Vero Beach. They have four children: Marilyn, Donna, Carolyn and John D., Jr.

3. Edward Fairbairn Ensey, born August 24, 1924, at Eden, who married Mary Davis of Toledo, Ohio. They have a son, Edward II.

HENRY THORNTON HORSCHEL

Founder and president of Universal Concrete, Inc. of Melbourne, producers of ready-mixed concrete, concrete blocks, steel mortar rock and sand, Henry T. Horschel has been operating this successful business in the Melbourne-Eau Gallie area since November 2, 1954.

He was born in Ironton, Ohio, November 21, 1922, son of Henry Charles Horschel and Hallie Fern Thornton. His father came to Florida in 1927 and settled at Fellsmere, Indian River County, where he had citrus groves. He died in 1935. Henry's mother taught school in Fellsmere for fifteen years, and died in 1939.

Henry graduated from Fellsmere High School in 1939, attended Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia, the following year and then the University of Cincinnati for two years. On November 22, 1942, he entered the Army Air Force and served three years.

After the war Mr. Horschel moved to Melbourne and for about three years was superintendent for the Loveridge Development Company, builders of the first housing development in the Eau Gallie area. For some time before he formed his own company he worked as a salesman for a concrete block supply company in Melbourne. Universal Concrete, Inc. now employs twenty-five to thirty people and operates in the Greater Melbourne-Eau Gallie area, Melbourne Beach, Indialantic, Palm Bay, South Patrick Shores and Satellite Beach.

Mr. Horschel is a member of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and for the past two years (1958-60) has

been on the City of Melbourne Zoning and Planning Board. He is a Mason of Harbor City Lodge #318 of Eau Gallie, Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando Consistory, and the Scottish Rite Club of Melbourne. Hunting and fishing are his sports.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 18, 1942, he married Jean Frances Hoop, born in Cincinnati July 4, 1923, daughter of Charles and Thelma (Coyle) Hoop. Mrs. Horschel is active in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Melbourne and the Catholic Woman's Club, and is secretary-treasurer of her husband's firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Horschel are the parents of six children:

1. Sandra Lee, born May 17, 1943, at Cincinnati, Ohio.
2. Jean Ellen, born September 17, 1944, at Pratt, Kansas.
3. Henry Charles, born September 2, 1947, at Melbourne, Florida.
4. Mary Elizabeth, born December 29, 1949, at Melbourne, Florida.
5. Julie Ann, born November 18, 1954, at Melbourne, Florida.
6. David Brian, born May 13, 1955, at Melbourne, Florida.

J. ROBERT DOTY, M.D.

After close to twenty-seven years of private practice in Gary, Indiana, Dr. J. Robert Doty opened an office in Cocoa, Florida, in 1955. Although he lived most of his life in the North, Dr. Doty was no stranger to Florida, for he spent eight of his early school years in Daytona.

He was born at Willow Hill, Illinois, June 18, 1897, son of Samuel O. and Maggie (Steele) Doty. His father came to Florida January 1, 1908, and bought some seventy acres of land in South Daytona, where he became a dairy farmer. He was a member of the Baptist Church in Daytona.

Robert Doty's education was begun in the public schools of Arkansas, Illinois, and continued in Daytona, Florida, where he graduated from high school in 1916. He began attending Valparaiso University but transferred to the University of Chicago and received his B.S. degree there in 1923. In December, 1926, he received his M.D. degree from Rush Medical College, which was affiliated with the University of Chicago. He interned and served a residency at Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, New York, then a three-months residency at the Infants and Children's Hospital in Rochester. Returning to Chicago, he was a staff physician in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Presbyterian Hospital.

On July 17, 1928, Dr. Doty opened an office in Gary, Indiana, where for many years he carried on a general medical practice, but primarily in Obstetrics and Surgery. During a part of this time he was head of the Obstetric and Gynecological department at the Methodist Hospital in Gary. Moving to Cocoa, Florida, in 1955, he opened his office there on April 1, and has since then been a valuable asset to the community. He specializes in Obstetrics and Surgery. In 1956 he was president of the staff at Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital, Rockledge, and for the past three years has been a delegate to the state medical convention.

Dr. Doty was a charter member and first president of the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, the Brevard County Medical Society, and is a past president of Lake County (Indiana) Medical Society. He served six years on the State Council in Indiana and for eighteen years was coroner of Lake County.

Taking an active interest in civic affairs, Dr. Doty served three years as Police Commissioner of Gary, Indiana, and is now a member of Rockledge City Council and of Cocoa and Cocoa Beach Chambers of Commerce. He is also an organizer and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Indian River Recreation Foundation, his pet civic project. A member of Cocoa Lions Club, he was a past president and district governor of the Lions in Indiana. He is a Mason of Roosevelt Lodge, Gary, Indiana, South Bend Consistory, and Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando; an Elk of Cocoa Lodge, a member of Phi Chi medical fraternity, Rockledge Country Club, and the Cocoa Gun Club. Collecting old guns and coins are his hobbies, and he also likes to fish and play a little golf. He had no active military service but was in the Student Army Training Corps while a pre-medical student in 1918. He is a Democrat and a Presbyterian.

Twice married, Dr. Doty has three children by his first wife:

1. J. Robert Doty, Jr., M.D., born in Rochester, New York, May 21, 1927.
2. George Richard Doty, born in Gary, Indiana, April 17, 1930.
3. Zella Margaret Doty, born in Gary, Indiana, June 5, 1932.

On November 30, 1947, in Gary, Dr. Doty married Joan MacDonald, a registered nurse and native of Nova Scotia, Canada, where she was born November 24, 1923, daughter of John J. and Ella (Falkner) MacDonald. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Doty in Gary, Indiana:

1. Darcia Joan Doty, on September 17, 1949.
2. MacDonald S. Doty, on September 5, 1952.

Mrs. Doty is an artist, a painter and sculptor.

DAVID S. SMYTH

The Smyth Lumber Company was founded in Orlando, Florida, in 1937, by Leo Edwin Smyth, father of David S. Smyth, who is manager of the Cocoa branch of the business which was established in 1950. A second branch in Orlando was opened in 1952 and a third at Cocoa Beach in 1956. The Cocoa and Cocoa Beach branches, serving Central Brevard County, now employ twenty people.

David S. Smyth was born July 1, 1929, in Jacksonville, Florida, where his mother, Helen (Marx) Smyth, was born on April 26, 1902. His father was born in Mauston, Wisconsin, March 15, 1892. Leo E. Smyth came to Florida about 1923 to work in the sawmill business with relatives, the Foleys and Scanlons, pioneer sawmill and lumber operators in the Jacksonville area. He is now Chairman of the Board of the Smyth Lumber Company and has two other sons in the business. Donald J. Smyth is president of the company and James R. Smyth is secretary-treasurer.

David Smyth graduated from St. James School in Orlando in 1947 and from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, in 1951, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce. He entered the United States Army August 13, 1952, and served two years with the Adjutant General Corps in Chicago. Returning to Florida, he worked with his brother, Donald, in the Cocoa branch of Smyth

Lumber Company and became manager of that branch in March, 1955.

He is a member of the Florida Lumber and Millwork Association and was assistant director for three years; a member of Hoo Hoo, a lumbermen's organization; of Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, and of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Rockledge, Florida. Hunting and fishing are his choices in the field of recreation.

He was married at Orlando December 23, 1952, to Joe Ann Pearman, who was born in Middlesboro, Kentucky, February 28, 1932, daughter of Lila (Wilson) and Ralph Carr Pearman. David and Joe Ann Smyth are the parents of two children, born in Orlando: Deborah Ann, on December 13, 1953; Michael David, on August 7, 1956. Mrs. Smyth is active in the Cocoa Junior Woman's Club and Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

ED KITTLES

A second-generation native of Titusville, Ed Kittles is running his own real estate and insurance business there and takes an active part in all civic affairs. His grandfather, a Baptist preacher and veterinarian, came from South Carolina in 1885 and bought land in northwest Titusville. Both of Ed's parents were born in Titusville: his father, Stephen A. Kittles, on January 14, 1897; his mother, who was Mabel Louise Holten, in March, 1897. Now retired, his father was a steam locomotive mechanic with the Florida East Coast Railroad.

Born in Titusville May 12, 1924, Ed Kittles was educated in the public schools of that city, including its high school, and in August of 1942, when he was eighteen, entered the United States Air Force. Transferred from the Third Air Force to the Infantry, he served with the Americal Division in the Pacific theater of World War II as an infantry rifle squad leader, and was honorably discharged in December, 1945, with the rank of corporal.

After he returned from the Army, Ed went to work as a mechanic with Faulk Chevrolet of Titusville and worked up to the position of service manager in five years. From 1950 to 1955 he gained experience in the insurance field, working in the Titusville area for Life Insurance of Georgia. He then became foreman for Odham and Tudor Construction Company. In May, 1957, he established the Ed Kittles Agency in Titusville, handling real estate and all types of insurance. He is a member of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents and North Central Brevard Board of Realtors.

A Democrat who takes an active interest in political affairs, he was Brevard County manager for Brailey Odham in his gubernatorial campaign in 1952; was elected to the City Council of Titusville in 1953-54, and was a committeeman in 1959. Through the Junior Chamber of Commerce he is chairman of the committee for the erection of a Civic Center in Titusville, for which plans are now under consideration. He was president of the Jaycees in 1953-54, and in 1958-59 was president of the senior Chamber of Commerce, of which he is now a director. In 1952-53-54 he was chairman of the North Brevard Chapter of the American Cancer Society's fund drive. He is a member of American Legion Post #1 of Titusville, in which his father was a charter member; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4228, past Adjutant; Elks Lodge #2113; Moose Lodge #1962, a charter member; and the First Baptist Church of Titusville. Boating is one of his favorite leisure-time activities.

At Greenville, Texas, on June 30, 1943, he married Ruth Shotwell, daughter of Laura and Charles Shotwell, who was born in Greenville, Texas, June 23, 1924. They have two sons, born in Titusville: Charles E. and Ben Seth. Mrs. Kittles is now secretary of the Pilots' Club and is active in the affairs of the Baptist Church.

LEMUEL CURTIS CROFTON

After twelve years as a teacher in Florida schools, Lemuel Curtis Crofton entered the legal profession and has been practicing law in Titusville since 1926. His high professional standing and prominence in civic life have made him one of the first citizens of Brevard County.

Born near Caryville, Washington County, Florida, April 24, 1889, he is a son of Robert R. C. and Eliza Arminda (McPherson) Crofton. His father, a lumberman and farmer, born in Nacogdoches County, Texas, in 1857, died June 12, 1922, at Vernon, Florida. His mother was born in Baldwin County, Alabama, in 1867, and died in 1934.

Mr. Crofton received his early education in the public schools of Washington and Holmes County, Florida, attended the William and Mary College, in Virginia, and the University of Florida, where in 1919 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and in 1922 the degree of Juris Doctor. Meanwhile, from 1910 to 1922, he taught school.

Upon admission to the Florida bar in 1922, he commenced his legal practice in Jacksonville. After four months there he moved to DeLand and practiced there for four years. He then moved to Lakeland but remained there less than three months. Early in 1926 he came to Titusville and became a member of the law firm of Smith and Crofton, which the following year became Smith, Crofton and Wilson and from 1932 to 1949 was Crofton and Wilson. At that time Mr. Brewer joined the firm, making the name of the firm Crofton, Wilson and Brewer.

Mr. Crofton served two terms in the State Legislature: the first in 1921, when he represented Washington County; the second in 1943, representing Brevard County. A member of the Florida Bar and the Brevard County Bar Association, he is admitted to practice in all Florida courts, the United States Court of Appeals, the Fifth Circuit Court of the Southern District of Florida, and the United States Supreme Court. From 1932 to 1936 he was United States Commissioner for the Southern District of Florida. He was a Lieutenant Colonel on the staffs of both Governor Holland and Governor Warren. He served as City Attorney of Titusville for twenty-five years.

Active, also, in other than professional offices, Mr. Crofton is a past lieutenant governor of Kiwanis and past president of the Titusville Kiwanis Club; a past president of the University of Florida Alumni Association and member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Phi, Alpha Phi Epsilon and Theta Chi fraternities. He has been a Mason most of his life and is a member of Indian River Lodge #90, and 32nd degree, Lake Worth Consistory and the Scottish Rite. For thirty years he taught the Men's Sunday School class at the Titusville Baptist Church. During World War I he had thirteen months of active duty as an ensign in the United States Navy Reserve and commanded a submarine chaser.

Mr. Crofton owns 150 acres of citrus groves in Brevard County, having increased his holdings through the years from twenty-five acres in the late thirties. His

Susie Croxton

groves are his hobby. He also has had a cattle ranch. Mrs. Crofton's hobbies include painting in oils. She is a past president of Chapter Z of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and an organizer of Chapter BT of Titusville, a past president of the Titusville Woman's Club, and is active in the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Crofton is the former Susie Sapp of Chipley, daughter of Joel T. and Betty (Wachob) Sapp. She and Mr. Crofton were married November 21, 1917. Their son, Lemuel Curtis Crofton, Jr., was born August 19, 1932. Another son, Rex Olson Crofton, was born in February, 1935.

BRIGADIER GENERAL ELLERBE W. CARTER

A real estate developer in Titusville since 1947, retired Brigadier General E. W. Carter was formerly a lawyer in Louisville, Kentucky, where he also first entered the real estate business. Although 76 years of age, General Carter is not retired from anything but the Army. He helps run the government of his community and is active in a number of organizations. At the age of 70 he founded the East Coast Realty Company of Titusville. Incidentally, he is the father of ten children, the last eight born in his later years.

Born in Bibb County, Alabama, March 23, 1884, he is a son of William Douglass and Julia Reese (Winn) Carter. His mother was born in Demopolis, Alabama, December 9, 1862, and died in Baltimore, Maryland, January 6, 1926. His father, born in Louisville, Kentucky, January 8, 1861, died in that city April 6, 1931. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee University and practiced law in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Educated through the fifth grade in the public school, then in a private school and preparatory school in Fredericksburg, Virginia, E. W. Carter was graduated from the University of Virginia in 1907 with an LL.B. degree. After practicing law in Fredericksburg for three years, he moved to Louisville, Kentucky, and is still a member of the Kentucky bar. He was president of the Carter Guaranty Company of Louisville until 1934. Appointed Director of Safety by the State of Kentucky in 1934, he organized the Kentucky State Police and was their Chief for two years. In 1936 he returned to Louisville and entered the real estate and development business, continuing in this line until he was called to military service in World War II.

General Carter's military career began in 1911, when he enlisted as a private in Company A, First Kentucky Infantry of the National Guard. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in May, 1912, he served on the Mexican border in 1916 as a Captain of Infantry. During World War I, 1917-18, he was Major of Field Artillery in France, Luxembourg and Belgium. He continued in the Army Reserve until recalled to active duty in 1940. With the rank of Brigadier General, he was given command of the Artillery of the 38th Division, later transferred to the 32nd Division and finally to the 7th Division. In 1943 he was reassigned to the Field Artillery Replacement Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as Assistant Commander, and on March 31, 1946, having been Acting Commander for nearly a year, he retired from the United States Army.

General Carter came to Titusville on his terminal leave March 29, 1946. In 1947 he opened a real estate office there, representing Strout Realty Company, and in 1954 he founded the East Coast Realty Company of Titusville. He is the developer of Dixie Village and Orange Grove Park and started Mockingbird Hill, which he sold—a total of about 270 lots.

He is a member and past director of the Greater Titusville Chamber of Commerce and is past vice-mayor of Titusville. Elected to the City Council in 1950, he served continuously since then until October 11, 1960, except in the year 1957-58. He was a member of Florida State Republican Executive Committee and was Republican chairman for Brevard County. He was twice president of the Titusville Lions Club and is a member of the American Legion Post #1, VFW Post #4228, and St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, Titusville.

E. W. Carter was first married in New York City on July 7, 1910, to Nancy Pearson of Orange County, Virginia. By this marriage he has a son and a daughter, both born in Louisville, Kentucky: Ellerbe W. Carter, Jr., born January 19, 1914; and Nancy Pearson Carter (Mrs. Charles Farnsley), born December 3, 1915. He also has a step-son, Robert Barker, born in Louisville. The General's first wife died at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in 1941.

On January 17, 1942, at Santa Maria, New Mexico, he married Patricia Cloyd of Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Carter are the parents of the following eight children:

1. Mary Winn Carter (Mrs. Jim Anderson), born at Louisville, Kentucky, October 28, 1942.
2. Patricia Lucile Carter, born at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, August 30, 1945.
3. Winnie Madden Carter, born December 15, 1947.
4. Molly Wright Carter, born July 25, 1949.
5. Lila Ellerbe Carter, born April 23, 1951.
6. Terence Shepard Carter, born October 29, 1952.
7. Clare Winn Carter, born May 19, 1955.
8. William Douglas Carter, born August, 19, 1956.

The last six were born at Titusville, Florida.

Mrs. Carter is the author of "Come Gently Sweet Lucina," a book on natural childbirth published locally in 1956. Her last seven children were delivered at home without medical assistance. Mrs. Carter also organized a free library in Titusville and ran it on donations until the county subsidized the Woman's Club Library, which then became a free public library.

THOMAS A. WINNER

Thomas A. Winner had five years experience in the glass business before he established his own company in Cocoa. He is an agent for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and also for Libby Owens Ford. Mr. Winner is very active in civic work in his community.

He was born in Fireco, West Virginia, January 20, 1931, son of Frank E. and Easter Victoria (Fink) Winner. His late father, a native of Binghamton, New York, was a coal mine superintendent in West Virginia. His mother, born April 6, 1900, in Ghent, West Virginia, is living in Beckley, West Virginia.

Tom Winner graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School at Beckley in 1948 and attended the West Virginia University at Morgantown for one year. For the next three years he operated his own service station in Beckley, and then became a contract salesman for a Beckley glass company. In 1953 he went to Nashville, Tennessee, as contract salesman for another glass company.

He came to Melbourne, Florida, in October, 1954, and was general manager for a glass company there until

August, 1957, when he opened his own shop on West King Street in Cocoa under the name of Tom Winner Glass Company. About a year later he moved to his present site on South Dixie Highway, where he now employs nine people.

Mr. Winner is a member of Brevard County Builders Exchange, Brevard County Home Builders Association, a past director of Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Rotary Club, of which he is president (1960-61), a member of Elks Lodge #1532, of Rockledge Country Club, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Cocoa, in which he has served as junior warden and vestryman. He heads the commercial division of the Central Brevard United Appeal, and served on the advisory group for the expansion of facilities now under way at the Eugene W. Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital. For recreation Mr. Winner enjoys golf and swimming, and also plays in the local softball and basketball league.

He was married in Clifton Forge, Virginia, January 26, 1951, to Teresa Frances Dunkley, daughter of Harry L. and Ann (McQuade) Dunkley, and a native of Beckley, West Virginia. They reside at 115 Valencia Road, Rockledge, with their two daughters, Marcia Dunkley and Mary Ann Winner.

WILLIAM DAVID WILSON

For many years a member of the law firm of Crofton and Wilson, later Crofton, Wilson and Brewer, William David ("Woodrow") Wilson has been practicing law in Titusville since 1926 and served Brevard County as prosecuting attorney for twenty-five years. Like his senior partner, L. C. Crofton, he began his career as an educator. His other interests include citrus growing and banking. He is a director and attorney for the Brevard State Bank, opened January 3, 1958, and was one of the organizers of this bank with Judge Millard B. Smith and Clarence B. Gay.

Mr. Wilson was born in Chipley, Washington County, Florida, March 7, 1889, son of Oliver Nelson and Nancy (Allen) Wilson. His father was born in Murphysboro, Illinois, February 22, 1839, and died April 25, 1907. He came to West Florida in middle life and was a farmer and lumberman there. Nancy Allen was born in Dothan, Alabama, July 15, 1856, and, as Mrs. Oliver Wilson, died in West Florida December 10, 1901.

"Woodrow" Wilson received his early education in the public schools of Holmes County and was graduated from the University of Florida in 1916 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. Shortly afterwards he was appointed athletic director of public schools at Fort Myers and in 1917 was transferred to a similar position in Tallahassee. Following the entry of the United States into World War I, he enlisted in the Navy, was commissioned an ensign and served nineteen months on active duty. Upon his return in 1919 he was appointed supervising principal of public schools at Daytona Beach. The following year he returned to Fort Myers as supervising principal and was there three years.

Having decided to enter the legal profession, Mr. Wilson enrolled at Harvard University Law School in 1923. In 1925 he transferred to the University of Florida and received his Bachelor of Laws degree there in 1926. Admitted to the Florida bar that year, he began his practice in Titusville, and in 1927 became a member of the firm of Smith, Crofton and Wilson, which in 1932 became Crofton and Wilson and in 1949 Crofton, Wilson and Brewer.

In 1926 Mr. Wilson was appointed prosecuting attorney of Brevard County and was successively reappointed up to 1951. He also served as attorney for the City of Titusville from 1947 to 1951. A member of the Florida State Bar and the Brevard County Bar Associations, he was president of the latter in 1934-35. He was a Lieutenant Colonel on the staffs of both Governor Holland and Governor Warren.

Mr. Wilson owns 130 acres of citrus groves in Turnbull Hammock, north of Titusville. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, president of Mims Citrus Growers Association since 1951, and a member of the Florida State Horticultural Society.

Associated with civic and benevolent activities in Titusville through the years, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club and for many years was a trustee of the First Baptist Church of Titusville. He helped to build the present church by his generosity and work on the building committee. He is affiliated with Theta Chi, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities.

On September 18, 1918, he married Seay Dormany of Perry, Florida, daughter of Willis A. and Mary Sue (Williamson) Dormany. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have two sons: Davis Eldon Wilson, born April 12, 1926; and William Curtis Wilson, born December 29, 1927.

DOYLE H. FRISBEE, JR.

Now executive Vice-President and Cashier of the Brevard State Bank in Titusville, Doyle H. Frisbee, Jr., got his ambition to be a banker from his paternal grandfather, Marion Frisbee, who owned the Leicester Bank at Leicester, North Carolina (rural Asheville), and was a director of a second bank in Asheville. He was well known in North Carolina for his civic works. Like his grandfather, our Mr. Frisbee is also an active participant in civic affairs.

He was born in Asheville, North Carolina, September 12, 1928, son of Doyle H., Sr., and Carrie (Wallace) Frisbee, both natives of Asheville, where they still reside. Doyle Frisbee, Sr., is retired from the Southern Railway Company.

Doyle, Jr. graduated from Lee H. Edwards High School, Asheville, North Carolina, in 1945, and for the first six months worked for Jarrett Printing Company in Asheville. He then went to Washington, D.C., and began climbing the banking ladder by securing a position as runner with the City Bank of Washington. In August, 1952, when he was in the Loan Department of this bank, he came to the Citizens National Bank of Orlando, Florida. The following January he was made Assistant Cashier in their Loan Department and in 1955 became Assistant Vice-President. In November, 1957, he moved to Titusville to accept the position of Vice-President and Cashier in the newly founded Brevard State Bank which opened January 3, 1958. A year later he was made a director and in January, 1960, assumed his present position as Executive Vice-President and Cashier. He is a graduate of the School of Consumer Credit, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, and presently holds the Graduate Certificate of the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. Frisbee is a member of the American Bankers Association, the Florida Bankers Association and the Mortgage Bankers Association. He is a past director of the Greater Titusville Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce; an Elk of Lodge #2113; a past director and now second

vice-president of the Titusville Kiwanis Club; and a member of the First Baptist Church of Titusville. Boating and bowling appeal to him as recreations. He is active in Little League Baseball by managing teams and organizing.

In Greenville, South Carolina, on November 22, 1945, Doyle H. Frisbee, Jr., married Marjorie Lucille Bailey, who was born in Asheville, North Carolina, November 17, 1928, daughter of John Ralph and Rachael (Lewis) Bailey. The Frisbees have three children: Doyle H. III, born March 21, 1952, in Washington, D.C.; Keith Douglas, born June 27, 1955, in Orlando, Florida; and Barbara Diane, born August 25, 1956, in Orlando.

WOODROW J. DARDEN

Superintendent of Public Instruction for Brevard County since 1952, Woodrow J. Darden ranks high in the field of education and is listed in "Who's Who in Education." He is now president of the Florida Education Association, on whose board of directors he served for three years, and is also 1960-61 president of the Florida Association of County School Superintendents, which he previously served as vice-president and secretary. Superintendent Darden has evolved an instruction program which is envied and emulated in many other school systems. For the past several years the nation's newspapers and magazines have consistently mentioned, and even carried full-length articles about, Brevard County's instructional program.

A native son of Titusville, he was born July 15, 1917, son of William Jesse Darden and Sarah Cornelia (Taylor) Darden. His father, who was born in Americus, Georgia, August 20, 1878, and died at Titusville October 24, 1949, brought his family to Titusville in February of 1917. He established the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Titusville and was Standard Oil Company's agent there for fifteen years. He served Titusville as a councilman, as mayor for several terms, and as a member of the Brevard County School Board and School Trustee for several terms each. He was a charter member of Titusville Rotary Club and was very active in the First Methodist Church as a steward and as superintendent of Sunday School. Sarah Taylor Darden was born near Taylor, Alabama, March 23, 1875, and died at Titusville April 10, 1955.

Woodrow Darden graduated with honors from Titusville High School in 1935 and was valedictorian of his class. He was an honor student also at Stetson University, from which institution he was graduated in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. After working about a year in a retail store, he entered the United States Navy in August, 1940, graduated with honors from Midshipman's School, Northwestern University, in February, 1941, with an ensign's commission, and served as a line officer in Naval Air Stations in Florida and as port director in New York, California, and at Okinawa. When separated from the service in April, 1946, he had the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

For about a year after leaving the Navy Mr. Darden operated a retail business, which he owned. Turning his sights toward the field of education, he entered the University of Florida and received a Master's degree in Educational Administration in 1951. His first position in school work was as teacher and coach of football, basketball and baseball at Titusville High School. He continued his studies at the University of Florida, working toward a doctorate, and received a Rank I Certificate, the highest professional certificate issued by the State Department of Education, in the fields of Elementary and Secondary School Administration and Supervision, Social Science, and Business Administration.

While working on his doctorate in 1952, Mr. Darden ran for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in Brevard County and was elected. He was re-elected in 1956 and again in 1960. During the first eight years of his administration the Brevard County school enrollment increased from 4,700 to over 24,000. In developing the instructional program for all Brevard County schools Mr. Darden has extended course offerings and put increased emphasis on the academic fields of science, mathematics, language arts, and social sciences. Based on the fact that a large number of high school students are not financially able to go to college, he has developed a strong vocational program, including Business Education, Auto Mechanics, Electricity and Electronics, diversified Cooperative Training, Agriculture and Homemaking.

Mr. Darden is a life member of the National Education Association and the Florida Education Association, a charter member of the Brevard County Education Association, and a member of the American Association of School Administrators. Previous to his election as president of the Florida Education Association, he was president of District VII, composed of Brevard, Orange, Volusia, Seminole and Lake counties. He has been very active as a member of the Florida Association of County School Superintendents, of which he is now president. His fraternities are: Delta Sigma Phi (social, Stetson University), Pi Gamma Mu (honorary Social Science, Stetson University), Phi Kappa Phi (honorary Scholastic, University of Florida), Phi Delta Kappa (men's honorary Educational, University of Florida).

He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Titusville, of Elks Lodge #2113, American Legion Post #1, and the Whispering Hills Country Club. Swimming and golf are his favorite forms of recreation.

Mr. Darden was married at Stuart, Florida, on November 8, 1941, to Agnes Jeannette Carroll, daughter of Walter Thomas and Elsie Carroll, who was born at Valdosta, Georgia, October 14, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Darden have four children:

1. Sandra Carroll, born February 25, 1943, at Miami, Florida.
2. Woodrow Jennings, Jr., born September 22, 1947, at Orlando.
3. Frank Mark, born January 22, 1949, at Orlando.
4. Janet Lynn, born September 26, 1959, at Orlando.

Woodrow Darden has three brothers: Frank, James, and Jesse ("Dick"); and two sisters: Mrs. Susie Brown and Mrs. Maxine Duff.

JAMES ALDEN HALL, M.D.

Dr. James Alden Hall, a general practitioner in Titusville and member of the staff of the Brevard County Hospital, grew up in Daytona Beach. His father worked on the Key West extension of the Florida East Coast Railway before he was married, and returned to Florida from Georgia to take up his permanent residence in Daytona Beach about 1922. He was James Campbell Hall. The doctor's mother, Fannie Maude (Rivers) Hall, is living in Daytona Beach.

Born in Wadley, Georgia, November 20, 1920, James

Alden Hall attended the public schools of Daytona Beach and was graduated from Daytona High School. In February, 1943, he entered the United States Marine Corps and served in the Pacific Theater of Operations. After his honorable discharge in May, 1946, he entered LaSierra College, Arlington, California, from which he was graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. He then entered the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles and received a Doctor of Medicine degree there in 1955.

Returning to Florida, he spent one year at St. Luke's Hospital, Jacksonville, as an intern, followed by six months in charge of the emergency room. During the remaining six months of 1957 he was associated with Dr. Clifford York in Lake City, Florida. Since then he has been carrying on a private practice in general medicine in Titusville.

Dr. Hall is a member of the American Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, and the Brevard County Medical Society. Mrs. Hall is active in the Brevard County Medical Auxiliary. The doctor is also a member of the Titusville Moose Lodge. Golf is his favorite hobby and he also enjoys swimming.

He was married at Bakersfield, California, August 15, 1948, to Mary Ivis Farrar, daughter of Floyd and Henrietta (Fields) Farrar, who was born February 6, 1925, at Newton, Kansas. Dr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of four sons:

1. Jon Alden Hall, born June 18, 1952, at Loma Linda, Calif.
2. Kevin Porter Hall, born May 14, 1954, at Los Angeles.
3. Todd Campbell Hall, born March 3, 1956, at Jacksonville.
4. Floyd Kimball Hall, born August 29, 1957, at Lake City.

THOMAS CORWIN KENASTON, SR., M.D.

Completing thirty years of medical practice in Cocoa, Dr. Thomas C. Kenaston, Sr., is prominent in his community both as a physician and as a civic leader. He is the founder of the Kenaston Clinic, which has been in operation for twenty years; and was medical director of the Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital for the first fifteen years of its existence. He was active in the establishment of the hospital and in the organization of the Hospital Association. In addition to his activities in the medical field, Dr. Kenaston was one of the organizers of the Cocoa Beach State Bank, established in 1956, and served as President of the bank. He resigned from the presidency in November of 1958 and was then elected Chairman of the Board through 1959. He is still a director of the bank.

Dr. Kenaston was born in Nebraska July 3, 1903, the youngest of five children of Harry W. and Susan (Lampitt) Kenaston. His paternal grandfather, Dr. James Augustine Kenaston, a native of Ohio, came to Nebraska in 1868 as a medical missionary and practiced his profession in Nebraska and at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He married Caroline Elizabeth Scanlan in 1849, and one of their sons was Dr. Hampton Ray Kenaston, who practiced medicine for many years in South Dakota.

Thomas Corwin Kenaston graduated from Butte High School and entered Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Nebraska College of Medicine in 1927, and served a year's internship at St. Luke's Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida. In 1930 he located in Cocoa, where he has remained, serving an ever-increasing clientele.

During World War II he served two years in the Pacific theater with the amphibious forces as senior medical officer aboard the U.S.S. Colbert with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After the war he continued as a member of the Reserve Officers' Corps.

In 1939 Dr. Kenaston built the first wing of the present quarters for his office, which served as the nucleus for the Kenaston Clinic. One of his sons, Thomas C., Jr., has been in practice with him since July, 1959. He is a pediatrician.

Dr. Kenaston is a past president of the Brevard County Medical Society, a past vice-president of the Florida Medical Association, and past president of the Florida East Coast Medical Society; also a member of the Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He serves on two advisory committees to the Florida Department of Education having to do with Nursing Education.

While at the university, Dr. Kenaston was a member of the Phi Chi Medical fraternity. He is also a member of the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, the Kiwanis Club, the Rockledge Country Club, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Cocoa, which he has served as vestryman.

Mrs. Kenaston is a past president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Florida Medical Association and past president of the Cocoa Garden Club. As Pauline Mitzlaff she was born in Menlo, Iowa, and attended the University of Omaha.

Dr. and Mrs. Kenaston are the parents of four children, all born in Jacksonville, Florida. They are:

1. Thomas C., Jr., born March 13, 1928.
2. Robert Allen, born June 8, 1929.
3. James Hampton, born February 9, 1935.
4. Marianne, born September 21, 1937.

All the sons graduated from Duke University. Thomas graduated from Duke Medical School in 1954 and is in practice with his father. His sketch follows. Robert is an engineer with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at Cape Canaveral. He married Janet Gingras and they have two children: Robert Allen, Jr., born March 25, 1958, and David Hardee, born January 8, 1960. James is teaching Science in the Brevard County High School. Marianne married T. W. Graham Solomons, a Ph.D. in the Chemistry Department of the University of South Florida, Tampa.

THOMAS C. KENASTON, JR., M.D.

Specializing in Pediatrics, Dr. Thomas C. Kenaston, Jr., is practicing medicine in Cocoa with his father, whose sketch precedes.

Born in Jacksonville March 13, 1928, he attended grammar school and junior high school in Cocoa, high school in Jacksonville, Duke University, from which he was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1950, and Duke University School of Medicine, where he received his M.D. degree in 1954. He interned at Valley Forge Army Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, in 1954-55, and completed his army service in the Medical Corps at Valley Forge and Fort Dix, discharged with the rank of Captain in 1957. During the next two years he qualified for his specialty by a Pediatric residency at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. In July, 1959, he joined his father, Dr. Thomas C. Kenaston, Sr., in Cocoa.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, the Brevard County Medical Association, the Cocoa Kiwanis Club, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Cocoa.

At Dayton, Ohio, on June 23, 1951, Thomas C. Kenaston, Jr., married Carolyn Bunn, who was born in Dayton December 16, 1925, daughter of Walter Bunn, a native of Sugartree Ridge, Ohio, and Susan Cooper Bunn who was born in Kentucky. Dr. and Mrs. Kenaston have two children:

1. Alicia Ann, born in Durham, North Carolina, April 28, 1953.

2. Thomas C., III, born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1955.

GUS A. WECKHORST

Only three years after Gus Weckhorst established his TV Emporium in Eau Gallie he became known as the largest TV dealer in the southeast United States. When he undertook this business venture Mr. Weckhorst was fresh out of the Air Force, in which he spent nearly twenty years, although he is now only forty-two years old. About three months ago (May, 1960) he was chosen by the Orlando Sentinel as their Man of the Week, and has more recently won prominence in the field of speedboat racing.

Born in Etheridge, Montana, August 24, 1918, he is a son of Carl and Emma (Skordahl) Weckhorst. His father, a native of Oslo, Norway, is a farmer in Montana and spends the winters in Eau Gallie.

Gus graduated from high school in Appleton, Minnesota, in 1935 and entered the United States Army Air Force. Selected from enlisted personnel for pilot's training, he graduated from Flight School in January, 1943, with a Second Lieutenant's commission and served in the Italian and African campaigns and in the Pacific at Okinawa and Japan.

When he returned from Italy in October, 1945, he was transferred to Denver to attend the University, where he took advanced courses in Trigonometry and Calculus. He also attended the Guided Missile School at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver. Assigned to Patrick Air Force Base in June, 1952, he participated in the missile launching program, primarily the Bomarck and radar guidance control through the Bomarck program. This was part of an educational program with the University of Michigan. In January, 1953, he was transferred to Randolph Air Force Base in crew training as aircraft commander on a B29 bomber, and from September, 1953, to May, 1954, was based at Okinawa. Finally, he was assigned to Pine Castle (now McCoy) Air Force Base at Orlando, Florida, to undergo training in a B47 jet bomber. On December 14, 1954, he was separated from the Air Force with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Weckhorst returned to Eau Gallie immediately following his release from the Air Force and on December 18, 1954, opened his TV Emporium, selling and servicing television sets. He now has four stores and thirty employees. In 1959 he sold over 1,000 sets. He has won several trips, including Europe and Caribbean island countries, for outstanding sales of General Electric Television and appliances. On November 2, 1960, he and Mrs. Weckhorst, with one of their salesmen and his wife, went on another Caribbean cruise.

He is a member of Eau Gallie and Melbourne Chambers of Commerce, of Eau Gallie Planning and Zoning Board, Eau Gallie Lions Club, and St. Paul's Methodist Church. His TV Emporium sponsors a Little League baseball team in Eau Gallie. His speed boat is a Raveau catamaran, 17 feet long with twin 80-horsepower Mercury outboard motors. In the Gold Coast marathon at Miami in July, 1960, he won second place in his class of boats. In addition to this latest hobby, he likes fishing and photography.

Mrs. Weckhorst belongs to the Eau Gallie Order of the Eastern Star and paints as a hobby. As Bette M. Peoples, daughter of Frank and Bessie (Yowler) Peoples, she married Lieutenant Weckhorst on February 3, 1944, in Medway, Ohio, where she was born July 23, 1923. They have two children, born in Dayton, Ohio: Bunita Ann, born on November 6, 1946; Jerre K., born on August 24, 1948.

LANG W. GOODYEAR

Operating Goodyear's Pharmacy, a Walgreen agency, in Eau Gallie since 1954, Lang W. Goodyear, though still a young man, is one of the most prominent citizens of that fast-growing harbor city, which he has served as mayor and city councilman, and is a leader in almost every program for the welfare of the city and county.

Mr. Goodyear's family on both the paternal and the maternal sides have been in Florida for some time. His great-grandfather Goodyear came from South Carolina to Gainesville, Florida, shortly after the Civil War. His maternal grandfather was a cattleman on the open range in West Coast Florida. His father, Langdon W. Goodyear, Sr., a railroad conductor for the Atlantic Coast Line for fifty-two years, was born at Rochelle near Gainesville January 11, 1888, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah V. Priest, was born at Crystal River, Florida, January 19, 1901. Both parents are living in Eau Gallie.

Born at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, June 13, 1924, Lang Goodyear attended public school in Dunnellon, graduated from Lakeland High School in 1941, and attended Florida Southern College for one year. He entered the United States Army in January, 1943, and served in a mountain warfare team in North Africa and Italy, then in Company K of the 349th Infantry, 88th Division, from south of Rome to the Brenner Pass in North Italy. He was awarded four battle stars and the combat infantryman's badge, and was separated from the service October 5, 1945, with the rank of technical sergeant, later commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve.

After the war Mr. Goodyear attended the University of Florida and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. For the first four years he worked in Coleman's Pharmacy, then on January 14, 1954, opened his own pharmacy on Ninth Street, and now employes eight people full time and one part time. He is a member of the Florida State and the Brevard County Pharmaceutical Associations.

Elected to the Eau Gallie City Council in 1952, he was president of the council for 1954-55 and Mayor of Eau Gallie for 1955-56. In 1958-59 he was a member of the Eau Gallie Planning and Zoning Board. He is a past vice president and past director of the Eau Gallie Chamber of Commerce, a past captain of the South Brevard Sheriff's Auxiliary and Rescue Unit, in which he is still active, and is now Civil Defense Director for Eau Gallie. He was chairman of Eau Gallie Red Cross Fund Drive for two years, chairman of the Cancer Fund Drive for two years, and is a past director of the Brevard County

Chapter of the American Cancer Society. A charter member of Eau Gallie Kiwanis Club, he was its first president, was re-elected president for a second year, and was a director for three or four years. He helped to sponsor a Little League football team called Sarno Lions, and for three years taught Sunday School at St. Paul's Methodist Church, in which he is a member of the official board of stewards. He is a member and past treasurer of Harbor City Masonic Lodge #318, Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando, and the Knights Templar of Cocoa Commandery; a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity, Scabbard and Blade (an advanced ROTC society), and the Mortar and Pestle Society, all at the University of Florida; a member of Eau Gallie Post of the American Legion and the Forty-and-Eight. Fishing and hunting are his hobbies.

He married Katheryn Roux October 21, 1945, at Fort Meade, where she was born August 21, 1924. Her father, Dr. F. S. Roux, a Ft. Meade dentist, was born July 16, 1885, at Gainesville. Her mother, Ruby (O'Cain) Roux, was born August 6, 1885, at Lake City, Florida, and died at Fort Meade, October 18, 1957. Mrs. Goodyear is a graduate of Florida Southern College in the class of 1945 and a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

The Goodyears have had four sons, of whom two are living:

1. Wayne Lang, born October 21, 1946, at Lakeland, died the next day.
2. Randall Lang, born May 25, 1949, at Gainesville.
3. Stuart Scott, born January 21, 1953, at Eau Gallie, died January 22, 1955.
4. Jeffrey Tod, born April 19, 1958, at Eau Gallie.

H. T. WILLIAMS

H. T. ("Bill") Williams of Titusville was Sheriff of Brevard County for twenty years and has been a citrus grower about the same length of time. His wife's father, James R. Ragan, was a pioneer settler in Brevard County, coming from North Carolina. He homesteaded 97 acres on Merritt Island. Mr. Williams' father, Green B. Williams, was born July 3, 1853, in Person County, North Carolina, where he was a farmer. He died there June 5, 1938. His wife, H. T.'s mother, was Lillian Martin Moore, born February 19, 1869, at Danville, Virginia, died November 10, 1931, in Person County, North Carolina.

Born at Woodsdale, North Carolina, November 7, 1901, H. T. Williams attended public school in Person County and in Turbeville, Virginia, and worked on the family farm. In the fall of 1922 he came to Cocoa, Florida, and worked in several lines of business until he went on the Cocoa police force in 1924. In 1925 he became Deputy to Sheriff L. W. Doolittle, later Chief Deputy to Sheriff Roy F. Roberts. He was elected Sheriff of Brevard County in 1936, took office in 1937, and served until 1957, when he retired, having been elected five times without opposition.

Mr. Williams is a director and one of the organizers of the Brevard State Bank, which opened in January, 1958. He is a member of the Mims Citrus Growers Association, a past member of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Florida and Brevard County Peace Officers Association, and a past vice-president of the Florida Sheriffs Association. He is also a past charter member of Elks Lodge #2113 of Cocoa and a charter member of the Elks Lodge in Titusville, and was a member of the Methodist Church in Person County, North Carolina.

At Titusville on April 28, 1933, he married Minnie Ragan, who was born at Rockledge, Florida, January 16, 1908. Her father, James Randolph Ragan, was born in Columbus County, North Carolina, May 4, 1860, and died at Eau Gallie, Florida, May 12, 1912. Her mother, Margaret Lancaster Ragan, was born at Hawkinsville, Georgia, May 21, 1880, and died at Titusville February 19, 1951.

Mrs. Williams is a member and past regent of the Indian River chapter of the D.A.R.; a member of Christian Temple Manor chapter of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century; a past president of the Titusville Woman's Club; past president of Hibiscus Circle of the Titusville Garden Club; past chairman of the Fund Drive of North Brevard chapter of the American Red Cross. She was appointed by Governor Charlie Johns to the Brevard Library Board for two years, and is a past member of the board of the Titusville Library.

Mrs. Williams' hobbies are antiques and genealogy. Her husband likes to go hunting.

JAMES W. DUNN

The present Sheriff of Brevard County, James W. ("Jimmy") Dunn, now in his second four-year term of office (1960), holds a teacher's degree, but instead of pursuing a career in Education he became first a professional baseball player and then a guardian of the law.

Born at Morgan, Georgia, September 19, 1915, he is a son of B. Frank and Sally (Wooten) Dunn. Both his parents were born in Georgia, his father in Calhoun County, his mother at Shelman. His mother died at Morgan in 1927, his father in 1950. He was a farmer.

Jimmy graduated from Morgan High School in 1934, attended Brewton Parker Junior College at Mount Vernon, Georgia, and Georgia Teachers College at Statesboro. While still in college he played with Concord, North Carolina, in the Carolina State Class D Baseball League, and after college continued to play baseball as a catcher until 1941.

Coming to Cocoa, Florida, in 1951, he joined the Police Department and was there until he entered the United States Army, October 10, 1943. He served with the 519th Military Police Battalion in the Philippines and in Okinawa and was discharged in September, 1946, as First Sergeant. After his return from the service he joined the Brevard County Sheriff's Department. He was elected Sheriff in 1956 and re-elected in May, 1960.

Mr. Dunn is president of the Brevard County Peace Officers Association and has held that officer for twelve terms. He is a past director of the Florida Sheriffs Boys' Ranch, a member of the Cocoa Post of the American Legion, the Cocoa Moose Lodge, the Titusville Elks Club (charter member), and Brevard County Sportsman's Association. His hobbies are baseball, fishing, hunting and practically all sports. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church.

He was married at Morgan, Georgia, March 9, 1941, to Sara Whitaker, daughter of James K. and Mae Whitaker, who was born in Leary, Georgia, August 1, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn have a son, James W. Dunn, Jr., born at Cocoa, Florida, December 30, 1959.

JOHN CORTLANDT FLAKE

Secretary and general manager of Mims Citrus Growers Association since 1953, John Cortlandt Flake grew up in the citrus business with his father, Cortlandt Francis Flake, a grower, who came into the Mims Association in the second year of its operation and was its secretary from 1929 to the time of his death. Cortlandt Flake was born in Hastings, St. Johns County, August 29, 1889, and died in Titusville February 25, 1953. His father, John's grandfather, came to Florida from Georgia and acquired land in Hastings, where he raised cattle and truck crops. John's mother was Clara Tyner, born in Pinecastle, Osceola County, Florida, April 28, 1899, now living in Titusville.

He, himself, was born in Kissimmee October 23, 1920. He received his early education in the schools of Titusville and Cocoa, graduating from Titusville High School in 1938, and attended the University of Florida for one year. He worked in the citrus industry in Mims and Titusville for a year, and was with Gulf Oil Company in Titusville for a while. In June, 1942, he entered the United States Air Force and served in the Air Transport Command in the India-China Division, most of the time as crew chief, and was discharged December 5, 1945, as Master Sergeant.

Returning to Mims, he was made packing house manager of the Mims Citrus Growers Association and after his father's death in 1953 was elected secretary of the Association. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, vice-president of Plymouth Citrus Products Cooperative at Plymouth, Florida, a director of the Indian River Citrus League, the Florida Citrus Exchange of Tampa, Growers Loan and Guaranty Company of Tampa, and the Brevard State Bank of Titusville. The First Methodist Church of Titusville claims his membership, and fishing is his choice for relaxation.

At Haines City, Florida, on June 23, 1946, John Cortlandt Flake married Julia Coleman Burnett, daughter of C. M. and Harriett (Callaway) Burnett. She was born in Madison, Georgia, January 29, 1924. Her father, who is living in Titusville, also was born in Madison, Georgia, on July 29, 1891. Her mother, who died in Lakeland, Florida, was born in Eatonton, Georgia, March 18, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Flake now have four children, all born in Titusville:

1. John C. Flake, Jr., born March 25, 1950.
2. Frank B. Flake, born July 16, 1954.
3. James Callaway Flake, born May 15, 1958.
4. Lucy Meredith Flake, born May 10, 1960.

GERARD E. CHRISTIE, M.D.

Dr. Gerard E. Christie has been practicing medicine in Titusville since 1936. He was one of the founders of the North Brevard Hospital, which he served as Medical Advisor during its early years and as Chief of Staff. He has his own clinic, the Nina Christie Clinic, established in 1955 in memory of his wife, who died that year.

A native of Florida, Dr. Christie was born in Pensacola December 15, 1908, son of John Hayden Christie, who was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1861 and died in Pensacola in January, 1933. He was a contracting stevedore and superintendent of shipyards at Orange, Texas, during the first World War. Very active in politics, he was known as "the Grand Old Warrior" because of his fighting for civic improvements and other good causes in Pensacola. His wife, the doctor's mother, was Mary Edwina Quina, whose family came to Pensacola from Spain in 1805. She was born in Pensacola March 26, 1869, and died in New York City.

Gerard Christie attended a parochial grammar school and graduated from Pensacola High School in 1926. At Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, he received a Bachelor of Science degree, then went to Tulane University School of Medicine where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1932. He interned at Duval Hospital, Jacksonville, for two and a half years, followed by a six-months residency at the same hospital, which is now known as Duval County Medical Center. In the latter part of 1935 he assumed the duties of physician for the Peavy-Wilson Sawmill at Holopaw, Florida. He came to Titusville in October, 1936, and began his private practice there, where he has continued to serve the people of that community for twenty-five years now. In 1955, when he established his clinic, he took on an associate, Dr. W. H. Bennett, a Titusville man. Dr. Christie specializes in Internal Medicine.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, the Brevard County Medical Association, which he has served as president several times, and the Society of Internal Medicine. He belongs to the Mendelian Society, a scientific fraternity at Spring Hill College, and Phi Rho Sigma, a medical fraternity at Tulane University. He was a charter member of the Titusville Lions Club and is a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church at Titusville. Fishing and boating are his preferred recreations.

Dr. Christie was married at Jacksonville, Florida, October 4, 1934, to Nina Welcome Valentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valentine, who was born March 28, 1905, at Fork Rapids, Minnesota, and died August 1, 1955, at Titusville, Florida. She was a registered nurse, a graduate of Florida East Coast Hospital Nursing School. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Christie:

1. Irene Catherine, now Mrs. Jack V. Miller, born December 15, 1935, at Melbourne.
2. Gerard Edwart Christie, born June 21, 1939, at Titusville. He is a laboratory technician, associated with his father.

JOHN D. NASH

Tax Collector of Brevard County for the past seven years, John D. Nash was formerly associated with the Brevard Title and Abstract Company in Titusville for more than twenty-seven years. Mr. Nash is also a grove owner and has played an active part in the political and economic life of Brevard County.

Son of John Isaac Nash, a stonecutter of Stone Mountain, Georgia, who died in 1936, and Louisana B. (Mason) Nash, who died at Atlanta in 1941, John D. Nash was born at Stone Mountain, Georgia, Octoebr 24, 1904. He graduated from Stone Mountain High School in 1921 and from Georgia School of Technology in June, 1925, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Arriving in Titusville, Florida, on June 18, 1925, he began working for Brevard Title and Abstract Company and was made manager the following year. In 1936 he became secretary-treasurer and a co-owner of the firm. He continued in this business for another seventeen

years, finally selling his interest in January, 1953, just prior to taking office as Brevard County Tax Collector on January 7, 1953.

Mr. Nash has owned citrus groves in the LaGrange area of Brevard County since 1944 and now has a little more than 58 acres. He enjoys working in the groves and in the garden, helping his wife raise flowers. She has a greenhouse for her orchids. Both he and his wife are members of the Brevard County Orchid Society.

Mr. Nash is now secretary-treasurer of the Florida Association of County Tax Collectors, a member of the National Association of County Officials, the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, Florida Citrus Mutual, Mims Citrus Growers Association, of which he is a director, and is a director of the Citizens Bank of Titusville. He was a member of the Brevard County School Board for more than eleven years and was chairman when he resigned to run for the office of Tax Collector. He is a past Mayor of Titusville and a past secretary of Brevard County Democratic Executive Committee.

He has been president (1936) of the Titusville Rotary Club, also secretary and a director; is a charter member and now Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #2113; a past Master (1934) of Indian River Masonic Lodge #90, member of Orlando Consistory and Morocco Temple Shrine of Jacksonville, a past High Priest of the York Rite Masons of Indian River Chapter #27, member of Hiram Council #13 of Cocoa and Brevard Commandery #24 of Cocoa, and a Knight of the York Cross of Honor. His church is the First Baptist of Titusville.

Mrs. Nash is active in the Woman's Club and the Hibiscus Circle of the Garden Club, in which she has served as secretary-treasurer and president, and in the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #6. She is a trustee of the First Methodist Church and formerly taught the children's class in Sunday School there.

As Mildred Lucille Strickland, a member of an old family of Florida, daughter of George J. and Texas (Lanier) Strickland, she was born at Dupont, Florida, Flagler County, August 18, 1906. She and Mr. Nash were married at Orlando, Florida, September 5, 1928. They have a son, John D. Nash, Jr., born July 10, 1930, at Orlando, who married Janet Smith of Burlington, North Carolina. John, Jr., and Janet Nash have two sons, John David and Allan Scott Nash.

CARMELO CRISAFULLI

An early settler and citrus grower on Merritt Island, Carmelo Crisafulli can look back with satisfaction over the forty years since he made this island his home. He started his two sons off with about twenty acres of grove apiece and a home, and still has fifty acres of grove for himself. Some of the fruit is sold through his daughter's gift-fruit packing house, Policicchio and Crisafulli Groves, which was begun by Papa Crisafulli about 1940.

Son of John Crisafulli and Carolina Domaio, Carmelo Crisafulli was born in Sicily, Italy, October 24, 1888. He attended public school at Antillo and Messina and served in the Italian Army from 1908 to 1910. In 1911 he came to New York, where he remained about one year, then went to Wadsworth, Ohio, and worked for the Ohio Match Company.

On February 28, 1920, with his wife and three young children, he arrived at Courtenay on Merritt Island, which had a post office that far back but has not yet been incorporated as a township, an end the Crisafulli family is working for. In partnership with his brother Joe, Carmelo bought 160 acres which had been the Stanley LaRoche homestead, and they started setting out a citrus grove. The partnership continued until 1936, when it was divided. Mr. Crisafulli's groves were among the first on the east coast to use pumps for drainage. He is a member of the Florida Citrus Mutual organization.

Probably for want of a church in the area, Carmelo Crisafulli founded the Christian Church in his home in 1930 and in 1948 gave land for the erection of a church building. In the first few years of the church's existence he conducted the services as a lay minister and is now an Elder. The church now has about eighty members and a ten to fifteen-piece orchestra, in which the Crisafullis are well represented, being almost all musically talented.

In November, 1906, Carmelo Crisafulli married Domeneca Smiroldo at Antillo, Italy, where she was born April 24, 1887. They have four children, the first three born at Wadsworth, Ohio, the last at Courtenay, Florida. They are:

1. Carolina (Mrs. P. Policicchio), born November 18, 1914.
2. Josephina (Mrs. L. W. Ramshur), born September 14, 1916.
3. Tony, born September 15, 1918.
4. Benjamin, born October 7, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Crisafulli have twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

CHARLES H. BEENSEN

Listed in Who's Who in Engineering in 1941, the late Charles H. Beensen of Courtenay, Merritt Island, was the designer of a pump used to drain the citrus groves of the island, for which he was awarded first prize in the Functional Machinery Division in the Lincoln International Arc Welding contest in 1938. He was also co-inventor of a patented chlorination process.

Born at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, July 9, 1891, he was a son of Adelaide (Spellerberg) and Charles Beensen, supervisor of machinists for the Erie Railroad. He attended public school in Bergen County, New Jersey, graduated from Pearl River High School, Pearl River, New York, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Cooper Union Day School of Technical Science, New York City.

Mr. Beensen worked in many different places in the country. On December 10, 1922, he bought twenty-seven and a half acres in Courtenay, Merritt Island, Florida. For the first two and a half years, while he was building their home (the one in which Mrs. Beensen still lives), he and his wife stayed with Richard LaRoche and family.

Starting in 1922, he began setting out groves. While he was away on engineering projects, Mrs. Beensen would supervise the blasting of holes in the hard rock for the placing of young citrus trees—a procedure first carried out in this area.

In 1934 Charles Beensen became actively interested in water table control in Florida for agricultural purposes. The following excerpt from an article by Mr. Beensen is quoted from the technical book, "Arc Welding in Design Manufacture and Construction":

> "Due to the general low elevation of the land, during periods of excessive rainfall, at times twelve inches in twenty-four hours, the conventional drain-

age system is inadequate; the land becomes flooded, resulting in destruction of crops due to rotting of root systems and also due to scalding by the water becoming heated by the sun. At other times there are periods of drought resulting in destruction of crops due to lack of moisture. This condition is particularly true in Florida in certain sections of the citrus production and winter vegetable crop areas.

"During these rainy periods it is necessary to remove the water as fast as it falls, if possible, to prevent flooding; however, it is necessary to keep the water pumped out of the area under control, at times as much as four feet below the prevailing water level adjacent to this area. On the other hand, during a drought, dry or cold period it may become necessary to pump water onto the area under control. Failure to control the water table and amount of moisture may result in a complete crop failure and in the case of citrus trees may even permanently damage and possibly destroy the trees.

"The pumping equipment available to perform this type of work was costly, poorly engineered and fabricated, made too light and corroded rapidly, and generally broke down when it was most needed, was inefficient and used too much power, was poorly installed and repairs were expensive and delayed. These pumps were not flexible enough to be overloaded during the first part of the flood in order to keep the water level down.

"Having observed these foregoing conditions, I decided to develop and build a pump and driving unit that would be cheaper, more flexible, more dependable and capable of being easily and rapidly repaired in case of break down.

"In April of 1937 plans were developed for a new improved propeller type pump. Construction on the first experimental unit was completed in July and the unit was installed in August of that year. It has given exceptionally good service since that time. Plans are under way for construction on a production basis.

"This improved propeller type is a radical departure from conventional practice. If anything should break down it is only a matter of removing four bolts and removing the whole drive unit and propeller assembly and having it speedily repaired at any service station, or insert a spare unit. The same way with the pump engine, repairs can be made rapidly. However, in case of real emergency a similar engine can be removed from an automobile in a short time and put to work.

"It is the feature of availability which makes this type of pump so valuable, as in many cases the loss of a whole crop depends upon how rapidly the water can be controlled. It is hard to estimate the gross savings accruing to the general adoption of the design of our new type propeller pump. However, for every dollar invested in a pump probably ten dollars or more can be saved during the life of the pump.

"I wish to again repeat, without the aid of electric arc welding the construction of this type of pump would be impossible, as there is no other method available to manufacture it."

From 1927 to 1938 Mr. Beensen was with the Florida Power and Light Company at Dania, and it was while he was there that he invented the pump and worked on the chlorination process to maintain a maximum heat transfer rate. His first pump was made for the Joseph Crisafulli groves. Mr. Beensen was also instrumental in getting the county commission to put drainage ditches in the area.

In 1950, with Charles Crisafulli, Jr. as partner, he organized the B-C Pump and Engineering, Inc., but on December 19th of that year Mr. Beensen died. Mrs. Beensen is now vice-president of this company in which Charles Crisafulli, Jr. is president, John Crisafulli executive vice-president, and A. Crisafulli secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Beensen was a member of the Florida Engineers Association, Florida Citrus Mutual and the Indian River Citrus League; a member of Sigma Alpha Pi engineering fraternity; a Mason in New Jersey and member of the Blue Lodge Chapter, Commandery and Shrine; and a member of the Methodist Church. Mechanical development work was his hobby.

He was married at Franklin, New Jersey, December 29, 1915, to Julia Bailey, daughter of William and Alice (Courtwright) Bailey, who was born in Hackensack, New Jersey, October 30, 1891. Mrs. Beensen has two groves, one twenty acres and one of seven and three-quarters acres; and an interest in three other groves, the largest containing eighty acres.

CHARLES W. CARLILE

A retired citrus grower, C. W. Carlile of Titusville, is a grandson of very early pioneer settlers of LaGrange, two and a half miles north of Titusville, where he was born March 28, 1882. He is the fifth child in a family of thirteen children, five of whom are still living. His father, James Andrew Carlile, born in Meridian, Mississippi, in 1848, came from Mississippi with his parents about 1859 to the LaGrange settlement, where they homesteaded about 83 acres, (a land grant given to the Carlile family by President James Buchanan) and set out groves. His father was highly respected in LaGrange. He died in 1902. Charlie's mother, Emma Winegord, was born in Conway, Orange County, Florida, in 1854, making her parents even earlier settlers. She died in LaGrange in October, 1937. An uncle of C. W., Lawry Carlile, was the first postmaster of LaGrange, which no longer has a post office.

Charlie Carlile attended the country school of LaGrange, which was first upstairs over the church, then at the old Albert Feaster place. He had his own grove since he was sixteen. After he was married he worked in the maintenance department of the Florida East Coast Railroad; then for Nevins Fruit Company at Titusville, starting as field foreman. He formed a close association with J. J. Parrish, an organizer and president of Nevins Fruit Company who became Florida State Senator. The two owned groves in the Mims-LaGrange area and Mr. Carlile was production manager. When Senator Parrish died, now twelve years ago, his sons, J. J., Jr., and Bernard Parrish, bought Mr. Carlile's interests in the groves. He now has about nineteen acres and sells most of his fruit to Nevins Fruit Company. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and an Independent in politics.

On July 31, 1910, in Fort Pierce he married Maude Hayes, who was born in Holly Hill, Volusia County, Florida, July 7, 1892. Her father, William Terrell Hayes, was born in Dawson, Georgia, July 3, 1862, and died in LaGrange August 18, 1948. Her mother, Edna Sewell Hayes, was born near Palatka, July 11, 1872, and died at Fort Pierce January 8, 1945. Mrs. Carlile's maternal grandmother was born in Florida also. Her

Charles W. Carlile *Maude H. Carlile*

parents came to Fort Pierce from Palatka by boat before the railroad came through.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carlile are the parents of six children, the oldest born in Fort Pierce, the other five in LaGrange, Florida. They are:

1. Charles W., Jr., born August 10, 1911.
2. Jesse Alton, born June 19, 1913.
3. Ella Mae, born February 14, 1917.
4. Erna Lorraine, born October 1, 1920.
5. Margaret Elaine, born October 31, 1922.
6. William Norris, born September 6, 1926.

Charles, Jr., married Davielee Avery of Fort Pierce. Jesse married Ruth Ray of Titusville. Ella Mae is unmarried. Edna married Clarence A. Tovey of Buffalo, New York. Margaret married Andrew Manning of Jacksonville. William married Hazel Williams from Georgia.

JOSEPH CANGNEY VON THRON, M.D.

Though still a young man living in the missile age and next door to the missile base, Dr. Joseph C. Von Thron of Cocoa Beach finds himself somewhat of a pioneer in his area, where he was the first resident physician. He is now active in the organization of a new hospital, to be called the Cape Canaveral Hospital, which he expects will be ready to open in the summer of 1961. He is chief medical examiner for a number of the missile contractors.

Born in Orlando, Florida, December 1, 1926, Dr. Von Thron is a son of Leonard Carl and Verdi (Cangney) Von Thron, natives of Ohio. His father was born at Oak Harbor, Ohio, April 5, 1895, and died there January 30, 1940. A stockbroker, he came to central Florida in 1924, and his two children were born in Florida. He returned to Ohio after the boom was over, in 1930, but came back to Miami in 1936 and was in the stockbrokerage business there for two years. The doctor's mother was born at Catawba Island, Ohio, March 5, 1899, and is now postmistress at Port Clinton, Ohio.

Commencing his education in the public school at Catawba Island, Ohio, Joseph Von Thron graduated from Port Clinton High School, Ohio, in 1944 and spent one year at Ohio State University before entering the United States Merchant Marine Academy, from which he was graduated in 1948 with a B.S. degree in Marine Transportation. As part of his training, he was at sea on the Atlantic from the fall of 1945 to the summer of 1946. Returning to Ohio State University in 1948, he received a B.S. degree in Biological Science in 1950 and worked his way through medical school at the same university, where he received his M.D. degree in 1954. He then interned at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida, and served a residency in Obstetrics at the Western Reserve Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Coming to Cocoa Beach in October, 1955, he entered private practice there and a year later built the Cocoa Beach Medical Building, in which he has his offices. During his first year and a half of practice in Cocoa Beach there was no drug store there, and Dr. Von Thron was obliged to be druggist as well as physician, like the country doctors of pioneer days, mixing and dispensing drugs from his office and his car. Since Cocoa Beach has a young population, a large part of the doctor's practice is delivering babies. He got some assistance when, in November, 1957, Dr. Ben F. Knotts, Jr. joined him.

In the summer of 1957 Dr. Von Thron became interested in the building of a hospital to serve Cape Canaveral and the beach communities. He has attended over 100 meetings and is a director and Medical Advisor to this hospital. He is also a director of the Brevard County Heart Association, a past director of Brevard County chapter of the American Cancer Society, and past vice-president of the Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital staff. He is now treasurer of the Brevard County Medical Society, a member of the Florida Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Active in general community affairs, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Cocoa Beach, the Church of Our Savior (Catholic) of Cocoa Beach, and Rockledge Golf and Country Club. Golf is his main hobby. He played in two Florida State open golf tournaments.

On May 8, 1954, at Columbus, Ohio, he married Jane Ellen Taylor, daughter of James and Lenore Taylor, who was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, October 14, 1928. Dr. and Mrs. Von Thron have two children, both born at Rockledge, Florida: James Carl Von Thron, on October 18, 1955; and Judith Taylor Von Thron, on July 10, 1957. Mrs. Von Thron is past president of Brevard County Medical Auxiliary and is active in the Cocoa Beach Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

MILTON B. GREEN

Palm Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Inc., of Cocoa, owned and operated by Milton B. Green, is the oldest laundry and dry cleaning business in Brevard County and the oldest business in Cocoa operated under one person.

A native of Florida, as were also his parents, Milton B. Green was born at Armstrong, St. Johns County, August 16, 1909. His father, Andrew Jackson Green, was born at Sanderson, in Baker County, and died at Olustee in December, 1939. His mother, Mary (Shaw) Green, was a native of Lake Butler, Union County, where she died in 1937. Milton's father worked for the Florida East Coast Railroad as section foreman for forty years, and helped organize several churches along the route of the railroad. He grew tomatoes at Perrine, Dade County, during World War I.

Milton attended public school in different east coast communities, depending on where his father was working, and graduated from New Smyrna High School in 1928. While attending school he worked for Palm Cleaners in New Smyrna. In 1931 he came to Cocoa and built Palm Dry Cleaners on Brevard Avenue. In 1940 he bought the Cocoa Steam Laundry on Willard Street and has operated it as Palm Laundry and Dry Cleaners since then. The business employs about twenty-five people and gives complete laundry and dry cleaning service, including rug cleaning. Mr. Green also operates two coin laundries in Cocoa.

He is a member of the National Association of Laundry and Dry Cleaners, a member and past director of Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, and is now serving (1959-61) as City Commissioner of Cocoa, in which office he previously served five years, 1952 to 1957. He is a past president and past director of the Cocoa Rotary Club, a member of the Elks Lodge since 1934, a member of Masonic Lodge #113 of Cocoa and Morocco Temple Shrine of Jacksonville, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Cocoa, in which he is past president of the Sunday School class. His wife has been secretary of the Primary Department for about twenty-five years.

During World War II Mr. Green served about two years in the Cocoa unit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

A baseball fan, he is past president of the Florida East Coast League and always attends the World's Series. His Palm Laundry sponsors a Babe Ruth team and a colored Little League team. In addition to his interest in baseball, he likes to go bird hunting in season and also finds enjoyment in his seven grandchildren.

He was married at Titusville, Florida, February 22, 1931, to Marion Louise Bennett, daughter of Horace E. and Gertrude (Mosby) Bennett, who was born at Oak Hill, Volusia County, Florida, March 15, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Green have two children, both born at Cocoa:

1. Milton B. Green, Jr., born April 25, 1932, who is vice-president of Palm Laundry. He married Virginia Harrell of Merritt Island, Florida.

2. Martha Ann Green (Mrs. B. N. Park), born October 5, 1936. She is treasurer of Palm Laundry.

MYRON LESTER HABEGGER, M.D.

After twenty years in the practice of medicine in his home town of Berne, Indiana, Dr. Myron L. Habegger came to Rockledge, Florida, in 1953 and has been carrying on a general private practice there since then as well as engaging in industrial medicine. He is a member of the staff and the Advisory Committee of Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital and from 1953 to 1955 was medical director for Pan American World Airways Division at Cape Canaveral.

Dr. Habegger was born in Berne, Indiana, January 29, 1904, son of Abraham A. and Selma (Luginbill) Habegger, both natives of Berne, Indiana, where his mother is still living. She was born March 19, 1884. His father, born September 21, 1879, died November 9, 1945, at Decatur, Indiana. He was a farmer and poultry raiser.

Myron Habegger graduated from Berne High School in 1923, attended Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana, in 1925-26, then went to Indiana University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree and, in 1932, his Doctor of Medicine degree. He interned at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, until July 1, 1933, when he opened an office in Berne and for the next twenty years ministered to the people of his community. During that time he became the first scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #67 and held that position three years, after which he was chairman of the Troop Committee from 1940 to 1953. He still gives financial and moral support to this organization.

Dr. Habegger is a member of the American Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, the Brevard County Medical Society (past president in 1957) and its Board of Governors, the American Association of General Practitioners, the International College of Surgeons, and the Industrial Medical Association. He was an organizer of the Brevard County United Appeal and was its president in 1958. He belongs to Phi Chi medical fraternity at Indiana University, the Masonic Lodge at Decatur, Indiana, the Scottish Rite at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Bahia Temple Shrine at Orlando, Florida; the Shrine Club of Cocoa, Rockledge Country Club and the First Baptist Church of Cocoa.

He was married at Muncie, Indiana, June 12, 1929, to Elizabeth C. Largent, daughter of Benjamin and Edyth (Case) Largent, who was born at Muncie, October 31, 1902. Dr. and Mrs. Habegger have two sons:

1. James Howard Habegger, born July 30, 1931, at Indianapolis, Indiana, who married Jane Copeland of Bloomington, Indiana.

2. Frederick C. Habegger, born June 6, 1935, at Berne, Indiana, who married Bettye Kimrey of Cocoa, Florida.

Mrs. Myron Habegger is active in the Brevard County League of Women Voters, in the Brevard County Medical Auxiliary, the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

NORMAN H. RICE, O.D.

Although he has resided and practiced his profession in Florida only since 1954, Dr. Norman H. Rice, Optometrist of Cocoa, occupies a leading position in his profession in Brevard County and in the state. Through the Florida Optometric Association he is state chairman of the Committee on the Visual Problems of Children and Youths, and has been for the past three years. He is also a past president of the Indian River Optometric Association and is chairman of the Brevard County Visual Screening program through the public schools.

Dr. Rice was born in Geneva, New York, January 20, 1925, son of Theodore H. and Ella (Dickinson) Rice. His mother was born March 17, 1898, at Belleville, New Jersey, and is living in Schenectady, New York. His father, born at Old Bridge, New Jersey, September 5, 1897, died at Schenectady in December, 1950. He was an electrical engineer with General Electric.

Norman Rice received his early education in the public schools of Schenectady and graduated from Nott Terrace High School in 1942. After attending Union College, Schenectady, for one year, he entered the United States Navy in June, 1943, and served until October, 1945, commissioned an Ensign in Naval Aviation. He then completed his pre-professional education at Union College and in 1946 entered Massachusetts College of Optometry in Boston, where he received his O.D. degree in June of 1950. He opened his private practice at Westerly, Rhode Island, that year and continued there until he re-entered the Navy in 1953 and spent the next eighteen months on training duty flying blimps in New Jersey. He is now a Lieutenant in the Jacksonville component of the United States Naval Reserve.

Following his second stretch in the Navy, Dr. Rice moved to Jacksonville in 1954 and practiced his profession there in association with another optometrist. In November of 1955 he came to Cocoa and put out his shingle around the corner from his present location, carrying on a successful private practice there until he opened his present offices, which he built in April, 1960, including an extra office for rental. In addition to general optometry he handles contact lenses and visual training.

An active and interested civic worker, Dr. Rice is Democratic nominee for the office of School Board member of District Two, Brevard County; a director and past president of the Cocoa Lions Club; past vice-chairman of Brevard County Council, Boy Scouts of America; a member of the Board of Deacons of Rockledge Presbyterian Church; a Mason of Lodge #113 of Cocoa, the York Rite and Knights Templar; a fraternal brother of Delta Upsilon at Union College, Schenectady, New York; and a member of Rockledge Country Club. He enjoys golf but his favorite sport is sailing, and he owns a pennant-class 24-foot sailboat.

At Lowville, New York, on July 2, 1949, Norman H. Rice married Joyce Boggs of Syracuse, New York, where she was born February 22, 1926, daughter of Dr. Edgar O., M.D., and Mildred Boggs. Dr. and Mrs. Rice are the parents of Leslie Ann and Patricia Jean, twins, born August 8, 1951, at Westerly, Rhode Island; and David Edgar Rice, born May 21, 1953, at Lowville, New York.

L. G. HARVEY

An executive in the family firm of Harvey's Groves, L. George Harvey of Cocoa and Rockledge is one of the business and civic leaders of his community. Son of George W. and Alice Mabel Harvey, he was born in Cleveland, Ohio August 8, 1914. He attended grammar school in Cleveland and high school in Cocoa, graduating in June, 1932.

After leaving high school he traveled as a representative in nine states for Pinkerton Tobacco Co., Toledo, Ohio, and for Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. In 1943 he returned to Cocoa and entered into a business partnership with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Harvey, who had come to Cocoa from Cleveland in 1925.

After the new U. S. #1 Highway was built in 1927 through the Cocoa-Rockledge section, Mrs. Blanche Harvey (his aunt) opened a small fruit stand doing business with the few tourists that passed. Some of the people who stopped at the first little stand are still Harvey's customers.

From the very beginning, quality, service and fair treatment to customers was Harvey's policy and this policy has never changed. Although they are one of the largest gift-fruit shippers in Florida, they know hundreds of their customers personally, and are proud indeed of the reputation they have made in this industry.

Mr. Harvey is a past president of the Florida Express Fruit Shippers Association and Chairman (since 1955) of its Transportation Committee; Deacon of Rockledge Presbyterian Church; a Trustee of Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital, Rockledge; served as Councilman of Rockledge; Director of the Barnett National Bank of Cocoa, and a 32nd degree Mason.

He was married in Cocoa November 25, 1940, to Harriett Jannetta Carr, daughter of Harry Landis Carr and Mabel Carr of Chicago, who was born in Chicago January 22, 1918. They have three children:

1. Sharon Gale Harvey, born in St. Petersburg, Florida, on October 23, 1942—now attending University of Miami.

2. Larry Marshall Harvey, born in Orlando, Florida, on August 19, 1945.

3. James Boone Harvey, born in Rockledge, Florida, on December 17, 1959.

ROY HARVEY

One of the largest orange groves between Daytona Beach and Fort Lauderdale is owned and run by an ex-Clevelander who came to Florida to die some thirty-five years ago, and is still going strong. He is Roy Harvey, whose father ran a well-known moving concern for years, and whose brothers, Clarence and Arthur, are still in the moving business in Cleveland. Mr. Harvey's principal business is as a shipper of fancy gift fruit.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, June 29, 1896, he is a son of William G. Harvey who was born in London, England, and died in 1945, and Johanna Schgert, a native of Holland, who is still living at this writing, aged 93. Mrs. Roy Harvey's father was a bookkeeper for Wells Fargo Express Co., St. Louis, Missouri, and Mr. Harvey's father pioneered in the moving and trucking business in Cleveland. Roy attended elementary and high school in St. Louis and Cleveland.

In 1925 he owned a garage and used-car business in Cleveland, but was a sick man. The doctors thought perhaps the warm sunshine of Florida would prolong his life a bit. On November 18, 1925, he and his wife arrived in Cocoa. The Florida boom had just burst, and northern folk were going home. With borrowed money Mr. Harvey bought $500 worth of lumber and began to build a small frame house on Route 1, just south of Cocoa. His wife opened a small fruit stand on the side of the road, which at that time was the only one for miles around. Buying his fruit from other growers at first, Mr. Harvey eventually bought some bearing groves and acreage and set out new groves.

Today Harvey's is famous. Travelers going north make it a point to stop there to get their citrus goods. It is a tremendously large place, beautifully built, and a palace among fruit stands. There are dozens of these around now, but Mr. Harvey says that the more people open fruit stands in competition to him the better business is for him and his nephew, L. G. Harvey, who has been a partner since 1943. They have 450 acres of orange groves, a packing house, restaurant and gasoline station.

Harvey's gift fruits have won many blue ribbons. They also sell jellies, marmalades, preserves, honey, candied fruit and nuts. One year they shipped 75,000 Christmas packages. In addition to the United States, they do a large gift business in Canada and England. Dave Price, the sports announcer, is their Canadian representative. Some of the notables who are customers are: Herbert Hoover, Fred Waring, James Melton, and the Honorable Leslie Biffle.

His church is the First Methodist of Cocoa. He and Mrs. Harvey were married in Cleveland on April 19, 1915. As Blanche Boone, daughter of Harry Joseph and Mary Belle (Gale) Boone, she was born March 29, 1896, in St. Louis, Missouri, where both her parents were born in 1870. Her father died in 1909. Her mother, born August 28, 1870, died April 7, 1960.

BERNARD S. FISCHER

Bernard's Surf Cocktail Lounge and Dining Room at Cocoa Beach is known worldwide, having been written up in Gourmet magazine, Holiday, Time, Travel, The New Yorker and the New York Times; and in books, including "Spaceport U.S.A.," "War on the Moon," and "Florida, a Way of Life." Its menu, featuring Fischer's seafoods, is one of the largest in the United States. Famous personalities from all walks of life are frequent patrons. The Surf is operated by Bernard Fischer, one of four brothers whose father, Samuel Fischer, founded Fischer Seafoods, originally a small retail market on the west end of old Indian River Bridge in Cocoa, now a wholesale company with branches at Cape Canaveral, New Smyrna, Fort Pierce, and Key West. Fischer Seafoods is a partnership among the four brothers.

Samuel Fischer, the father of this family, was born in Austria and came to the United States in 1892. He was a designer of ladies' dresses in New York City for some time and later manufactured them in Savannah, Georgia. Coming to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1923, he was there for two years, then seven years in Orlando. He moved to Cocoa in 1932 and was in the retail ladies' ready-to-wear business until 1936, when he opened his seafood market. In 1956, with his son Edward, he established Fischer's Outlet, a retail clothing and drygoods store. He died in Cocoa in 1958. Samuel Fischer was a friend to everyone and a beloved member of the community. His wife and mother of his four sons, Sarah (Friegenberg) Fischer, who also was born in Austria, is living in Cocoa Beach.

Bernard Fischer was born in Savannah, Georgia, September 17, 1917, and was just about old enough to start school when his father moved the family to Jacksonville. He attended public school there and in Orlando and graduated from Cocoa High School in 1936. For the next twelve years, excepting three and a half years in the Army, he was active in the family's wholesale fish business. The Surf Cocktail Lounge and Dining Room was opened in October, 1948, and Bernard became its operator three months later.

Bernard Fischer entered the United States Army on March 15, 1942, and served with the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment until November 25, 1945, when he had the rank of Master Sergeant. During the last two years he was testing new and captured enemy paratroop equipment. In 1943 the Fischer family bought the Canaveral Pier, which was later purchased by the United States Government to be incorporated into the missile facilities.

Mr. Fischer is a member of the Florida Restaurant Association, the National Restaurant Association, the Cocoa Beach, Melbourne and Florida State Chambers of Commerce, and was the organizer and first president of the Cocoa Beach Business Association. His brother Louis is past president of Southeastern Fisheries Association, and his brother Sidney is a former mayor of Cocoa Beach and has been city commissioner for three terms. Each year since its opening Bernard's Surf Club has held a "Chinese Auction," auctioning off merchandise donated by other merchants to raise funds for the March of Dimes, Bernard's pet civic project. This method of fund raising has been highly successful.

On December 9, 1952, at Cocoa, Bernard S. Fischer married Ethel Louise Buford, who was born April 16, 1923, at Nashville, Tennessee, daughter of W. M. and Nancy Louise Case Buford. Her uncle, Rivers Buford, was Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

By a previous marriage of Mrs. Fischer, the Bernard Fischer family have two children: Gerald Rodney Fischer, born at Brooksville, Florida, in September, 1943, and Lilli Louise Fischer, born at Orlando in September, 1949.

ROY JAMES AMOS

During the administration of Roy James Amos as City Manager of Cocoa there has been remarkable cooperation among the City Council, neighboring Rockledge, and others interested in the problems of this fast-growing city. The county commissioners, also, have been cooperative. For seven years previous to this appointment Mr. Amos was tax assessor of Cocoa, and during that time the millage rate was not increased. He strives to keep it that way. Mr. Amos is also an executive and co-owner of Brevard Builders, Inc.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, October 1, 1922, he is a son of Roy James Amos, Sr., and Ida Shelton Amos, both natives of Virginia. His mother was born at Richmond October 15, 1906. Now Mrs. Ida Herchik, she is living in Cocoa. Roy J. Amos, Sr., was born in Goochland County, Virginia, in 1890, and died at Portsmouth, Virginia, April 7, 1932, Starting out as a carpenter, he became a building contractor later in life.

Roy Amos, Jr., received his general education in the public schools of Richmond, Virginia, and earned his diploma as a graduate of the Thomas Jeffierson High School while serving in the United States Navy. Entering in December, 1942, he served aboard the destroyer USS Parker (DD 604) as Electrician's Mate first class, operating in both the Atlantic and Pacific waters, until December 14, 1945. After a course in electrical engineering at Moorehead State Teachers College, Kentucky, he returned to Western Electric Company, for whom he had worked before his military service, and was a planning estimator in Richmond, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and New Jersey, serving this company a total of ten years.

He came to Cocoa, Florida, in 1951 and worked under Civil Service at Cape Canaveral. In June, 1952, he was appointed Tax Assessor; in January, 1958, City Clerk; and in July, 1959, was appointed City Manager of the City of Cocoa, the first to be appointed under the new city charter, the two earlier city managers having held their offices by a city ordinance.

In 1954, Mr. Amos became secretary-treasurer and part owner of Brevard Builders,, Inc., who so far have built about 38 residences and five commercial buildings in Brevard County, including the Newfound Harbor Subdivision on Merritt Island.

Mr. Amos is a member of the International City Managers Association, the Municipal Finance Officers Association, and Purchasing Agents of Florida, and is president of the Brevard County Industrial Board, whose purpose is to bring industry to the area. He is a member of Masonic Lodge #113 and Elks Lodge #1532, both of Cocoa, the Rockledge Country Club since 1952, and the Florida Golf Association. His religious affiliation is with the Christian Church, but not locally.

Mrs. Amos is active in Central Brevard Art Association. The former Ethel Jane Kimbley, daughter of J. C. and Lillian Johnson Kimbley, she was born at Arcoma, Oklahoma, September 30, 1923. By a previous marriage Mr. Amos has a son, Robert Leslie Amos, born October 19, 1940, at Richmond, Virginia.

THOMAS FRANCIS KENNEY

One of the Kenney brothers who founded Kenney Construction Company of Orlando in the boom days and engaged extensively in building work, both commercial and residential, as well as water, sewer and highway work, Thomas F. Kenney had large real estate holdings both in Orlando and at Cocoa Beach, where his son, Thomas S. Kenney, is now Mayor. He was known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen and also as a cheerful and charitable man.

Born at Chapstow, Ontario, Canada, November 20, 1891, he was a son of Michael James Kenney, born in Bay City, Michigan, in 1862, and Ellen Donnelly Kenney, born near Pinkerton, Ontario, in 1864. His father came to Denver, Colorado, in 1900 and died there in 1942. He was a general contractor in Denver and was very active in Democratic politics there. In the 1920's he and his wife came to Altamonte Springs, Seminole County, Florida, followed later by three of their sons, Thomas F., James B., and Joseph Richard. The parents returned to Denver about 1930.

Thomas F. Kenney was educated in the public schools of Denver and at Sacred Heart College, now Regis College. With his brothers, Jim and Dick, and their families, he came to Florida in 1925. For the first year and a half he stayed at Altamonte Springs, then moving to Winter Park, where he lived about five years. Like their father, the brothers had been in the construction business in Denver. Establishing Kenney Construction Company,

they got into the building business in Florida in the last year of the boom and managed to keep going after its collapse. Jim eventually returned to Denver.

Kenney Construction Company built the Longwood Grade School; completed St. James Parochial School, Orlando; built the Sanlando Springs Swimming Pool, Golf Course and Club House; a part of the Orlando Air Field; alterations and additions to the Orlando Electric Power and Water Treatment Plant; the Winter Park Sewage Treatment Plant; the Longwood Harness Racing Track and Longwood Dog Racing Track; and residences in Sanlando Springs and Altamonte Springs. Tom built his own lovely home on Lake Ivanhoe. In 1936 he took the contract for building ten miles of the Overseas Highway at Key Marathon, building the roads only, not the bridges. He moved to Orlando in 1933 and was later in the bond business there with F. Burton Smith.

Mr. Kenney was a great believer in the future of Cocoa Beach and invested heavily in property there, owning at the time of his death the Cocoa Beach Hotel, considerable business property and undeveloped acreage. After World War II he purchased the cantonment at Holly Ridge, North Carolina, from the U. S. Government, and for several years was engaged in dismantling it and disposing of the materials.

At Saguache, Colorado, on June 24, 1913, Thomas F. Kenney married Florence Slane, who was born at Saguache November 20, 1891, daughter of James and Alveretta Meyers Slane. Her mother was born at Monroe City, Indiana, October 29, 1864, and died at Saguache, Colorado, October 18, 1937. Her father was born in Denver, Colorado, May 21, 1861, and died at Saguache September 18, 1942.

James Slane was one of the oldest native sons of Colorado and one of the early settlers of Saguache vicinity. He witnessed the complete development of the West and was a true pioneer. His parents came to Denver during the Cherry Creek gold rush in 1859, when the future city consisted of a few adobe houses. As far as he could learn, James Slane was the second or third white child to be born in Denver. In 1870 his father moved to Saguache and bought the land known as the Slane Meadows, near Hunt's Springs. He was one of the founders of the town of Saguache and was its first treasurer. In 1871 the family left there in a seven-wagon train, trailing a herd of cattle. That winter they were snowed in at Fairplay and didn't get back until the following June.

James Slane was Sheriff of Saguache County, Colorado, in the early nineties, when the fight against outlaws was a hazardous business. He arrested the notorious Kelley, who killed the slayer of Jesse James. He was Sheriff when the Soapy Smith gang was terrorizing the West and saw the kind of gun play that has thrilled millions since then in stories, movies and on TV. In his later years Mr. Slane spent many winters at the Kenney home in Orlando, and once entertained the press with reminiscences of his experiences as Sheriff in the Old West. After his term as Sheriff he entered the cattle business and was one of the most respected cattlemen and community leaders in that section of Colorado. At the time of his death he still owned the same huge ranch he had bought some fifty years previously. This ranch has now been in the family over sixty-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Kenney had three children. The first child, Kathleen Marie, born June 18, 1914, in Denver, died August 26, 1917, of diphtheria. Colleen Marie (Mrs. Gentry) was born in Orlando, Florida, April 17, 1927, and Thomas Slane Kenney was born in Orlando October 26, 1928. His sketch follows.

Mr. Kenney was a member of the Orlando Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club, the Orlando Country Club and the Sanlando Country Club. While living at Altamonte Springs he was a member of the Rotary Club. He died at Orlando July 20, 1953. On that occasion the Orlando Evening Star published the following editorial comment:

"A Fine Citizen Passes On

"Orlando has lost another prominent and progressive citizen in the death of Mr. Thomas F. Kenney. Tom, as he liked to be called by his friends—and anyone who knew him was a friend—was a great and jolly chap. He had a laugh that was contagious, and he seemed to always be in a laughing mood. In these days of stern realities, that is a virtue which all too few possess. But despite his affable disposition, he was a serious thinker, a keen business man and a public spirited citizen, a citizen ready to act at all times to shoulder his responsibilities of community obligations.

"Coming to Orlando during the boom days of the middle 1920s, Mr. Kenney rose to the top of the financially well off at the time, but like many others his success was predicated on the boom lasting, and when the tide receded so did his economic position. But he did not sit down and mope. He immediately began to rebuild his fortune and has been extremely successful in the years that have intervened.

"Mr. Kenney has a wonderful family, including a son who has been in the service and a son-in-law who is still in foreign lands. A great believer in Central Florida, he has large real estate holdings here and at Cocoa Beach.

"A very charitable man, he was always ready to help those in need. Mr. Kenney was a great Christian and a devout member of St. James Roman Catholic Church. His passing removes another of Orlando's progressive citizens."

THOMAS S. KENNEY

Now serving a three-year term as Mayor of Cocoa Beach, Thomas S. Kenney is president of Banana River Properties, Inc., developers of Cocoa Isles Subdivision. He was formerly in the field of electronics.

Son of Thomas F. and Florence (Slane) Kenney (see sketch), he was born in Orlando, Florida, October 26, 1928. He attended St. James Catholic School in Orlando through the seventh grade, graduated from Orlando High School in 1946, and from the University of Notre Dame in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

For three months he was associated with his father in the Kenney Construction Company; then, on September 10, 1950, he entered the United States Air Force and served as an electronics instructor at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi; later in Japan with the Far East Air Materiel Command, in charge of maintenance of electronic equipment for aircraft at a repair depot. Discharged with the rank of staff sergeant August 13, 1953, he spent the next six months attending to the estate of his father, who had died shortly before that.

In March, 1954, he went to work for the RCA Missile Test Center at Patrick Air Force Base as electronics instructor, and subsequently became installa-

Florence Slane Kenney

Thos. F. Kenney.

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tion engineer and then manager of their standards laboratory. He left there in September, 1957, to enter the real estate developing business as president of Banana River Properties, Inc., which, at this date, has completed about 150 lots of the Cocoa Isles Subdivision. Mr. Kenney is also president of Trident Associates, Inc.

Elected to the Cocoa Beach City Commission in 1958, he served two years and then was elected Mayor of Cocoa Beach for a three-year term. He is a member of the Greater Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Cocoa Beach Jaycees, chairman of the United Appeal for Brevard County, past secretary and past director of Cocoa Beach Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Church of Our Savior (Catholic) at Cocoa Beach. In politics he is a Democrat. He now makes a hobby of electronics, and also enjoys swimming.

At Orlando, Florida, on December 27, 1950, he married Virginia Gatewood, born in Windermere, Orange County, Florida, June 10, 1928, daughter of A. D. and Virginia (Lawrence) Gatewood. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Kenney are the parents of two sons: Thomas S., Jr., born July 12, 1956, at Orlando, and Dudley G., born May 11, 1960, at Rockledge, Florida. Mrs. Kenney is past vice-president of the Sea Grape Garden Club at Cocoa Beach.

J. A. W. DAVIS, JR.

The founder and president of Davis Engineering Construction Company in Cocoa Beach was a seasoned engineer when he came to Florida in 1957. His construction company built the Martin Company office building, Mayfair Cafeteria, and Boeing Airplane Company office building in Cocoa Beach. He has designed five subdivisions and four trailer parks, and is presently designing an American-type motel for the Duke of Bedford, to be located at Woburn Abbey Estate in Bedfordshire, England. This will be the first truly American motel in England. Mr. Davis is also consulted on structural and hydraulic problems by contractors at the missile base.

Son of J. A. W. Davis, Sr., and Ruth Roman Davis, he was born in Huntington, West Virginia, June 1, 1922. His father was a civil engineer with the State of West Virginia and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Educated in the public schools of West Virginia and North Carolina, J. A. W. Davis, Jr., graduated from Morgantown High School, West Virginia, in 1940, and after three years at West Virginia University entered the United States Army in March, 1943. After serving as an enlisted man in Missouri, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in June, 1944, and was overseas from December, 1944, to June, 1946, in the Third Army in Europe and in the Eighth Army, 1303rd G.S. Regiment, in the Philippines and in Tokyo, Japan. Separated from service in August, 1946, with the rank of First Lieutenant, he entered the State University of Iowa and received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1947, and his Master's degree in 1948.

He spent his first eight months out of college building a reinforced concrete house for speculative sale in Iowa City. During the next four and a half years he was Chief Engineer for Baker and Coombs, general contractors in Morgantown, West Virginia, and in August, 1953, became associated with R. J. Bennett, an architect in Morgantown, at the same time serving as consulting engineer for subdivisions. From August, 1954, to February, 1956, he was branch manager for the Southeastern Construction Company in West Virginia, and for one year after that was assistant professor in Advanced Structure at the College of Engineering of West Virginia University. During this time he drew plans, built and supervised the construction of a replacement for the Engineering College of the University, which had burned.

Mr. Davis came to Orlando, Florida, in March, 1957, and was sales engineer for Mann Construction Company, designing and selling Butler buildings. In October, 1957, he came to Cocoa Beach and established Davis Engineering and in August, 1959, formed the Davis Engineering Construction Company, Inc., of which he is president and his wife is secretary-treasurer.

He was married at Winter Park, Florida, July 26, 1957, to Joyce Teresa Barrett, daughter of John and Ellen (Rutter) Barrett of London, England. Mrs. Davis went through the London Blitz in World War II.

Mr. Davis is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society, the A.W.W.A., Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce, Cocoa Beach Rotary Club, and the Episcopal Church. At Morgantown, West Virginia, he became a member of Masonic Union Lodge #4 and of Wheeling Consistory, Wheeling, West Virginia. His fraternities are Tau Beta Pi Engineering at West Virginia University, Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering at the State University of Iowa, and Sigma Xi Research Honorary, also at the University of Iowa. His work is his hobby, but he also enjoys fishing and travel.

Mr. Davis' pet civic project is to lead a movement to provide municipal parking lots to prevent cars, both moving and parked, from spoiling the beauty of the beach as it becomes more and more populated with swimmers. From his point of view this is important in planning for the future of Cocoa Beach.

Another of Mr. Davis' civic projects has been working with Mr. O. D. Peavey of the Brevard County Zoning Board, and with the Internal Improvements Board, in establishing sections of the new Bulkhead Line in Brevard County.

EMILY JONES WATTS

Now serving her twenty-eighth year as Deputy Tax Collector of Brevard County, Emily Jones Watts is a member of a pioneer family of Cocoa, where she was born November 12, 1902, one of seven children of Stephen Schell and Virginia Newton (Andrews) Jones.

Her father was born in Jasper, Florida, August 5, 1862, and died in Cocoa, where he was a merchant, on April 9, 1914. Her mother was born in Liberty County, Georgia, May 20, 1872, and died in Cocoa, November 3, 1955.

The mother's family came from Georgia when she was about twelve years old, arriving on a passenger boat at Poinsett Lodge, west of the present City of Cocoa. Her father, Emily's grandfather Andrews, built a house right in the middle of what is now downtown Cocoa. He was postmaster of Cocoa, started a newspaper, and founded the Cocoa chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which his daughter, Emily's mother, was an active member.

Mrs. Watts' parents owned a grove where Broadview Manor Subdivision is now located, sixty-eight acres on the river north of Cocoa proper. They also owned the

site where the Seminole Hotel was built, and her mother named Peachtree Street, which runs by her home.

Emily Jones graduated from Cocoa High School and went to work as a bookkeeper for her brother Clarence N. Jones, who had a wholesale tobacco and candy business. She worked for him until August of 1933, when she took a position in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Titusville. About two-and-a-half years later she began working for the Tax Collector, H. C. Morgan, and when he retired in 1951 she continued as Deputy Tax Collector. She is now working under Tax Collector J. D. Nash at the County Court House in Titusville.

Mrs. Watts is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the First Methodist Church of Cocoa and was a charter member of the Cocoa Pilot Club. She was married at Orlando, September 22, 1943, to Harry Morton Watts, Jr., son of Harry Morton and Laura Christian Watts, who was born June 30, 1906, at Shawnee, Oklahoma, and died April 22, 1951. Having no children of her own, she is very fond of the two children of her brother, Harold A. ("Buster") Jones, who with his wife, Mildred Bishop Jones, and their children lived with Mrs. Watts until after the death of her mother, Mrs. Stephen Jones. The children are Thomas Michael, now in his senior year at The Citadel, and Judy Ann, who is in Junior High School in Cocoa. Their Aunt Emily buys their books.

Harold Jones has been with the Cocoa Fire Department for seven or eight years, and another brother, S. S. ("Brick") Jones, has been with that department since it was organized.

The foregoing sketch was written in October, 1960. On April 1, 1961, Mrs. Watts married Murray Gaines Smylie of Centerville, who was born March 15, 1897.

C. SWEET SMITH, JR.

Like his father, C. Sweet Smith, Jr., of Cocoa, is a man of public spirit and action in the interests of his community and state. The senior Charles Sweet Smith, a native Floridian, born in Pensacola, was County Commissioner of Brevard County for eighteen years and was instrumental in getting the United States Navy to build the Banana River Naval Air Station, now Patrick Air Force Base. He was also instrumental in getting the causeway built to Cocoa Beach, and, in appreciation for his long-continued efforts to bring about its completion, State Road #520 (from Cocoa Beach toward Orlando) has been designated C. Sweet Smith Memorial Highway. His Ford agency, Smith Motor Company (now Smith and Wooten), was the oldest Ford agency under one continuous owner in the state. Mr. Smith, Sr., was also a developer and built a number of the commercial buildings in and around Cocoa. Having resigned from the County Commission for ill health in 1948, he died in Cocoa June 5, 1951. His widow and mother of C. S. Smith, Jr., was Grace Hines of Bainbridge, Georgia. She is living in Cocoa.

Born in Bainbridge, Georgia, November 14, 1919, C. Sweet Smith, Jr., attended public schools and finished the twelfth grade and Junior College at Gordon Military College, Barnesville, Georgia; then attended Duke University in 1940-41. Entering the United States Army September 21, 1941, he served as an instructor and tactical officer at Fort Benning, Georgia, and at Camp Hood, Texas, where he set up an instruction program in anti-tank warfare. He then served in the Philippines until the war's end and was released April 16, 1946, with the rank of Captain.

On returning from the Army he worked with his father, assisting in the management of the family's properties. On October 1, 1952, he and James R. Gray, Jr., founded the Smith and Gray Agency, a general insurance business. Mr. Smith also built and owns Radio Station WRKT (Rocket Radio—The Voice of Cape Canaveral), which went on the air June 22, 1959.

When his father resigned as Commissioner in 1948, C. S. Smith, Jr., was appointed by Governor Caldwell to fill out the unexpired term of office, two years, and in 1950 he was elected to that office for a full four-year term. He served on the State Advertising Commission and on the Citizens Committee for Tax Equalization under Governor Collins, and is now serving on the State Racing Commission, to which he was appointed by Governor Collins in July, 1955. Very active in Chamber of Commerce work, he is a director of the Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the Cocoa Junior Chamber of Commerce, which honored him with a lifetime voting membership, and has served as vice president, national director and president (1951-52) of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce. By an act of the Texas Legislature in 1952, he was granted honorary citizenship in that state. He is a member of the local Elks Lodge #1532 and American Legion Post #22, the First Methodist Church of Cocoa, Rockledge Country Club and its board of governors, the Seminole Club of Jacksonville, the Miami Club of Miami, and Sigma Nu fraternity of Duke University. His hobbies are hunting and golf. He played on a golf team while in military college and at Duke University.

At Thomaston, Georgia, on June 20, 1943, he married Mary Virginia Watson, who was born at Thomaston October 22, 1922, daughter of W. B. and Mary Thompson Watson, both members of old Georgia families. Mrs. Smith attended Brenau College and the University of Georgia and is an Alpha Delta Pi. She is active in the Spade and Trowel Circle of Cocoa Garden Club. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two children:

1. Mary Virginia, born November 14, 1945, at Atlanta, Georgia.
2. Charles Sweet Smith IV, born April 13, 1952, at Rockledge, Fla.

JAMES RICHARD GRAY, JR.

Partner and president of Smith and Gray Agency, Inc., an insurance busines in Cocoa, James Richard Gray, Jr., is also vice-president and secretary of Causeway Beach Company, Inc., a Cocoa Beach land development, and takes care of the family's grove interests. Mr. Gray received the Distinguished Service award of the Cocoa Jaycees in 1953 for outstanding community service.

He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, June 29, 1922, son of James Richard, Sr., and Ida Dorsey Gray. His mother, born in Athens, Georgia, October 9, 1890, is living in Rockledge, Florida. His father, born in Atlanta, February 28, 1890, died at Cocoa, Florida, September 26, 1951. He was owner and publisher of the Atlanta Journal until 1939. When he retired in 1942 he moved to Rockledge and planted 80 acres of citrus. He was a member of Florida Citrus Mutual.

Educated in Georgia, James, Jr., graduated from North Fulton High School, Atlanta, in 1940, attended Darlington Preparatory School at Rome in 1940-41, the University of Georgia for the spring semester of 1941, and Georgia School of Technology in 1941-42.

On November 19, 1942, he entered the United States Air Force and after cadet training in Texas was commissioned a Second Lieutenant March 12, 1944, and served with the Ninth Air Force in France, flying 52 missions as pilot of a B-26 medium bomber. For his performance he was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross, and was separated from the service October 12, 1945, with the rank of First Lieutenant.

After the war Mr. Gray worked for an insurance agency in Atlanta for one year; then, on August 1, 1946, moved to Cocoa, Florida, to manage grove and affairs of his father, who was ill. On October 1, 1952, he and C. Sweet Smith, Jr., formed the Smith and Gray Agency, and in 1955, when the agency was incorporated, Mr. Gray became its president.

He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual and Indian River Citrus League; a member and past director of the Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce; member and past treasurer of the Cocoa Junior Chamber of Commerce; and a member of Brevard County Housing Authority, to which he was appointed by Governor Collins. He also holds membership in Elks Lodge #1532 of Cocoa, Rockledge Country Club, Chi Phi social fraternity at Georgia Tech, and Rockledge Presbyterian Church. In 1953 he was a Cub Scout leader, Master of a Cocoa troop, and from 1950 to 1959 he was manager of Cadow's Restaurant's Little League team, which was the League leader in 1951-52-53 and '54. In 1954, '55 and '56 he managed the Little League All-Star team, made up of players from all teams in the Indian River Little League. For recreation he enjoys golf, hunting and boating.

James Richard Gray, Jr., married Julia Bardwell at Heflin, Alabama, on September 1, 1940. A daughter of Ralph N. R. Bardwell and Frances Kennedy Bardwell, she was born at Atlanta, Georgia, March 29, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have four sons:

1. James Richard, III, born August 15, 1941, at Atlanta, Ga.
2. Sherrard Kennedy, born February 10, 1945, at Atlanta.
3. Robert Louis, born February 15, 1948, at Cocoa, Fla.
4. Roy Dorsey, born April 24, 1955, at Cocoa.

GUS CALLAWAY EDWARDS

The name of Gus C. Edwards, developer of Cocoa Beach, ranks with that of other great builders of Florida's East Coast and has a permanent place in its history. Mr. Edwards had great visions for Cocoa Beach when it was nothing but a wilderness of saw palmettoes, and everyone thought he was addled. The opening up of Cocoa Beach, making the peninsula and surrounding territory accessible to the mainland, was one of the main contributing factors which decided the Navy to establish a Naval Air Station at Banana River, and the northern part of the station was located on land which was owned by Mr. Edwards.

Gus Callaway Edwards was born at Cornelia, Georgia, on March 28, 1886, being one of twins, who were the youngest of six children, there being two other boys and two girls. Mr. Edwards and his brother, Howell E. Edwards, an attorney in Atlanta, Georgia, are the only survivors of the six children of James Callaway Edwards and Emma Eugenia Wynne Edwards, both natives of Banks County, Georgia, where his grandparents, James Frank and Anne (Jordan) Edwards, owned a plantation. On his mother's side of the family, the Wynnes of Wales and the Burns of Scotland (the latter tracing their lineage to Bobby Burns) owned over 3,600 acres in Georgia from 1803 to 1940. His father, who died in Atlanta, November 23, 1937, was a prominent attorney in Clarkesville, Georgia, where he practiced his profession for nearly half a century and served in both the Georgia House of Representatives and the Senate.

Gus Edwards was graduated from Piedmont College Academy at Demorest, Georgia, in 1909, and attended the University of Georgia for the next two years. Having studied law, he was admitted to the bar in 1912, and practiced law with his father and brother, Howell, in the firm of J.C. Edwards and Sons at Clarkesville. He also practiced law in Washington, D.C., serving for two years as Associate General Counsel of the Home Owners Loan Association, and then as Special Assistant to the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Administration.

He came to Cocoa, Florida, at the invitation of the late S. F. Travis, one of Cocoa's earliest and most prominent citizens, for whom the firm of J. C. Edwards and Sons had won an important case in Georgia. Liking what he saw, Mr. Edwards closed out his business in Georgia and located in Cocoa on October 23, 1915. He was appointed City Attorney the following week, a position he held for eight years, during which time Cocoa's first paving program was carried through, the Indian River and Banana River bridges were built, and a system of paved roads in and around Cocoa, on Merritt Island and portions of the peninsula, was built; also, Cocoa's first modern schoolhouse, the present high school building, was erected. Mr. Edwards was attorney for all these projects and handled the legal work of all bond issues voted for their construction. During this period he often worked eighteen hours a day.

When Mr. Edwards came to Cocoa he and an associate bought land in the section now known as Highland Park and developed it as a home site. To attract attention to this area he installed a zoo in which were many wild animals found in Florida. In partnership with several associates, he also bought land at Cocoa Beach, visualizing there the next great center along the east coast of Florida. The lands which Mr. Edwards and his associates purchased extended along the ocean front for two and one-half miles where the Town of Cocoa Beach was originally established and was later incorporated by Mr. Edwards, consisting of approximately 600 acres. Originally, several prominent men were associated with Mr. Edwards in the ownership of the vast acreage on the ocean peninsula, but in 1923 he bought out all of his associates and added considerable acreage to his town site, and as sole owner began the active development of the beach lands, having resigned from his position as City Attorney in February of that year and given up his law practice to devote his entire time to this project.

In the early development of Cocoa Beach Mr. Edwards spent more than $300,000. Fifty acres were cleared and graded in and around what is now the center of the town of Cocoa Beach at a cost of approximately $100,000.

A forceful figure in presenting his views, Mr. Edwards was joined by citizens of Cocoa and Merritt Island in building the first bridge from Cocoa to Merritt Island, which was opened to traffic on May 1, 1917, from funds derived from the voting of $40,000 in bonds in the Merritt Island District and $35,000 in bonds of the town of Cocoa. This was the first step in making the Beach accessible to the mainland. About the year 1922, the citizens of Cocoa, Merritt Island and the ocean

peninsula joined in a bond issue to build additional roads on Merritt Island to connect with the beach across Banana River, which road and bridge were opened to traffic on July 4, 1923. Thereafter, development and action were fast at Cocoa Beach. Mr. Edwards built the first electric power line from the village of Merritt to the Beach in 1925, which by that time had been incorporated by Mr. Edwards and, by him, named Cocoa Beach.

Among other outstanding contributions to the cultural side of Cocoa Beach, Mr. Edwards built the first community church in 1927 as a memorial to his mother, which church still stands, and in recent years has been greatly improved and enlarged. A unique feature of this church is that it has a bell tower and bell which is electrically operated, which Mr. Edwards had manufactured in Holland, with appropriate engravings on the bell to show that the bell and the church were built as a memorial to his mother. At the present time this church is utilized by new congregations forming at the Beach until they can erect their own buildings. So far, the Cocoa Beach Community Church, the Cocoa Beach Episcopal Church, the Cocoa Beach Presbyterian Church, and the Cocoa Methodist Church have started in this building, and at the present time the Cocoa Beach Christian Church is enjoying the use of the building until it can develop to a point where its own independent church can be built. Mr. Edwards is a great believer in churches, and has made a liberal donation to practically all of the churches which have been established in the Cocoa Beach area.

In the past two years Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have donated a park to Cocoa Beach to be known as Central Park, on one portion of which has been built a very substantial Little League Baseball field which the League, in honor of Mr. Edwards, has named Edwards Field.

When the land boom of the twenties came, plenty of attention was focused on this area, and particularly the beach, but the dealings of those days did not last long. In the collapse of the boom in 1926 Mr. Edwards was hurt, as were many others, but he still held onto as much of the Cocoa Beach property as he could.

The records will no doubt show that he bought and sold more individual pieces of property than any other man in the area. At one time he owned seven miles of ocean property on the peninsula. He is given credit by newspaper people as the only advertiser who ever took eight pages of the local weekly paper to advertise his real estate holdings. For his dynamic activity in promoting the area he was known as the One Man Chamber of Commerce. He also drained his own lands to control mosquitoes before there was any real attempt at mosquito control by the authorities.

His principal and original development was Cocoa Beach; next, Snug Harbor Estates, a rather large development on the Banana River side of the peninsula; and then the West Point addition to Snug Harbor Estates, which in beauty and plan of development is one of the most outstanding subdivisions in Central Florida. Mr. Edwards has said, "Frankly, I've put my heart and my hand into the entire Central Brevard area, and it is all very dear to me, but I regard Snug Harbor Estates and West Point Addition to Snug Harbor Estates as my masterpiece." He also has left his stamp upon Cocoa itself and upon Merritt Island. His name is associated prominentnly with the development of such subdivisions as Rockledge Park No. 1 and No. 2, Highland Park, Forest Park, and the many subdivisions he created and developed at Cocoa Beach. As a real estate broker he lists properties of practically every kind.

As an active civic worker interested in the welfare of Cocoa and Central Brevard County, Mr. Edwards was instrumental in the establishment of the local newspaper, the Cocoa Tribune, whose brilliant and enterprising editor Mr. Edwards induced to remove her paper and plant from Manatee, Florida, to Cocoa in 1917. This Mr. Edwards considers one of his greatest accomplishments. The Cocoa Tribune celebrated its fortieth birthday in 1957. Back in 1917 he placed an advertisement for an editor to start a weekly paper in Cocoa in each of the three big daily papers of the state—The Florida Times-Union of Jacksonville, The Miami Herald, and The Tampa Tribune. Mrs. Marie R. Holderman, who then published a weekly in Manatee, saw the ad in The Tampa Tribune and got in touch with Mr. Edwards, with the result that she came to Cocoa as editor of its first and, to date, its only newspaper, which approximately one year ago was enlarged to become Cocoa's first daily newspaper. Mrs. Holderman is still at the helm.

Mr. Edwards served as Mayor of Cocoa Beach for six years, 1925 to 1931. He is, of course, a member of the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, and is a charter member of the Cocoa Presbyterian Church. He retains his membership in the Florida Bar and the Brevard County Bar Association and still does a small amount of advisory law practice. As a young man he served in the Georgia National Guard.

At Atlanta, Georgia, on November 22, 1911, Gus C. Edwards married Miss Clara McKinney of Gainesville, Georgia, daughter of James Dyer McKinney, M.D., and Ann Louisa Williams. Mrs. Edwards is the author of a great many articles, and more especially, articles about the history of early Florida which are now appearing in the Cocoa Tribune, and also author of a children's book called "The Wonderful Gift." Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are the parents of a son and a daughter, James Edwin and Patricia Ann.

James Edwin Edwards, born at Clarkesville, Georgia, July 29, 1914, attended the University of Texas and was graduated from George Washington University with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. During World War II he enlisted in the Coast Guard, trained at the Coast Guard Academy at Groton, Connecticut, and was commissioned an Ensign. He Served in the European theater of war, participating in the invasion of Normandy, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant (senior grade). He now holds the rank of Major in the Air Force Reserve. After leaving the service he held a responsible position in the State Department for several years before establishing himself in law practice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he now resides and practices his profession. He first married Helen Godwin and they were the parents of a daughter, Clare. He is now married to Frances Stanley of Mayfield, Kentucky, and by this marriage he has two children, Robin Ann and James Christopher.

Patricia Ann Edwards, born in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 16, 1927, was graduated from Cocoa High School and attended Rollins College. She later transferred to Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, where she majored in English and was on the Dean's List for high scholastic achievement. She was graduated in June, 1950, with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

RUSSELL H. DIXON

A native son of Cocoa, where he was born sixty-three years ago (October 7, 1897), Russell H. Dixon is the grandson of a pioneer settler who homesteaded 160 acres in Cocoa in 1868 and brought his family down from Kentucky in 1870. Russell's grandmother, Jane Dixon, was in charge of the mail in the community at Magnolia Point. His father, Albert Zacheus (Zack) Dixon, was born in Kentucky near the Ohio border on March 30, 1862, and so was about eight years old when he came to Cocoa. Zack's parents gave him acreage which he cleared and set out in groves while in his twenties. He became one of the two early builders in Cocoa, where he died October 1, 1932. Russell's mother was Mamie Christie from Nyack, New York. She died in Cocoa September 8, 1945. Mr. Dixon's home is one that was built for his parents in 1909. It has been added to from time to time since then.

Russell Dixon attended public school in Cocoa and served an apprenticeship as watchmaker and jeweler with August Lemmert for three years. In May, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Artillery until December 10, 1918, when he was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Upon his return from the Army he bought Lemmert's Jewelry Store and added phonographs, pianos and other musical instruments to the jewelry line. In 1924 he closed this business and became associated with the Harwood-Wilson Corporation of West Palm Beach, dealers in musical instruments, and was credit manager and a salesman in this company, returning to Cocoa and the jewelry business for a short time in 1926.

About 1929 he went to work with the Department of Agriculture in the fruit fly eradication program. He acquired a citrus grove in 1932 which he continued to operate until 1955. From 1935 to March of 1939 he worked for the National Re-employment Service. After that he was a painting contractor in Cocoa until he went into the Banana River Naval Air Station as a painter under Civil Service.

In May, 1945, he opened the United States Employment Service as manager and remained manager when it became the Florida State Employment Service. He is still manager of the Cocoa office of this public service.

Mr. Dixon is a member of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, past president and now a director of the Florida chapter. He is a charter member and past vice-president of Patrick Air Force Base Personnel Association. For over thirty-five years he has been a member of American Legion Post #22 of Cocoa, and is a past commander of the post. He is also a member of Brevard Masonic Lodge #113 of Cocoa, the Advisory Committee of the Brevard County unit of the Salvation Army, the Izaak Walton League, the Brevard Cruising Club (past vice-commodore), and the First Baptist Church of Cocoa. Fishing and boating are his hobbies.

He was married at Savanah, Georgia, May 12, 1919, to Augusta Holbrook Chandler, daughter of John Whitaker and Mary Reid Chandler, who was born at Savannah, September 9, 1891. Mrs. Dixon is active in the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Cocoa and until recently was active in the Cocoa Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are the parents of four children, all born in Cocoa:

1. Russell Lemmert Dixon, born April 6, 1920, who married Mildred Cosson of Morristown, Tennessee.
2. May Chandler Dixon, born May 6, 1922, now Mrs. C. B. Livingston.
3. Margaret Goulding Dixon, born December 26, 1924, now Mrs. A. L. Wooten.
4. John Chandler Dixon, born May 28, 1928, who married Helen Peterson of Groton, Connecticut.

ROBERT W. PARKS

Robert W. Parks has been carrying on an express fruit shipping business in Cocoa during the winter season since 1924 and became a permanent resident of Florida in 1943.

Son of Joseph Howard and Emily Elizabeth (Caples) Parks, he was born May 13, 1898, in Cockeysville, Maryland, where his mother was born April 18, 1878. She is living in Timonium, Maryland, at this date. His father was born in 1873 in Texas, Maryland, and died in 1947 in Belfast Maryland, where he was a farmer.

Robert Parks graduated from Towson High School, Towson, Maryland, in 1914, and went to work for Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, Ohio. He served with the Maryland National Guard, Fifth Regiment, on the Mexican Border in 1916. In 1917 he entered Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, where he spent one year acquiring higher education. In September of 1918 he enlisted in the United States Army, but, the war being over in November, he was mustered out early in December, 1918. He then returned to Davey Tree Expert Company and worked in the Personnel Department, remaining with this company until 1943.

Meanwhile, starting in 1924, when he bought the Fay Fruit Company in Cocoa, Florida, Mr. Parks was operating his gift fruit shipping business during the winter months while he continued in the employ of the above-named company in Ohio. In 1946, having taken up his residence in Florida some time before, he entered a partnership with Douglas J. Gibbons in this business, and the name of the company became Parks and Gibbons. They now ship 6,000 packages of fruit a year. The same year (1946) Mr. Parks entered a partnership with Mr. Gibbons and Fred Humphreys as owners of the Lapham Jelly Company of Merritt Island. This establishment burned down in February, 1960.

Mr. Parks is a member of the Florida Express Fruit Shippers, a member and past director of the Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, a member of Florida Sheriffs Association, Elks Lodge #1532, and American Legion Post #22, in which he was chairman of the Finance Committee for six years. He is a life member of Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital Association, a member of Izaak Walton League of America and the Defenders of Wild Life, whose headquarters are in Washington, D.C. A lover of animals, he has been president of the Central Brevard Humane Society, which is his hobby. In religious faith he is a non-denominational Christian.

Robert W. Parks and Irene Gable were married at Tavares, Florida, March 23rd, 1930. Mrs. Parks is the daughter of Percival K. and Ella J. Kulp Gable, born May 1, 1898, at Center Square, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

WILLIAM MARSHALL SMITH, JR.

A Certified Public Accountant in Cocoa since 1953, William Marshall Smith, Jr., grew up on the west coast of Florida where his father settled in 1891. William M. Smith, Sr., was born in Greenwood County, South Car-

olina, April 17, 1871, and came to Florida when he was twenty years old, locating in what is now Pinellas County on the west coast. In 1913 he moved to Tampa and built a home there. He was a general contractor and a Mason. He died at Williston, Florida, January 4, 1939. His wife, William, Jr.'s mother, was Clara Pinson, born April 1, 1881, in Greenwood, South Carolina. Mrs. Smith is now living in Rockledge, Florida.

Born in Greenwood, South Carolina, December 1, 1912, the younger Smith graduated from Plant High School, Tampa, in 1929. He was sent to The Citadel. Charleston, South Carolina, where he was president of the senior class and graduated with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1933. During his senior year at The Citadel he was Company Commander of Company G, Artillery, in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

For one year after completing his formal education Mr. Smith was Junior Accountant with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, South Carolina, and then became office manager for L. B. McLeod Construction Company, an Orlando highway construction company. In March, 1941, he entered the United States Army as a First Lieutenant, having been commissioned in the Army Reserve program, and served at locations from Cape Cod to Florida to California until February, 1946, when he had reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After his return from the Army, Mr. Smith was staff accountant for M. A. Montenegro Company of Tampa until January 1, 1950, when he became a partner in the firm. On July 1, 1953, he opened an office in Cocoa where he continues to carry on his accounting service with three assistants and a partner, John Lewis, who joined the firm January 1, 1960. They serve the whole state of Florida.

Mr. Smith is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a member and past director of the Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, a member of Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital Association, Elks Lodge #1532 of Cocoa, Masonic Ornan Lodge #117 of Williston, Florida, the Rockledge Country Club and the Rockledge Presbyterian Church. Swimming and fishing are his favorite sports.

He was married at Sanford, Florida, April 12, 1941, to Evelyn Wilkinson, who was born in Sanford February 5, 1918, daughter of Jackson Lee and Elizabeth Farley Wilkinson. Mrs. Smith is active in Scout work. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children:

1. Vicki Elizabeth, born January 1, 1942, at Sanford, who is a sophomore at the University of Florida. She was salutatorian of her graduating class at Cocoa High School.
2. Marsha Ellen, born April 4, 1949, at Tampa, Florida.
3. Lindsey Jackson Smith, born October 29, 1952, at Tampa.

ANTHONY NINOS

Owner of the Seminole Hotel in Cocoa, Anthony Ninos has been in the restaurant and hotel business in Florida since 1947. He also has rental properties in Cocoa and he and his brother, John, own Teletronics, Inc., a retail electrical appliance business in the Five-Point area in West Cocoa. A civic minded citizen, he is a city councilman and has been working to get good street lighting for Cocoa. His interest and activities in public service have been of sufficient magnitude to come to the attention of a Florida magazine, which saluted him.

Son of Nicholas Ninos, a retired restaurant operator in Lockport, New York, who spends the winters in Florida, and of Bessie (Calafates) Ninos, Anthony was born in Lockport, New York, February 7, 1919. He graduated from Lockport High School in 1936 and attended Alfred University Extension Division in Lockport for about a year, then the University at Alfred, near Hornell, New York, until the second semester of the senior year. During his college course he studied ceramic engineering. On January 11, 1942, he entered the United States Army and served with the Third Armored Division in the 32nd Armored Regiment in Europe, and was honorably discharged in November, 1945, with four battle stars.

After he returned from the Army he went to Niagara Falls and took over the management of a resort casino. In early 1947 he sold this and came to Palm Beach for a vacation, with the result that he went back to New York planning to return to Florida permanently. About three weeks later he and a friend bought a three-unit business in Boca Raton. Still looking around, he saw the potential of Cocoa and heard that the Seminole Hotel could be leased with an option to buy. After operating it on lease for four and a half years he bought the hotel in 1953. It has fifty rooms and an annex with one apartment and nine rooms, and another building with two apartments. He has rental property on Merritt and Willard Street and he and his partner have business properties in the Five-Point area. In the same area he and his brother, John, opened Teletronics, Inc., in October, 1959.

Mr. Ninos was a member of the Cocoa City Planning and Zoning Board and was elected to the City Council in November, 1959. During Farris Bryant's recent campaign for Governor, Mr. Ninos was his campaign manager in Central Brevard County. He is a member of the American Hotel Association, a past president of the Cocoa Jaycees and the Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce; past chairman of the Brevard County U.S.O. and a member of its National Council; past commander of Cocoa Post #22 of the American Legion; past vice-president and secretary-treasurer of Cocoa Kiwanis Club; a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Cocoa, Rockledge Country Club, St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Cocoa, Elks Lodge #1732 of Delray Beach, and Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity of Alfred University. Golf is his recreation. The Seminole Hotel sponsors a Little League baseball team, and it won the championship one year.

At Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, on June 20, 1954, Anthony Ninos married Georgia Georgas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Georgas of Owen Sound, where she was born September 25, 1924. Mrs. Ninos is active in the American Legion Post Auxiliary and has been active in the U.S.O. and the Central Brevard County chapter of the Red Cross.

ALFRED HENDRY TRAFFORD

The president of Trafford Realty Company in Cocoa, Alfred H. Trafford, is a great-grandson of early pioneers of that area. Several generations of his family have contributed to the upbuilding of Cocoa and the neighboring sections.

His maternal great-grandfather, a Mr. Wesson, came from Providence, Rhode Island, in 1875, and settled at Cape Canaveral, buying land and planting citrus groves. Mr. Wesson's daughter, Jessie, born in Providence in

1855, married Alfred Henry Trafford who was born in England in 1843 and came to the United States shortly after the Civil War. He was a commercial artist. Mrs. Jessie Wesson Trafford was appointed life secretary and treasurer and a life trustee of the Cocoa Public Library when it was organized in 1895, and was a financial contributor to the new library building which was erected in 1907.

Alfred LeRoy Trafford, father of Alfred Hendry, was born at Titusville, Florida, May 25, 1888. He and his wife, who was Georgia Pearl Hendry, born in Hinesville, Georgia, August 9, 1889, are living on Merritt Island. In 1917 Alfred LeRoy Trafford established an insurance and real estate business, one of the first in Cocoa, and later organized the firm of Trafford and Fie'ld. In 1925 the insurance department of the firm was disposed of and in 1932 Mr. Trafford purchased the interest of Mr. Field and his firm became Trafford Realty Company. He was an authority on practically all property values in the Brevard County area, and was one of the early members of both the Florida Association of Realtors and the Brevard County Board of Realtors.

Mr. Trafford retired from active participation in the business in 1954, but is still director of the Barnett National Bank of Cocoa and vice-president and director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cocoa, which he helped to found. He was a charter member and is a life member of the Cocoa Rotary Club; a charter member and one of the organizers of the local Elks Lodge #1532; was active in all civic and welfare organizations and was a trustee of the Methodist Church. A conscientious and progressive citizen, he wielded a great influence in local affairs.

Born in Cocoa October 19, 1914, Alfred Hendry Trafford graduated from Cocoa High School in 1933. He attended the University of Florida, where he majored in Business Administration, until 1938, when he returned to Cocoa and entered the real estate business. He is president and sole stockholder of Trafford Realty Company.

Before the tremendous growth caused by the missile base at Cape Canaveral, Trafford Realty Company did much of the development of the greater Cocoa, Cocoa Beach area, and in recent years has been identified with some of the largest and finest developments within that area of Central Brevard County. With the main office in Cocoa and a branch office in Cocoa Beach, Trafford Realty Company employs about fourteen people.

Alfred H. Trafford is a member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Association of Realtors, twice past president of Brevard County Board of Realtors, now president of North Central Brevard County Board of Realtors, and a director of the Melbourne Area Board of Realtors. He is first vice-president and a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cocoa, of which he also is a founder. Both he and his father are past directors of the Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce and he is also a member of the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce. He is a member and past director of Rockledge Country Club, a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, of the University of Florida's Alpha Kappa Psi professional fraternity and Kappa Sigma social fraternity, and was president of the latter fraternity in his senior year at college.

Mr. Trafford was married at Cocoa August 24, 1940, to Margot Garda Ahlstrom, daughter of Frederic Karl and Garda (Gustin) Ahlstrom, who was born in New York City January 13, 1914, and reared in Chicago, Illinois. They have one daughter, Margot Radcliffe Trafford, born at Rockledge August 18, 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Trafford and their daughter live at Lotus on South Merritt Island, Florida.

A. FORTENBERRY

A pioneer settler of Merritt Island was A. Fortenberry who in 1912 homesteaded 160 acres in the east-central part of the island which he named Audubon. He was a grove owner at Audubon and truck-farmed for the first six years he was there. He was its first postmaster and operated the first general store there in connection with the post office. He also started the first school and donated his labor to build a schoolhouse. And before he passed away, on December 31, 1952, he had done a great many other things for Merritt Island and Brevard County.

A. Fortenberry was born in Sumrall, Mississippi, August 8, 1885, son of Will A. and Louisa (Jones) Fortenberry. His father was a sawmill and lumber operator. He attended public school in Mississippi and, no doubt, helped his father in the sawmill. He was married in 1905 and seven years later, with his wife and three young sons, set out to find a new home on the east coast of Florida.

He worked in a sawmill and did road construction until 1927, when he was elected County Commissioner. In 1934 he built a sawmill on Merritt Island and a year later moved it a short distance, where it continued to operate until 1956. This sawmill averaged over a million board feet a year for the last ten years of its existence. A good bit of the lumber, mostly virgin heart pine, was hauled to Fort Pierce and shipped to northern and foreign markets.

During the time he was commissioner, Mr. Fortenberry was responsible for the first, and 90% of the present drainage ditches on Merritt Island. He helped in the starting of the county mosquito control program. He worked to get State Road #3, now A1A, connected with Titusville Beach Road and all of Banana River Drive, north and south, on the island; also backed the bond issues for the two wooden toll bridges which were the early routes from the mainland to Merritt Island and from the island to Cocoa Beach. He helped get State Road #520 and donated a half-mile of roadway for it. He furnished part of the property and got the county to buy a few lots for the park where the Kiwanis Club and Merritt Island Fire Department now stand; and he contributed generously to the building of the first Baptist Church of Merritt Island.

Starting in 1950, he published a newspaper called The East Coast Tradewinds, which his sons continued after his death until 1956. The sons operated a print shop and printed the Eau Gallie News as well as their father's paper. The second oldest son, C. R. Fortenberry, did much of the writing for both papers.

A. Fortenberry served as County Commissioner of District #2, Brevard County, from 1927 through 1949, as chairman of the commission for the last twelve years, and was a member of the Florida Association of County Commissioners. He was an originator of the Merritt Island Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and a member and organizer of the Canaveral Port Authority, having spent a number of years' effort at his own expense to get the bill passed to create the Port Authority. He was a member of the Audubon Church, and at one time was an Elk. The flagpole now standing near the sub-

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marine base was dedicated in honor of Mr. Fortenberry. The flag was donated by Mrs. Louise Gibbons, whose husband had been given a military funeral in Cocoa.

On December 23, 1905, at Sumrall, Mississippi, A. Fortenberry married Mae Hammond, daughter of LeRoy and Laura Jane (Patterson) Hammond, who was born at Columbia, Mississippi, January 19, 1891, and is now living on Merritt Island. They had four sons:

1. W. E. Fortenberry, born February 8, 1907, at Sumrall, Mississippi, who married Margaret Heider of Malabar, Florida. They have a son, Thomas F., who married Barbara Horne and has two children: Linda and Michael.

2. Cubic Ray (C. R.) Fortenberry, born June 23, 1909, at Sumrall, Mississippi, who married Carmen Beal of Merritt Island. They have two daughters, Nita Jean and Kathryn. Nita Jean married Francis Vincent Tate, and they have a daughter, Susan Melody.

3. Gordon W. Fortenberry, born June 28, 1911, at Franklinton, Louisiana, married Mattie Munn of Wesson, Mississippi, and they had a daughter, Carol Ann. Gordon Fortenberry was rated the third light heavyweight in the world for three or four years. He died March 28, 1947.

4. John A. Fortenberry, born January 20, 1923, at Audubon, Florida, married Marguriette Poppell of Titusville. They have a girl, June Marie.

WILLIAM H. SCOTT

Gulf Oil distributor at Cocoa, William H. Scott was associated with this company some ten years before settling at Cocoa. Mr. Scott is actively interested in all that pertains to the civic life and welfare of his community and the state and sometimes plays a leading role.

He was born in Washington, D.C., January 17, 1918, son of William L. and Margaret (Baker) Scott. His father was salesman for a funeral supply firm in Virginia owned by his brother.

William H. Scott attended public school in Richmond, Virginia, and graduated from Campbell Junior College at Buies Creek, North Carolina. Entering the United States Army in May, 1943, he served until June, 1946, in the Post Military Police at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he attended Officers Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. After his return from the Army he attended Smithdeal-Massey Business College in Richmond, Virginia.

Since then he has been with Gulf Oil Corporation. He traveled for the company in central Florida until January 1, 1957, when he became distributor in Cocoa. In recent years Gulf products have held the lead in Brevard County sales. Mr. Scott is a member of the Florida Petroleum Marketers Association and the Florida Petroleum Council, and has served as Brevard County chairman of the Council.

He is a past vice-president and director of the Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the Brevard County March of Dimes (1959), and during Farris Bryant's campaign for Governor in 1960 he was co-chairman and treasurer of the Central Brevard district. In 1957 he was instrumental in obtaining lifeguards for the county beaches—his own idea and pet project.

He is a member of the Cocoa Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge #1532, Masonic Lodge #149 of New Smyrna Beach (past Junior Warden), Orlando Consistory and Bahia Temple Shrine, the Indian River Shrine Club, and the First Baptist Church of Cocoa. Very active in Boy Scout work, he has recently taken office as Cocoa Cub Master. Mrs. Scott is Den Mother of Pack #324. Both he and Mrs. Scott are active in the local Parent-Teachers Association and Mrs. Scott is also a member of the Shrine Club Auxiliary. Mr. Scott's favorite recreation is fishing. His Gulf Oil agency sponsors a softball team which won the trophy for third place last year.

Mrs. Scott was Frances Snead, daughter of Cornelius Pollard and Georgia (Morris) Snead of Fork Union, Virginia, where she was born January 9, 1917, and married on September 2, 1939. Twin boys, John Pollard and Philip Baker Scott, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott at Daytona Beach on September 23, 1950.

EARL H. GRAY

In a write-up in the Orlando Sentinel of July 14, 1960, Chuck Hostetler, columnist, writes:

"Earl H. Gray, who recently announced expansion plans for the Cocoa Beach branch of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cocoa, falls in the category of displaced Northerners who have come to the Sunshine State to RETIRE! And like others, in fighting the boredom of retirement he has made considerable impact, by his new-found interests, on Central Florida.

"Gray, fiftyish, wearing a modified crew haircut, bubbles with activity. He bubbles, too, with optimism over Central Florida's prospects and especially over the Central Brevard area with which he is so closely associated. He insists his adopted county will continue to take giant strides that may well eclipse the last decade's explosive growth. . . . You sense his feeling that the county, like the missiles it spawns, has no place to go but up, up, UP!"

Born in Collins, New York, April 26, 1902, Earl H. Gray is a son of George Henry and Grace Agnes (Carlin) Gray. Both his parents were born in New York State—his father on January 12, 1879; his mother on August 31, 1880—and they are now living in Clermont, Florida.

Earl H. Gray was educated in the public schools of Arcade, New York. During World War I he worked for Pierce Arrow Motor Co. in Buffalo, New York. For some years he worked for the Lehigh Valley Railroad. About 1927-28 he made his start as a building contractor in Rochester, New York, and also operated Lyell Hardware and Lumber Company in Rochester.

He has been coming to Florida in the winters since 1925. In 1941 he retired and built a home at Clermont. Quoting further from the above-mentioned article:

"When boredom set in, he re-entered the building busines, erected homes in the Leesburg and Wildwood sections early in the 40s. He built an airport in Leesburg in 1944 and operated a flying school. This, evidently was a throwback to his early interest in aviation. Earl has long held a private pilot's license, made his solo flights in the 1918 version of the famous Curtis Jenny."

In 1951, Mr. Gray, with some other men of the Cocoa area, founded the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cocoa and became its first and (to date) only President and Chairman of the Board. On organizing the savings and loan association, he severed his direct connection with construction work. Prior to that he had erected approximately 300 homes in Central Brevard County. He established Merritt Builders, Inc., about 1951, which his sons took over when he entered the banking business. They have matched his record of 300 homes and they built their father's new

and beautiful home, concerning which the columnist says:

"Despite his many interests, he and Mrs. (Lenora) Gray have found time for travel, to Europe, Hawaii and South America. It was in Pompeii, Italy, he got the idea for the design of the home he and Mrs. Gray are building on the Indian River. Gray's home is designed around a patio and pool, these being an integral part of the living area."

Mr. Gray, was appointed by Governor Collins to the Committee on Old Age. Finding time to take an active interest in civic and fraternal affairs, he is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Clermont, a member of Cocoa Masonic Lodge #113, past Master of Clermont Lodge, past District Deputy Grand Master of Lake County and Brevard County districts, a KCCH of Orlando Consistory and member of the Royal Order of Scotland and Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando. Mrs. Gray is a member of Cocoa Chapter #35 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Orlando Scottish Rite Ladies Club, and is a past Mother Advisor of Cocoa Assembly #14 of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Mr. Gray's church is the Methodist.

He was married at Rochester, New York, March 24, 1926, to Lenora M. Crocker, who was born at Hunker, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1903, daughter of Charles W. Crocker (born February 12, 1877, in Pennsylvania; died in 1944) and Sarah Jane Cope (born February 25, 1882, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania; died March 5, 1959, at East Pembrook, New York).

The Grays have four children and ten grandchildren. Their children are:

1. Elsie (Mrs. Robert W. Burrell), born October 13, 1927.

2. Robert Earl ("Buster"), born December 20, 1929, who married Annie Lauri McGarrity of San Marcos, Texas.

3. Gerald Walter ("Ginger"), born August 2, 1932, who married Patricia Ann Dorman of Fort Pierce, Florida.

4. Joan Agnes, born January 24, 1940, now a senior at the University of Georgia. She is a past Worthy Advisor, past Grand Officer, and was awarded the Grand Cross of Colors in the Order of the Rainbow.

All four children were born in Rochester, New York.

WALTER T. DUNN, JR.

Owner of a successful nursery and landscaping business, Walter T. Dunn, Jr., of Cocoa, is also head of a thriving paving business which he started just a few years ago.

Born in Avon Park, Florida, October 12, 1921, he is a son of Walter T. Dunn, Sr., who was born in Raleigh, Georgia, December 12, 1884, and is now living on Merritt Island, and of Nellie Beatrice (Brown) Dunn, a native of Warm Springs, Georgia, who died at Avon Park February 22, 1939.

His father was a grove caretaker for several of the Carltons, and for the Roberts, another prominent family of Hardee County. These two families jointly owned groves and a packing house at Wauchula. Mr. Dunn, Sr., had a small grove of his own and raised nursery stock to sell. He also had a small herd of cattle, about 125 head.

Walter T., Jr., attended school in Avon Park and helped his father in the family grove and ranch. In 1940 he went to Miami and opened a landscape nursery called Shadylawn, which he operated until 1947, when he sold it. With Appleton Pare as a partner, he opened another nursery in Miami. About a year later Mr. Pare became ill, and Mr. Dunn continued to operate the nursery under his own name until 1954, at which time he came to Cocoa. There he bought the Pampas Nursery and changed its name to Cocoa Palm Nursery.

This nursery employs about thirty-six people. It does landscaping throughout Brevard County and sells wholesale plants and shrubbery all over Florida. Cocoa Palm Nursery has about fifty-eight acres of field-grown plantings and has won awards for its sea grapes at flower shows. Among other large jobs Mr. Dunn's nursery did the landscaping for the Wherry housing at Patrick Air Force Base, which called for about 200,000 plants and trees.

In 1957 Mr. Dunn bought from the widow of W. E. Turner, of Cocoa, paving equipment, for $20,000, and entered the paving contracting business under the name of Cocoa Palm Asphalt, which has recently been incorporated. Equipment he now has in use would be valued at about $115,000. He has done paving jobs as far south as Vero Beach and as far north as Mims.

Mr. Dunn is a member of Florida Nurserymen's Association, American Nurserymen's Association, Florida Home Builders Association, the Greater Cocoa Chamber of Commerce, the Izaak Walton League of America, Elks Lodge #1532, and the First Baptist Church of Merritt Island. He owns two citrus groves totaling thirty acres, one in Hardee County and one on Merritt Island. He cares for these, himself. When in Miami he had a fine collection of hibiscus, many of them rare varieties.

At Wauchula on April 24, 1940, he married Ruby Duckworth, daughter of Jake and Lovie Louise (Cox) Duckworth, born in Sylvester, Georgia, November 19, 1924. Three children were born of this marriage:

1. Jimmie Floyd Dunn, born January 2, 1942, at Miami.

2. Carolyn Jean (now Mrs. Roy S. Robinson), born November 16, 1943, at Avon Park.

3. Barbara Ann, born November 16, 1948, at Miami.

JESSE JACKSON PARRISH
1877-1948

Farmer, banker, newspaper man and political leader, Jesse J. Parrish of Titusville afforded a prime example of what toil and intelligence in Florida can do for a man, and conversely, what such a man can do for Florida.

Born in Bowling Green, Florida, October 11, 1877, he was a son of Benjamin J. and Martha J. (Durrance) Parrish, both natives of Florida; his father having been born in Bradford County and his mother in Polk County.

Senator Parrish's career began at the age of eighteen years when he left home to teach school for several years; thence to Key West for a six-month interim of selling insurance, and thence a return to Bowling Green and the beginning of his citrus career. The Senator's early career was divided between Florida citrus and seasonal operations throughout the South, purchasing fruits and vegetables. He finally settled permanently, after the turn of the century, on the Florida East Coast in the Indian River citrus area at Titusville.

Senator Parrish represented Brevard County for four consecutive terms in the Florida House of Representatives, becoming Speaker pro tem of the 1925 session. Thereafter, on the formation of the 37th Senatorial

District, he became its first Senator and served his district from 1926 to 1940. He was elected President of the Florida Senate for the 1929 session and was prominently mentioned and endorsed for governor in the 1940 election. However, he declined to make the race.

Senator Parrish is credited with substantial influence in the establishment and maintenance of the world-famous Indian River citrus area as a distinct-quality citrus area producing some of the world's finest citrus fruit. His operations extended throughout this area, with packing plants in Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Cocoa and Titusville, shipping under the equally famous Nevins Green Label.

During his tenure of office in public service, much of the basic law accounting for Florida's present economic stability was enacted and an equal amount of desperation legislation defeated. It is stated that he never lost a major legislative battle. He is credited with very substantial contributions in the creation of the Florida State Highway Department; in our educational system; in the application of gas tax monies to the bankrupt condition of counties bonded for roads in the primary highway system; the creation of the Florida Citrus Commission, and in many other major facets. His honesty, integrity and sound, conservative thinking characterized the man in the minds of Florida, and he has been an inspiration to those who followed.

The Senator was a Mason (32nd degree), Elk, Moose and Rotarian; a leader in his church (Presbyterian Elder), President of Nevins Fruit Company, Inc., J. J. Parrish & Company, Inc., Florida Citrus Production Credit Association, United Growers and Shippers Association, Titusville Star-Advocate, Inc., Indian River State Bank, and served on the board of several banking institutions. He served on the Selective Service Board during World War II.

Senator Parrish died at Jacksonville, Florida, April 3, 1948, survived by his widow, the former Emma Louise Hickey of Chadbourn, North Carolina, and his three children: Pauline (Mrs. N. W. Bryan), Jesse Jackson, Jr., and R. Bernard, all of Titusville.

JESSE JACKSON PARRISH, JR.

From his distinguished father, J. J. Parrish, Jr., inherited a taste for the law as well as a citrus business, and so he first became a lawyer and practiced that profession for five years before World War II. Upon his return from a very creditable military service, he took up the reins which his father was about to lay down as head of an extensive citrus business, and is now president of six private business corporations and an official of many other organizations. He is an outstanding industrial and civic leader.

Son of Jesse J. and Emma Louise (Hickey) Parrish (see father's sketch), he was born in Titusville, Florida, December 10, 1912. Following his graduation from Titusville High School, he entered the University of Florida and received his LL.B. degree from the Law School in 1935. During the first year of his legal career he was assistant to the Justices of the Florida Supreme Court. In the year 1936 he was Presidential Elector for the Democratic party from the State of Florida. He opened his private practice of law in Orlando in 1936 and continued there until he entered the United States Army in 1941.

He was admitted to the Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, October 15, 1941, and, having been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in the Reserve Officers Training Corps in college, served four and a half years in the European theater of operations, taking part in the Normandy invasion and from there on to the crossing of the Elbe River. When discharged from the service in 1946 he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and wore two theater ribbons, five battle stars, the Bronze Star with three oak-leaf clusters, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Returning to Florida, Mr. Parrish entered the citrus business which his father had established in Brevard County, with headquarters in Titusville. He is now president of the following firms: Nevins Fruit Company, Inc., Titusville; Nevins-Ideal, Inc., Fort Pierce; J. J. Parrish and Company, Inc., Titusville, Cocoa and Vero Beach; Margaret Ann Cattle Company, Inc., Titusville; Margaret Ann Groves, Inc., Cocoa; and Betty Ann Groves, Inc., Melbourne.

In citrus organizations, he is president of Florida Orange Marketers Inc.; president of United Growers and Shippers Association, Inc., of Orlando; president of Growers and Shippers League of Florida; vice-president and a director of Florida Citrus Mutual; vice-president and a director of Indian River Citrus League, Inc.; a member and former chairman of the Florida Citrus Commission; member and former chairman of the Shippers Advisory Committee of the United States Department of Agriculture; a former member of the U.S.D.A. Citrus Marketing and Research Committee, and former member of the National Citrus Merchandising Committee.

In the field of banking, he is a director of the Citizens Bank of Titusville, the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Titusville, and the Florida Citrus Production Credit Association, and a P.C.A. member of the Advisory Board of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Third District, Alternate, National Advisory Board. He is a member of the United States Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, representing the food shippers of America; a member of the Agricultural and Government Expenditures Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce; president of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Brevard County and Titusville Chambers of Commerce; a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association; and a former vice-president of the Titusville Star-Advocate.

He is a former president of the Titusville Rotary Club; a Mason and an Elk; a former commander of Post #1 of the American Legion, Titusville, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; a director of the Children's Home Society of Florida; and an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville. He retains his membership in the Florida State Bar Association, and belongs to Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Phi, and Scabbard and Blade fraternities.

J. J. Parrish, Jr., was married in Titusville on June 30, 1951, to Elizabeth Jean Poe, daughter of Martin Henry and Lura C. Poe, and they have two sons: Jesse Jackson Parrish, III, born September 26, 1953, and Martin Henry Parrish, born April 4, 1959; both born in Titusville.

Bernard Parrish, younger brother of J. J., Jr., who is vice-president of Nevins Fruit Company, was elected State Senator in November 1960.

EDWIN H. WILLIS

Edwin H. Willis of Titusville is a man of many and diverse business interests, his principal activity at present being construction and the developing of properties. He plays a leading role in the civic and political affairs of his community.

Mr. Willis was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1914, son of Nevin and Estella (Garmen) Willis. His father is a Chevrolet dealer in Mercer, Pennsylvania.

Edwin Willis graduated from Mercer High School in 1932 and worked in the local A. & P. store for the first year out of school. During the depression years following, he did what work he could get. About 1936 he began selling cars for his father. In 1939 he bought a service station in Mercer while he was working for Westinghouse Electric Company in Sharon, Pennsylvania. After eighteen months with Westinghouse he left and operated his service station until late in 1940. At that time he was one of a group of men who organized a bus line to transport defense workers to different plants around the Sharon-Greenville, Pennsylvania, and Youngstown, Ohio, area; also around Grove City and Mercer. They operated twenty-three buses, which were sold, after the war, in early 1946.

Late in 1946 Mr. Willis came to Titusville, Florida, and entered the construction business, operating under his own name. On November 1, 1949, he bought the Kittanning, Pennsylvania, Chevrolet dealership and operated this until January 1, 1955, when he sold it and returned to Titusville. Since then he has been in the construction business. He has an interest in the Brevard Abstract Company in partnership with Max Brewer. They have a couple of Titusville subdivisions and are currently developing Citrus Heights in Titusville and Sunny Dunes on the ocean front at Titusville Beach. They also own a Pure Oil station. In 1957 Mr. Willis purchased a small grove, and recently added a 140-acre grove in the Titusville-Mims area to his holdings. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual.

Mr. Willis is one of the founders and a director of Brevard State Bank, opened in Titusville in January, 1958. He is a past president of both the Greater and the Junior Chambers of Commerce of Titusville, and has served as secretary, vice-president and president of the Titusville Rotary Club. A Democrat, he served as councilman in Mercer, Pennsylvania, and at Whispering Hills, Brevard County; and was a very active worker for Farris Bryant in his recent race for the governorship of Florida. He was the Titusville area's chairman for the American Cancer Society and was a member of the advisory board for the construction of North Brevard Hospital. He is a charter member of Titusville Elks Lodge #112, a member of the Moose Lodge, and a past trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville. Golf and bowling are his recreations.

In Mercer, Pennsylvania, on December 27, 1937, he married Lorraine Holmes, daughter of Glen W. and Mildred (Flack) Holmes, who was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1916. They have three children:

1. Richard Edwin Willis, born in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

2. Diane Sue, also born in New Castle.

3. Timothy Ward Willis, born in Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Willis is active in the Pink Ladies of the North Brevard Hospital Auxiliary.

WILLARD H. H. BENNETT, M.D.

Dr. Willard H. H. Bennett of Titusville is a grandson of Florida pioneers. His mother, Mrs. Willard Hall Bennett, daughter of Willard Hiram Hall, one-time tax assessor of Brevard Counuty, was born in Bradenton, Florida, March 30, 1898. Her home on Washington Avenue, originally two rooms, is one of the older homes in Titusville. The doctor's father, W. D. Bennett of Barrington, Illinois, who died in June, 1956, came to Florida with his parents when he was eighteen years old. The family bought land at Mims in Brevard County and set out a grove.

Born at Orlando, Florida, August 12, 1926, Willard H. H. Bennett graduated from Titusville High School in 1944 and entered the United States Navy in December of that year. He served with the Naval Air Force as a gunner on aircraft until July, 1949, when he was discharged as a seaman first class. Entering the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, in 1946, he graduated in 1950 with a B.S. degree in Biology and proceeded to Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, where he received his M.D. degree in 1954. After one year's internship at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, he returned to Titusville in July, 1955, and became an associate of Dr. G. E. Christie in a general practice of medicine.

Dr. Bennett is a member of the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, and the Brevard County Medical Society, of which he is now president, having previously served as treasurer. At the University of the South he became a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity, and at Tulane University was received into the Theta Kappa Psi national medical fraternity. He is a member of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Titusville and serves this church as junior warden, vestryman and choir director. His hobby is collecting HiFi recordings, mostly classical.

At Waycross, Georgia, on November 26, 1955, Dr. Bennett married Marian Seaman, a daughter of Henry A. and Marian (Rice) Seaman, who was born in Waycross December 24, 1933. Dr. and Mrs. Bennett now have two children:

1. Jeffrey Durland Bennett, born at Cocoa on May 3, 1957.

2. Margaret Olivia, born at Titusville December 22, 1959.

Mrs. Bennett is active in the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Gabriel's Church, in the Titusville Junior Woman's Club, and is president of Poinsettia Circle of the Garden Club.

LYLE EUGENE DUFF

Like a number of others whose stories appear in these pages, Lyle E. Duff of Mims does not believe in carrying all his eggs in one basket, but takes advantage of every business opportunity that offers. At present he is a gift fruit shipper with some groves and a packing house of his own, a real estate broker and developer, and an insurance agent, and runs a small restaurant and two gas stations on the side.

Born in Berne, Indiana, September 15, 1913, son of Earl A. and Coy (Kerr) Duff, he came to Mims, Florida, with his parents in 1923. His father, now retired, operated Duff's Grocery in Mims. Lyle attended school in Mims and Titusville, graduated from Titusville High

School in 1931, and attended the University of Florida for three years. During the following year he was in business with his father in Duff's Grocery.

In 1935 he was married, and he and his wife started Duffy's, Gift Fruit Shippers. About the same time he bought a five-acre citrus grove, which has increased to forty acres. In 1954 he bought the Blue Goose packing house in Mims, which he uses for packing his gift fruit. It has a capacity of two railroad cars a day and in season he ships between six and eight thousand packages. When the highway in Mims was four-laned, in 1956, Mr. Duff rebuilt his gift shop on the highway, adding a restaurant and gas station. In 1958, he added a second Standard Oil station in the South Mims area.

He became a licensed real estate broker in 1955 and, after his son joined him in 1958, added an insurance agency, creating Duffy's Real Estate and Insurance Agency. He and his son are developers of Spruce Hills, an 88-home subdivision one mile west of Mims on Highway 46.

Mr. Duff is a member of the Florida Express Fruit Shippers Association, past president of Brevard County Farm Bureau, past director of Titusville Chamber of Commerce, and now president of the Free Highways Association. He and his son, William, are members of the North Central Brevard County Board of Realtors and the Florida Association of Realtors. He is a past member of the Brevard County Democratic Executive Committee, a member of Titusville Masonic Lodge and Elks Lodge, and a member of Mims Methodist Church and its Official Board of Stewards. Last year he was president of the Orlando District of Methodist Men's Brotherhood, and is now an associate lay leader for the Orlando District of the Methodist Church Florida Conference. He was a charter member of the North Brevard District Hospital Board and is still active on this board. Next to his family, his church and the hospital are his chief interests. Duffy's has been sponsoring a Little League baseball team in North Brevard County, and now has an amateur softball team for the softball league started this year, 1960.

Mr. Duff was married at Titusville, April 21, 1935, to C. Maxine Darden, daughter of W. Frank and Sarah C. (Taylor) Darden, who was born in Dothan, Alabama, July 6, 1914. They have three children, all born in Mims:

1. William Eugene Duff, born April 14, 1936, who married Mary Sue Rozier of Groveland, Florida. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1958 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration and is associated with his father in business.
2. Dorothy Ann Duff, born November 16, 1944.
3. Lyle Eugene Duff, II, born April 19, 1953.

W. O. B. CHITTENDEN

The present Mayor of Titusville, W. O. B. Chittenden, who is a veteran in that office, has been a resident of that city since 1928 and is a retired merchant. During his years in Titusville he has been as active as humanly possible in working for the welfare of the community. Born at Big Bone Springs, Boone County, Kentucky, September 21, 1895, he is a son of Amos B. and Mary Reed Chittenden. His father was born in Boone County, Kentucky, July 2, 1844, and died at Joy, Kentucky, March 6, 1937. He was a farmer in Livingston County and was postmaster at Joy. Mary Reed Chittenden was born and died in Livingston County, Kentucky, passing away in 1913.

Mr. Chittenden grew up in Livingston County, Kentucky, and was educated in its schools. In August, 1914, he entered the United States Navy, but had to leave the following April, due to illness. During World War I he served as a private first class in the United States Army.

From 1921 to 1923 he attended the State Teachers College at Bowling Green, Ohio, and continued to be associated with this school in a supervisory capacity until he came to Florida in February, 1928. He bought a home in Titusville and for eighteen months worked for Florida Power and Light Company. Then for about three years he operated a feed store for a Mr. Nelson. In October of 1934 he opened a Ben Franklin Five-and-Ten-Cent Store in Titusville, which he operated until June 1, 1960.

When Mr. Chittenden first came to Titusville he allied himself with the local American Legion post and soon became Post Service Officer. In 1948 he was appointed County Veterans Service Officer for North Brevard County.

First elected Mayor of Titusville in 1936, he served six years at that time. He has now been acting mayor since being elected a city councilman in 1954, and was officially named mayor in 1956. He was formerly a member of the Canaveral Port Authority, an elected office, and was chairman when he resigned. During World War II he was head of the North Brevard Civil Defense and captain of the auxiliary police force.

Mr. Chittenden is a past vice-president, and now honorary vice-president and a director of the Citizens Bank of Titusville; a past member of the Merchants Association of Titusville and of both chambers of commerce; a past president of the Kiwanis Club; past commander of the American Legion Post #1; a member of Barracks #1196, Veterans of Foreign Wars; an Elk of Titusville Lodge #2113; a Mason of Indian River Lodge #90 and past master of Carrsville, Kentucky, Lodge #812; and a member of Titusville Presbyterian Church. Until a couple of years ago he played a lot of golf.

At Daytona Beach, Florida, on February 22, 1928, Mr. Chittenden married Clara Love, daughter of Jake and Etta King Love, and a native of Livingston County, Kentucky. She taught school in Titusville from 1922 to 1936, and was very active in church affairs and in the Titusville Woman's Club. Mrs. Chittenden died February 2, 1958.

J. R. BOWEN

J. R. Bowen of DeLand is the son of a Methodist preacher, H. H. Bowen, who came to Daytona Beach from Kansas in 1910 and preached there and at DeLand, Mount Dora and St. Cloud. His mother was Ella Leona Humphries.

Born in Kansas September 1, 1900, he completed his elementary education in the public schools of Daytona Beach and DeLand, and received his secondary education in the Academy of Stetson University, continuing at the University to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in 1923. The first year out of college, 1923-24, he taught at Kissimmee High School and was head football and basketball coach there. On August 15, 1924, he came into the firm of Volusia County Abstract Company. He was made manager in 1929, and has been treasurer of the firm since 1945.

Mr. Bowen is a member of the Florida Land Title Association, past president of the Florida Title Association, and a member of the DeLand Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of DeLand Kiwanis Club, a member of American Legion Post #6 (having served a few months in the Army in 1918), and a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity of John B. Stetson University. Mr. Bowen is a Democrat in politics and likes to play golf.

He was married at Kissimmeee in September of 1926 to Vivian Floyd, daughter of Dora (Barber) Floyd and Mr. Floyd.

HARRIS M. SAXON

County Commissioner of Volusia County since 1948, Harris M. Saxon is a native of New Smyrna Beach, where he was born July 14, 1911. His parents, also, were born in Florida. His father, George M. Saxon (whose parents came to Florida from South Carolina), was born in Hampton, Bradford County, and died in St. Augustine in 1949. Before his retirement in 1942 he was a switchman for the Florida East Coast Railroad, and had previously been a conductor. He was a deacon in the New Smyrna Beach Baptist Church. Harris Saxon's mother was Ruby Ashton, born in St. Augustine, now living in New Smyrna Beach.

After graduating from high school in New Smyrna Beach in 1930, Mr. Saxon worked in several grocery stores until 1936, when he and his brother, Marcus, bought a filling station and garage, at the same time becoming agents for Evinrude outboard motors. This business was sold in January, 1942. In March, 1942, Mr. Saxon entered the United States Navy and served until October, 1945, the greater part of the time on the minesweeper YMS 69 in the Mediterranean and European theaters, and was Chief Motor Machinist's Mate on discharge.

Returned from the Navy, he sold surplus tires for a few months, then drove a rural mail route for about a year. Since his successful bid for the office of County Commissioner in 1948, he has been re-elected each term. The project in which he has been most interested, and in which he has played an important role, was the rebuilding by the state of the North Bridge, from New Smyrna toward the beach, replacing the wooden bridge which had been put there by the county. Mr. Saxon also owns and operates Buena Vista Motel and has rental apartments on the North Causeway.

He is a member of the Florida Association of County Commissioners and past chairman of the Roads Committee; a member of the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials; a past director of the New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce; past Exalted Ruler and honorary life member of Elks Lodge #1557; a member of New Smyrna Beach Masonic Lodge #149, the American Legion Post, the Golf and Country Club; and is an officer in the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church. Golf is his hobby.

He was married at Folkston, Georgia, August 19, 1946, to Corinne Westfhal, daughter of Julius and Mary (Cameron) Westfphal, who was born July 12, 1920, at Island Grove, Alachua County, Florida. Mary Elizabeth Saxon, born at Bartow, September 10, 1935, is Mrs. Saxon's daughter and the adopted daughter of Harris Saxon.

LAWRENCE W. GALBREATH

County Road Superintendent Lawrence W. Galbreath, of New Smyrna Beach, is descended through his mother from what was probably the oldest family to settle in that area. His mother's great-great-grandfather, a Mr. Murray, and his wife, Jane, came to the New Smyrna Beach location from Massachusetts in the 1830's. During the Indian wars they were forced to flee from their homes, but moved back when the hostilities were over. They were early citrus growers and shipped their fruit to England.

Mr. Galbreath's mother, Ethel Westall Galbreath, was born in New Smyrna Beach December 22, 1884, and is still living there. She attended Rollins College and taught school in New Smyrna Beach for several years. His father, Roy O. Galbreath, was born at Pawnee Rock, Kansas, in February, 1884, and died in New Smyrna Beach in November, 1959. Until the depression he was a building contractor. He then joined the police force of New Smyrna Beach and became Chief of Police about 1942. In the early 1920's he was a member of the City Council of Coronado Beach, now part of New Smyrna Beach. He was a life member of the Elks and a member of the Congregational Church..

Born in New Smyrna Beach July 12, 1915, Lawrence Galbreath received his education in the local public schools and graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School in 1934. He has had a variety of occupations since then. For the past fifteen years he has been keeping bees, and now has 500 hives. In 1953 he began planting citrus on property he owns on Bissette's Hammock on the west shore of the Indian River, about twelve miles south of Ponce de Leon Inlet, and plans to have about twenty acres of grove there. Two years ago, in 1958, he started the Leatherleaf Fernery, which now produces about 1,500 sprays a week.

Mr. Galbreath was appointed County Road Superintendent in 1948 by H. M. Saxon, the County Commissioner of District #5, Volusia County, and is a member of the Florida Association of County Road Superintendents. He is a committeeman of Precinct #10A, District #5, which makes him a member of the Volusia County Democratic Executive Committee. He is a life commodore of the Smyrna Yacht Club; was formerly active in the New Smyrna Beach Lions Club and Elks Lodge, and was assistant Scout Master of Troop #72 of the Boy Scouts. Fishing is his recreation, but he enjoys working with his bees, his ferns and his groves. By way of a hobby he has a collection of bones and relics that he has found on his own and other properties.

On January 1, 1937, Lawrence Galbreath married Marie Gilbert. A son, Paul Howard Galbreath, was born in Detroit, Michigan, December 31, 1937.

JOHN YODER DETWILER

One of the real pioneers of Volusia County was John Yoder Detwiler, who came to New Smyrna in December, 1883. He was engaged in the bee business and had one of the largest apiaries in that section, but the destructive freeze of 1886 caused a total loss in that line as well as to citrus grove owners. Mr. Detwiler was the original editor of the New Smyrna Breeze, a weekly paper which first appeared on May 5, 1887. He was probably best known for his activities as local historian. In June, 1925, when he was eighty years old, he made

a special trip to Spain for the purpose of obtaining historical data concerning early Spanish settlements in Florida. He believed that the first settlement in America was at New Smyrna rather than St. Augustine, and wrote a book on the subject, which is still a matter of debate in historical circles.

The oldest son of Isaac Horning and Hannah (Knabb) Detwiler, he was born at Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1845. The Detwiler family is an old one, tracing its lineage and coat of arms back to the Counts of Fribourg in the twelfth century, when Switzerland was under the dominion of Austria. The name is derived from the French name, D'Etoille. They were a strong and rugged people with deep convictions, and were willing to suffer hardships, privations and even persecution, exile and emigration to a new world in order to enjoy full freedom in religious beliefs. The first Detwiler to come to America was Gregorius, a Huguenot, who came from Switzerland about 1650 and was one of the first settlers of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

John Yoder Detwiler was educated in the schools of Pennsylvania, and on September 10, 1864, enlisted in Company C, 17th Infantry, West Virginia Volunteers, at Grafton, West Virginia. He served as Company Clerk until the close of the war. After his discharge from the Army he went to Toledo, Ohio, where his family had moved from Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1865, and was associated in business there with his father, who owned a flour mill and had extensive real estate interests.

In 1870 he married Ella Mary Aarons of Cincinnati, Ohio. They had four children: George, Mary, Florence and Hannah. For about ten years they made their home in Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Detwiler was interested in agriculture. In 1881 he moved with his family to Doniphan, Kansas, to take charge of family property interests there. They spent two years in Kansas but after the death of the two oldest children, George at eleven and Mary at seven, they returned to their home in Toledo. In December of that year they moved to Florida and settled at New Smyrna.

Mr. Detwiler was always interested in the fishing industry of Florida and was perhaps the best-informed and highest authority on the protection and propagation of fish and marine resources in the state. In January, 1898 he was appointed by the County Commissioners of Volusia County as a delegate from New Smyrna, DeLand and Daytona to represent them at the International Fishing Congress held in Tampa that year. The same year the Florida Legislature created the office of Fish Commissioner, and Mr. Detwiler was appointed to this office by Governor Bloxham and reappointed by Governor Jennings. When, during the administration of Governor Broward, the Legislature saw fit to repeal the Act creating this office, the Governor made Mr. Detwiler Honorary President of the Florida Fish Commission for four years without compensation. During the years of his service he secured five carloads of 15,000,000 shad fry from the United States Fish Commission and free transportation from the railroads from Washington, and superintended the planting of these fish in Florida waters from Miami to the Chattahoochee River without cost to the State of Florida. He was appointed by Governor Broward as a delegate to represent the State at the International Fisheries Congress held at Washington, D.C., September 22 to 26, 1908. No state had a more thoroughly interested representative, or one more able to instruct or receive instruction for its benefit, than Florida.

Mr. Detwiler always had the best interests of Florida at heart and utilized every effort to maintain and preserve the inheritance of the people. He was a staunch supporter especially of Volusia County, where he early saw the possibilities of the future and backed his belief by investing steadily in Volusia County property. He was not above an occasional shrewd deal—as, for instance, when he swapped a ticket to New York City for a tract of land in Orange County; and, at another time, traded a telescope for a piece of land in Glencoe, west of New Smyrna. In 1926 he established The Detwiler Corporation, a real estate firm, and was its president.

John Detwiler was an honorary member of the Florida Historical Society, the Ohio State Bee Keepers Association, and the Halifax River Yacht Club; an active member of the American Fisheries Society; a Royal Arch Mason and oldest member of Lodge #144, F.&A.M., Toledo, Ohio, and was past Commander of Budd-Mather Post #8 of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Florida.

Mr. Detwiler died in New Smyrna Beach on December 1, 1931.

HANNAH DETWILER BONNET

Serving as Mayor of New Smyrna Beach for the second time, Hannah Detwiler Bonnet believes that "women can best promote Florida's interests by getting into politics, accepting responsibilities as well as liberties, working harder and talking less." Mrs. Bonnet has long been fighting for worthy causes, beginning back in 1918 when she appeared before the Legislature in the interest of Woman Suffrage.

Daughter of the late John Yoder and Ella Mary (Aarons) Detwiler, she was born in Toledo, Ohio, April 27, 1891, while the family was on a month's visit at their old home there. They returned to New Smyrna, and she has been a resident of that city since then. She returned to Toledo, Ohio, for a part of her education and attended Stetson University for three years. From its founding by her father in 1926 until his death, she was executive vice-president of the Detwiler Corporation, and since 1937 has had her own real estate and insurance business.

She first became interested in politics in the mid-forties, when she was one of the leaders in the fight to have the then town of Coronado Beach annexed by New Smyrna. The annexation took place in 1947, and Coronado is now New Smyrna's beachside. She ran for the City Commission twice unsuccessfully before 1950 and has been elected four times since then. As a member of the City Commission in 1954, she became the first woman mayor of New Smyrna Beach. In 1960 she was again elected Mayor for a two-year term. Having polled the highest city-wide vote in the field of sixteen candidates in the primaries, she was openly endorsed by the four men who won commission seats from the other city zones, and went on to pile up the top vote in the runoff and win the mayor's job. She has had her defeats, too, as all political candidates must sooner or later, but this does not bother her. "Even if I don't win," she says, "I love to campaign. It's not the winning or losing an election; it's the candidate's reaction to it that makes or breaks him."

During her 1954 term as mayor the city received

much nationwide publicity from her travels, at her own expense, to municipal meetings all over the world. At the national convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Denver in 1954, she made the headlines because of her statesmanlike qualities as one of America's few woman mayors, She was hostess to a Puerto Rican delegation visiting New Smyrna Beach and was, herself, a guest of the same officials on a return visit to the islands. The correspondents in Puerto Rico were intrigued by her candid talk and her swooping hats. In 195- she was New Smyrna Beach's Ambassador of Good Will on a two-month tour of Europe. Again, in November, 1960, she was one of a group of American mayors and other city officials who went to Tel Aviv, Israel, to attend a meeting of the International Union of Local Authorities, and on that occasion met the mayor of the original New Smyrna, Greece, a suburb of Athens, who made her an honorary citizen of the Greek city.

Mrs. Bonnet has always been interested in seeing New Smyrna Beach take advantage of its wonderful potential, and has fought for free bridges and improved state roads, among other improvements. She sees the city now as at the crossroads of its development, Among her goals are: straightening out the utility system with a commission patterned along the lines of Orlando; a strong beautification program, emphasizing the use of native flowering plants to restore the picturesque appearance the city had a decade ago; and exploitation of the beach, the greatest attraction the city has. She wants, most of all, better public relations between the citizens and the commissioners. "We have not been able to sell New Smyrna Beach nationally as we should have," she says. "That's because we have not sold ourselves. If this administration can sell our citizens on the future of their community, we will have opened a long-closed door, and I truly believe progress and expansion are just outside it, waiting to come in."

As a member of the New Smyrna Beach Business and Professional Women's Club, she was named Woman of the Year in 1958. She is also a member of the Woman's Club, the Garden Club, the Smyrna Yacht Club, the New Smyrna Humane Society, and was a life member of the Volusia County Historical Society, which is now inactive. Her parents gave land for the First Presbyterian Church which was built on the beachside, no longer there, and also gave an area for a cemetery. She, herself, gave the land on which the Little Theater is built, and other land gifts, including roadside parks and recreation grounds for children. The largest of these is Detwiler Park on the beachside.

Mrs. Bonnet became widely known as "the lady with the big hats" because of her addiction to wide-brimmed bonnets while going about New Smyrna's sunny beachside, conducting her business as owner of the Hannah Detwiler Bonnet Real Estate Agency. Travel is her principal hobby. She has been in most of the states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and has visited Nassau, Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Balearic Islands (in the Mediterranean), the Near and Middle East, most of the countries of Europe, and Africa.

She was married in Volusia County on September 25, 1913, to Harry U. ("Chick") Bonnet, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, May 7, 1880, and died in New Smyrna Beach April 15, 1936. He was a civil engineer with the State Road Department and at various times was county and city engineer. A daughter, Jeanne Detwiler Bonnet, now Mrs. Fritz K. Mitchell, was born June 7, 1928, at Daytona Beach. She is a graduate of the University of Florida and the first woman to graduate from its School of Real Estate. She has a son, Stewart, born in 1957.

Mrs. Bonnet lives today, as she has for many years, in an old home looking out on the Indian River. She puts in a full day at her real estate office, except when she is handing out a key to the city, or greeting a touring politician or a visiting dignitary. Nobody enjoys these duties of office more, or handles them with greater aplomb, than Hannah Detwiler Bonnet.

DAVID LOUDEN BLACK

David Louden Black has been practicing law in Daytona Beach since 1925. He has been president of the Peninsula Abstract and Title Company since 1929 and is a director of two banks in Daytona Beach, the Florida Bank and Trust Company and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Son of David Reid Black and Flora Jane Louden, he was born in Duluth, Minnesota, April 9, 1900. Both his parents died in Duluth, where his father was a contractor. He was born in Musselburgh, Scotland; the mother in Indiana.

David L. Black attended Central High School, Duluth, and the Duluth Normal School. He graduated from Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, Virginia, in 1919, and from the University of Virginia Law School in 1925 with a Bachelor of Laws degree.

Coming to Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1925, he became associated with the law firm of Sholtz and Green. This was David Sholtz, who became Governor of Florida in 1932. Since 1929, when Mr. Black became president of Peninsula Abstract and Title Company, he has carried on a private practice of law and now conducts a general civil practice in chancery and probate courts. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Volusia County Bar Association (president in 1941 and 1942), the American Judicature Society, and the Florida Title Association.

Prominent in civic life, he was a charter member and served on the board of directors of the Daytona Beach Convention Bureau, which was later incorporated into the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, of which he was on the Board for several years. He was appointed by Governor Cone to the board of directors of the Halifax District Hospital and is a member of the board of trustees of the New York Polyclinic School and Hospital, New York City. In Duluth, Minnesota, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a trustee of Olds Hall at Daytona Beach for retired ministers. He holds membership in Elks Lodge #1141, the Daytona Beach Country Club, the Bath and Tennis Club of Daytona Beach, the Ellinor Village Country Club, and Halifax River Yacht Club. His fraternities are Delta Upsilon (social) and Delta Theta Phi (legal) of the University of Virginia.

At Moultrie, Georgia, on December 29, 1929, David L. Black married Ellen McKee, daughter of David and Augusta (McClure) McKee, who was born in Dougherty County, Georgia, January 4, 1908. She is vice-president of the National Society for Crippled Children, a member of the board of trustees of the Florida Society for Crippled Children, and a volunteer director of the Junior Service League at the Orthopedic Center, Daytona Beach.

JULIUS A. SAPP

Owner of supermarkets and a cattle ranch, Julius A. Sapp of New Smyrna Beach is interested in good government and local politics. His family homesteaded in Raiford, Union County, Florida, several generations back, coming from Georgia probably some time before the Civil War. His father, Grover Cleveland Sapp, was born in Raiford September 1, 1883, and died there in 1933. He was a blacksmith and a farmer and was married to Elizath Redish, who was born at Hilberne Springs, Florida, February 22, 1888, and is living in Raiford. Her maternal grandmother came to Florida from Spain, landing at Cedar Keys.

Born in Raiford January 22, 1907, Julius A. Sapp was educated in the public schools of Raiford and Lake Butler. Coming to New Smyrna Beach, he worked in the grocery business until 1936, when he and Marco Galbreath founded a Red Front store on Canal Street. In 1938 he bought Mr. Galbreath's interest in the business and in 1941 built a supermarket on Orange Avenue, which he operated until 1958. At that time he built another supermarket on the North Causeway in Venetia, which he leases to the Jackson Supermarket chain. He still owns his old grocery building and leases it to Tyner's Food Market.

In 1941 Mr. Sapp also bought cattle and a ranch in Samsula, seven miles west of New Smyrna Beach, which he calls Tomoka Ranch. He has a mixed commercial herd and markets his cattle at Gainesville, Orlando and Kissimmee. He was one of the first in this area to use improved pastures, using Pangola grass.

Mr. Sapp is a member of Volusia County Cattlemen's Association; vice-president of Volusia County Soil Conservation District; a life member of the National Sheriffs Association; a member of the East Volusia Hospital Board, now its vice-chairman; director of the Bank of New Smyrna and director of New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce, which he helped to reorganize in 1942. A Democrat, he is committeeman of Precinct #10B. He was a city commissioner from 1943 to 1948 and again 1950 to 1958, and in 1946-47 was Mayor of New Smyrna Beach.

During World War II Mr. Sapp served in the temporary Coast Guard Auxiliary, manning towers along the local beaches and patroling the coastal waters. He is a member of Elks Lodge #1557, Masonic Lodge #149, Morocco Temple Shrine at Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Consistory, and a member of the First Baptist Church of New Smyrna Beach. His family gave land for a cemetery in Raiford, known as the Sapp Cemetery. Fishing and hunting are his preferred sports, although he plays some golf, too.

At Lake Butler, Florida, on Christmas Day in 1930, Julius A. Sapp married Olga Barnette, daughter of Thomas and Lota (Enfinger) Barnette, who was born in Shorterville, Alabama, November 15, 1906. She is a past president of the New Smyrna Beach Garden Club. A son and a daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sapp:

1. Jack Merton Sapp, born in Gainesville, Florida, December 10, 1932, maried Pat Exum of New Smyrna Beach. Since May, 1960, Jack is the owner of Sapps Corner Sundries in New Smyrna Beach.

2. Barbara Jane Sapp, now Mrs. Steven C. Hall, was born June 12, 1934, in Lakeland, Florida.

MARVIN TYNER

The family of Marvin Tyner, owner of Tyner's Food Market in New Smyrna Beach, has been in Florida since before the Seminole wars, the earliest settlers being the Yates family on his mother's side. She is a member of the prominent Bronson family of Kissimmee.

Mr. Tyner, as well as his father and mother, were born at Shingle Creek settlement, near Kissimmee: his father, Stewart Fulwood Tyner, in 1883; his mother, Mattie Bell Bronson, on December 23, 1887. His mother is still living in Kissimmee. His father was a farmer, grove owner and rancher until 1918, when he sold his property to the Bronson family. He then went into the automobile agency business, first with the Willis Knight-Overland, then the Hudson-Essex, and then, with a Mr. Bryant, the Studebaker agency, all in Kissimmee. He is still working in the automobile industry, now in Orlando.

Born May 2, 1910, Marvin Tyner graduated from Osceola High School in Kissimmee in 1929 and worked as a cowboy on the farm of his uncle, Walter Bronson. In 1930 he went to New Orleans and was there until 1932, working for the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. Returning to Kissimmee, he was a salesman for the Hilton Chevrolet Company for the next two years or so. In 1934 he opened a meat market in Kissimmee which burned down a year later. After that he went to work for the A.&P. again and in August, 1936, they transferred him to New Smyrna Beach as manager of meat markets. In January, 1942, he opened his own store in New Smyrna Beach, Tyner's Food Market, which he has operated since then. He is a member of the Retail Grocers Association of Florida.

Mr. Tyner's special interest has been the New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce and through it the growth and development of the city. He is a director of the Greater Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member when it was reorganized in 1942. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, now Sergeant at Arms; a member of the First Methodist Church and its Official Board, and serves as usher in the church. His political faith is Democratic. Fishing and attending football games are his favorite pastimes.

At Ormond Beach on September 3, 1939, Marvin Tyner married Peachie Arabelle Sweat, born in New Smyrna Beach March 27, 1916, daughter of John Ellie and Arabertie (Crews) Sweat. Her family was originally from the Palatka area and moved to New Smyrna Beach about 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyner are the parents of three children:

1. Marvin Eugene Tyner, born July 23, 1941, in New Smyrna Beach, now a student at Daytona Beach Junior College.

2. Virginia Irene, born January 10, 1945, at Daytona Beach.

3. Carole Ann, born December 25, 1952, at New Smyrna Beach.

JOHN R. DeBERRY

Now President of the Bank of New Smyrna, John R. DeBerry has been in the banking field since 1923, starting as bookkeeper with the Bank of Okeechobee. As an avocation, he has a small commercial herd of cattle on a 300-acre ranch west of New Smyrna Beach, for which he bought raw virgin land and had it cleared.

Born in Baconton, Georgia, May 28, 1903, he is a son of David P. and Sophronia (Jenkins) DeBerry, both na-

tives of North Carolina. His father was born in Wadeville, N.C., May 25, 1875, and died at Fort Pierce, Florida, in October, 1936. His mother, born in Palmerville, N.C., August 10, 1878, lives in Stuart, Florida. David DeBerry was in the lumber and naval stores business in Georgia and Florida. Coming to Florida in December of 1913, he purchased a large tract of pine timberland in the Dade City area and subsequently carried on this business in many other Florida locations.

John DeBerry attended school in Dade City, Bradenton and Lake City, graduating from Lake City High School in 1921. He worked with the Lake Wales Naval Stores Company until 1923, when he entered the Bank of Okeechobee as bookkeeper. From September, 1924, until 1927 he was with the Farmers Bank and Trust Company of West Palm Beach; then was with the Liquidation Division of the Florida State Banking Department until early 1934.

At that time he and C. H. McNulty organized the Bank of Melbourne. In January, 1936, they opened the Bank of New Smyrna with Mr. DeBerry as organizational Executive Vice-President and Cashier. At the annual meeting of the bank in 1945, Mr. McNulty was elected chairman of the board and Mr. DeBerry became President of the bank. He is a member of the American Bankers Association and the Florida Bankers Association, now chairman of Group 5 of the state association, and is on the board of trustees of the Florida Bankers Educational Foundation.

A civic leader, Mr. DeBerry is a past president of the New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Ponce de Leon Inlet and Port District, and the Board of Commissioners of Southeast Volusia Hospital District. In 1945 he and others began laying the groundwork for the Fish Memorial Hospital at New Smyrna Beach, which was opened in October, 1954. He headed its building and expansion fund drives and many other fund drives of a civic nature. He was chairman of the Volusia County Democratic Executive Committee several times. He holds membership in the First Baptist Church of New Smyrna Beach, Masonic Lodge #149, Bahia Temple Shrine of Orlando and Jacksonville Consistory, Elks Lodge #1557, the Smyrna Yacht Club, the Anglers Yacht Club, the New Smyrna Beach Golf and Country Club, and Samsula Hunting Club. Golf, hunting and fishing are his recreations.

Mr. DeBerry was married at Fort Pierce, Florida, September 22, 1931, to Evangeline Knutson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Knutson, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 7, 1903. Mrs. DeBerry is very active in the New Smyrna Beach Garden Club, the Fish Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the New Smyrna Beach Women's Golf Association.

C. WINSTON SMITH

Now President, Chairman of the Board, and General Counsel for the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of New Smyrna Beach, C. Winston Smith began to earn his living as a telegraph operator at a very tender age and holds Number One seniority as local telegraph operator and train dispatcher. He later studied law and became a full-fledged lawyer in 1935. He has been attorney for the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of New Smyrna Beach since about 1940, a director since 1943, and was elected President and Chairman of the Board in 1957.

Born in Tampa, Florida, January 2, 1902, he is a son of Charles Berry Smith, a native of South Carolina, who died in West Palm Beach, and Ada Braddock Smith, born December 14, 1884, in Seville, Volusia County, Florida, who is living in Bradenton. Her father, William C. Braddock, fought in the Confederate Army. Charles B. Smith came to Florida from South Carolina with his two brothers about 1900 and settled at Sebastian in Indian River County. He was associated with the Riccou Fish Company at Jensen Beach.

Winston Smith attended school in Lakeland but very early started working to support his mother, two brothers and a sister. At the age of eight years he learned to operate the telegraph for Postal Telegraph Company in Lakeland, and in 1915 went to work as an operator for Postal Telegraph in Plant City. He later worked for Western Union in Memphis, Tennessee, Washington, D.C., New York City, Richmond, Virginia, and Jacksonville, Florida. On January 2, 1919, he became telegraph operator for the Florida East Coast Railroad at New Smyrna, and in 1922 was promoted to train dispatcher.

Having studied law while he worked as a telegrapher, he was admitted to practice in Florida in 1935 and opened an office in New Smyrna Beach. Eligible to practice in all courts in the State of Florida, he is a member of the Volusia County Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the American Bar Association. He has been attorney for the City of New Smyrna Beach at various times.

In 1939 Mr. Smith acquired a fifty-acre commercial grove in Brevard County, which he sold a few years ago. He now has a sixteen-acre orange grove north of New Smyrna Beach. He also raises orchids. Starting as a hobby, he and his wife now have between 75 and 80 thousand plants and supply the flower market. They are members of the Daytona Beach Orchid Society, the Florida Orchid Society, the Orchid Society of California, and the American Orchid Society. In 1948 Mrs. Smith opened a florist shop, "Mary Ann's Flowers," adjacent to her husband's law office.

Mr. Smith was Volusia County's campaign manager for Spessard Holland when he was campaigning for Governor of Florida. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of the New Smyrna Beach School District and was Chairman of the Volusia County School Board from 1943 to 1947. He is a past president of the New Smyrna Beach Jaycees and a member of the Greater Chamber of Commerce; a past member of the Board of Governors and past secretary of the Smyrna Yacht Club; a member of Ellinor Village Country Club, Ormond Beach; and a member of the First Baptist Church of New Smyrna Beach.

On December 31, 1943, at DeLand, Florida, C. Winston Smith married Mary Ann Nordman, daughter of Henry B. and Mary (Bridge) Nordman, who was born at New Smyrna Beach June 21, 1915. By a former marriage Mr. Smith has two children, both born at New Smyrna Beach:

1. Jean Arlys Smith, now Mrs. S. L. DeLoach, Jr.
2. C. Winston Smith, Jr., born March 6, 1930, who is Principal of Opalocka Elementary School, Opalocka, Florida.

WILLIS S. SETTLE

Willis S. Settle has been operating the Settle Funeral Home in New Smyrna Beach since 1931 and now has another licensed funeral director-embalmer with him

and a staff of three assistants. He was the first to provide ambulance service in the area.

Mr. Settle was born at Vine Grove, Kentucky, August 26, 1900, son of Samuel S. and Sudie Nall Settle. His father was born in Vine Grove February 6, 1860, and was a farmer in Kentucky. When he retired in 1920 he came to New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and for the first few years had a citrus grove. He died December 27, 1947. Willis's mother was born in Nall's Valley, near Vine Grove, Kentucky, on November 15, 1865, and died at New Smyrna Beach, November 8, 1945.

His education was begun in the public schools of Vine Grove, Kentucky, and continued in New Smyrna Beach, where he graduated from high school in 1925. When he came to New Smyrna Beach with his family in 1920, he went to work for the State Bank of New Smyrna as bookkeeper and later was a teller there. While working at the bank he completed his high school education. He left the bank in June, 1930, to attend the Cincinnati College of Embalming, Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon completion of the course returned to New Smyrna Beach and on February 10, 1931, opened the Settle Funeral Home at 406 South Orange Avenue, his present location. He has a complete service, including oxygen and radio-equipped ambulances.

Mr. Settle is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, the Florida Directors and Embalmers Association, the Associated Funeral Directors Service, and the Order of the Golden Rule, an international funeral directors association. Active in civic and fraternal organizations, he is a member of the Greater New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Civitan Club; a past master of Lodge #149, F. and A. M., member of the local Shrine Club, Morocco Temple Shrine and the Scottish Rite Valley of Jacksonville; a past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #3; a member of Elks Lodge #1557 and Independent Order of Oddfellows #92; and a trustee of the First Methodist Church of New Smyrna Beach. By way of hobbies, he used to raise caladiums and has an interesting collection of salt and pepper shakers.

On July 3, 1927, at Jacksonville, Willis Settle married Florene Wheeler, born November 15, 1902, at Lewisburg, Kentucky, daughter of George W. and Margaret (Stewart) Wheeler. Mrs. Settle has the distinction of being the first "Woman of the Year" to be chosen in her community, in recognition of service rendered in hundreds of ways to her fellow man. She was selected for this honor in 1957 by the Business and Professional Women's Club. A private kindergarten teacher for thirteen years, she subsequently taught in public schools for eight years and for the past three years has been teaching the first grade at Oak Hill School.

She is a past president of the Woman's Club, the Elks Ladies, and the Fish Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; past district director of Garden Clubs; past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #3; past secretary-treasurer, vice-regent and regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her first "love," however, is her work in the First Methodist Church, where she was president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for seven years and is now president of the Wesleyan Service Guild. A former Sunday School teacher and permanent part of the church choir, she has served on the official board and was superintendent of the Church School for ten years.

Mrs. Settle has been known to decline many offices of honor throughout the state in order to donate full time to the community that she loves and of which she has been a part since she came there as a bride in 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Settle are the parents of two daughters, born in New Smyrna Beach:

1. Margaret Sue (Mrs. Robert D. Royal), born May 10, 1928.

2. Virginia Catherine, born November 20, 1937.

They have three grandchildren: Susan Catherine, Daniel Robert, and Stewart Samuel Royal.

Margaret Sue was the valedictorian of her class in high school and won the D.A.R. award for her essay on Citizenship.

ROBERT LEE FREEMAN

More than any other city official, Robert Lee Freeman revitalized the municipal government of New Smyrna Beach during the decade preceding his death and gave City Hall a new personality and integrity. He was an unparalleled civic leader and a leader in the legal profession. More than that, he was a man to whom people brought their personal problems with confidence that he could and would help to solve them.

He was born in Griffin, Georgia, May 19, 1914, a son of Robert Lee, Sr., a farmer of Griffin, and Nell Bagley Griffin, who was born in Anniston, Alabama, and died in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1955.

He spent his first eighteen years on the farm and after high school enrolled in pre-medical school at Emory University. His studies there were interrupted by the death of his father and the family's decision to leave the farm and move to St. Petersburg, Florida. There he enrolled in a business course at the Junior College and, to help pay expenses, got a job as night clerk in a small hotel. This was in 1934. By 1941 he and his brother Tom owned the hotel and were leasing and operating several small hotels. They also owned two restaurants in St. Petersburg.

Lee Freeman's prosperous business career in St. Petersburgh was interrupted by World War II. Entering the Army in 1941, he saw action in Africa, took part in the invasion of Italy at Salerno and was with the occupation forces in Naples and Anzio, serving forty-one months overseas.

Upon his return from the service in 1946, he found Emory University filled up and was faced with the prospect of waiting a year before continuing his medical studies. He decided to put in that year at Stetson University and heeded the suggestion of a veteran adviser that he give the study of law a try. While earning a B.A. and LL.B. degree at Stetson, he taught classes in Accounting and Banking in the Business College.

It was on the advice of Dean Haslip of Stetson that he came to New Smyrna Beach to start his practice in 1948. Shortly after his arrival he was appointed Municipal Judge and served in 1949-50. In the early fifties he was a city commissioner for the municipality of Edgewater. He was senior partner in the law firm of Freeman and DeLoach, and in 1955 won a suit against the city of New Smyrna Beach for two taxpapers, charging illegal land deals by two commissioners. The courts set aside the deals and the city resold the land at a profit. On the heels of this victory Mr. Freeman was elected City Attorney.

When he took office in 1956, New Smyrna Beach was in debt and its accounts in bad shape. One year later the auditor congratulated the city on its remarkable

Robert Lee Freeman

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recovery. Plans devised and executed by Freedman had saved hundreds of thousands of dollars. One contract he negotiated with the State Road Department, when U.S. Highway 1 was being four-laned through New Smyrna Beach, saved the city $200,000. He also banned secret or non-public meetings for city commissioners, a common practice before he took office.

He was president of the Volusia County Bar Association in 1956, a member of the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association, and of Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity, of which he was historian while a student at Stetson University. He was a past president of the New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, the American Legion Post #17, Elks Lodge #1557, and the Methodist Church.

At St. Petersburg, Florida, on January 13, 1946, R. Lee Freeman married Alberta Hooley of North Wales, Pennsylvania, whom he met while in military service. She is a daughter of Walter Hooley and Frances Smith Hooley. Her father was born in North Wales, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1886, and died there February 11, 1945. Her mother was born at Tomoqua, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1886, and is living in North Wales. Mrs. Smith is active in Beta Sigma Phi international social sorority, in the American Legion Auxiliary, in the Ladies of the Elks, and in the Eastern Star.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Freeman:

1. Roberta Leigh, born March 6, 1947, in DeLand, Florida.

2. Marjorie Frances, born December 5, 1951, in Edgewater, Florida.

3. Robert Lee Freeman, III, born July 14, 1953, in Edgewater.

4. Barbara Jean, born September 3, 1955, in New Smyrna Beach.

Following an illness of several months duration, Mr. Freeman died at Holly Hill Hospital, December 19, 1959.

GEORGE ISAAC FULLERTON

Regarded as one of the ablest and most influential figures in his section of the state, George Isaac Fullerton of New Smyrna Beach, outstanding attorney and former member of the State Legislature, is also a citrus grower and an executive of citrus organizations and through the years has been a very active civic leader, particularly in the cause of better highways.

Mr. Fullerton was born in Randall, Kansas, April 11, 1889, son of Benjamin Franklin and Ella Elizabeth (Higbee) Fullerton. His father was born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1860, and died at Daytona Beach, Florida, in August, 1950. He was a farmer and cattleman at Dodge City, Kansas, and lived the last twenty years of his life at Oak Hill, Florida, where he had a small citrus grove. Ella Higbee Fullerton, born at Mount Carmel, Indiana, in November, 1869, died in November, 1921.

George I. Fullerton attended public schools in Kansas and Oklahoma and the Northwestern College of Oklahoma at Alva. He was admitted to the Oklahoma state bar in 1916 and practiced law at Fairview, Oklahoma, for a short time. Becoming associated with the J. A. Hockett Company of Wichita, Kansas, that same year, he traveled over the country and in the course of these travels was sent to New Smyrna Beach, where he remained, representing the J. A. Hockett Company until 1920. He helped locate Spanish rush (switch grass), used in the manufacture of brooms as a substitute for broom corn, and in connection with this business purchased land in the Everglades and bossed the planting of broom corn there.

Having become active in the civic affairs of New Smyrna Beach, Mr. Fullerton was elected its first temporary city manager in 1920. He had been admitted to the Florida bar in 1919 and in 1921 opened a law office in New Smyrna Beach which eventually became the firm of Fullerton, Duss and Gillespie. In 1922 he was admitted to the federal courts of the South District of Florida and in 1937 to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Fifth District. In his early practice he specialized in criminal law and later carried on a general practice. Widely recognized for his professional achievements and highly esteemed by his colleagues, he was the first president of the Volusia County Bar Association and is a member of the Florida Bar. He served one term in the Florida State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1929. Appointed a member of District #12 of the Board of Social Welfare by Governor Cone, he has been reappointed by each Governor since then, and is chairman of the Legislative Committee of the District Welfare Association. He is a director of the Volusia County Democratic Club.

Mr. Fullerton bought his first citrus grove in the Oak Hill area, twelve miles south of New Smyrna Beach, in 1918. In 1920 he organized Fullerton Grove Corporation and in 1943 bought the interests of the other stockholders. Fullerton Groves has about 100 acres of citrus. The fruit is shipped under the brand name of Florigold through the Florida Citrus Exchange of Tampa, of which Mr. Fullerton is a member. He is a charter member of the Indian River Citrus League, past president and now chairman of the board, and through its thirty-odd years of existence has been either president or chairman. He he is a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the Growers and Shippers League; a member of the board of directors of the Florida Citrus Exposition, Winter Haven; past president of the Florida Citrus Growers, Inc., Orlando; vice president of Oak Hill Citrus Growers Association. He was an organizer and first president of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation; is a director of the Volusia County Farm Bureau and the Volusia County Fair Association, and an organizer and past director of the Soil Science Foundation of Lakeland.

Mr. Fullerton is a member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce and vice-president of the Greater New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member and president of the East Coast Highway Association and now in his second term as chairman of the Florida Highway Users Conference, an organization for planning programs and legislation for better highway coordination. Before 1924, U.S. Highway 1 in the New Smyrna area was a shell road. Since then Mr. Fullerton has invested much time and money in the four-lane program for U.S. 1 and the development of road A1A. In the interests of this cause he has attended many meetings and made many trips to Tallahassee and to Washington, D.C.

During World War II Mr. Fullerton served in the Coast Guard Reserve. He is a member of the Volusia County Historical Society; a charter member of the Smyrna Yacht Club and member of its board of governors; a past Master of Masonic Lodge #149, past High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Titusville, and a life

Geo. N. Fullerton

member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine in Jacksonville. He is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

In 1912 Mr. Fullerton married Mildred Ferguson of Wichita, Kansas, daughter of Harvey and Laura Ferguson, pioneers of that state. She died August 31, 1941. On July 3, 1943, Mr. Fullerton married Helen Hopkins, daughter of Edward E. and Lilly Hopkins of Appleton, Wisconsin, who died May 20, 1955. Finally, on November 9, 1956, at Daytona Beach, Mr. Fullerton married Peggy Friley Adams, daughter of Robert and Pearl Willis Friley, who was born at Ashland, Kentucky, May 20, 1906.

By a previous marriage Mrs. Fullerton has two children: James A. Adams of Orlando and Mary F. (Adams) Leist, wife of Major W. C. Leist of the United States Army who is in the ROTC program at the University of Florida. They have two children: Michael, now attending the University of Florida, and Donna. James Adams married Betty Abby of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and they have one child, Steven. James is a Captain in the Air Force Reserves and is now with Radiation, Inc., of Orlando.

Mrs. Fullerton is active in the New Smyrna Beach Woman's Club, the Fish Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the PTA of Oak Hill, and the Woman's Auxiliary of Smyrna Yacht Club.

LEE H. DARBY, M.D.

A member of the staff of the Fish Memorial Hospital, Dr. Lee H. Darby has been practicing medicine and surgery in New Smyrna Beach since 1953.

Son of a retired physician, he was born in Vidalia, Georgia, July 16, 1921. His father, Dr. Virgil Lee Darby, was born at Social Circle, Georgia, February 29, 1884; his mother, Ruth Hosch Darby, is a native of Hoschton, Georgia, where she was born November 2, 1886. Both parents are living in Vidalia.

Lee Darby graduated from Vidalia High School in 1938 and from the University of Georgia in 1942 with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. In March, 1942, he entered the United States Navy, was commissioned a lieutenant, and served in the Supply Corps, the greater part of the time with the Seabees in the South Pacific, until June, 1946, when he was separated from the service with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade.

Following his return from the Navy, he entered the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta and was graduated in 1951 as a Doctor of Medicine. He interned at Columbus City Hospital, Columbus, Georgia, for one year and spent the following year as surgical resident at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville. Coming to New Smyrna Beach in October, 1953, he opened an office there and has become established in a general practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Darby is a member of the American Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, Volusia County Medical Society and Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity. He also belongs to the New Smyrna Beach Men's Golf Association, the Anglers Yacht Club, the First Baptist Church of New Smyrna Beach, George Walton Masonic Lodge of Augusta, Georgia, and Alee Temple Shrine in Savannah. His favorite hobby is quail hunting, but he also enjoys golf and fishing.

At Vidalia, Georgia, on September 2, 1947, Lee Darby married Mary Ann Meadows, daughter of Pierce LeRoy and Mary Alice (Eaton) Meadows. Mrs. Darby was born in Vidalia, Georgia, March 4, 1927. She is active in the Volusia County Medical Society Auxiliary and in the Jane Sheldon Chapter of the D.A.R. Dr. and Mrs. Darby have two children:

1. Deborah Ann, born February 26, 1949, at Augusta, Georgia.
2. Michael Meadows Darby, born July 3, 1954, at Daytona Beach.

ERNEST WILLIAM GAUTIER

Known as the "Watchdog of the Senate," fourth-generation Florida-born Bill Gautier is now serving his third term, sixth session, as State Senator from Volusia County. Just as he worked his way through Stetson University law school blocking and tackling in the football team, so now he blocks and tackles bad legislation in the Senate. This is not to say that his senatorial activities end there. In 1955 he was chosen by Florida State University for honorary membership in the Gold Key leadership fraternity, "in recognition of the able way in which he served the best interests of the state through three legislative sessions and his devotion to the welfare of education." In receiving this award, Mr. Gautier became the eighth citizen of the state to be so honored. He is a great-grandson of Peter B. Gautier, one of the first Speakers of the House when Florida was a Territory.

Born at Dunedin, Florida, March 12, 1910, Ernest William Gautier is a son of Elias Bryan and Charlotte Belle Williams Gautier. His father was born in Marianna, Florida, April 13, 1862, and died in St. Petersburg on September 14, 1950. He was a retired contractor. Belle Williams Gautier was born August 30, 1877, at Midway, South Carolina, and at this date is living in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Bill Gautier's education was begun in the public schools of St. Petersburg, where he finished Junior College. He did graduate work at the University of Florida and then attended Stetson University, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1932. While a student at Stetson, in 1930, he was captain of the football team and was also a member of the boxing team and sports editor of the Annual. He later coached football at DeLand and, during the depression year of 1933, gave this service gratis to New Smyrna Beach High School.

Admitted to the Florida bar in 1932, he began the practice of law in New Smyrna Beach in 1933, with G. W. ("Buddy") Rasco, brother of the dean of the University of Miami law school. After that he practiced two years in Miami, then returned to New Smyrna Beach, where he has continued his legal practice since then, excepting his four years in military service in World War II and his time spent in the Senate in Tallahassee.

Entering the Army Air Corps in 1941 as a Second Lieutenant, he rose to the rank of Colonel in thirty months. He spent forty-two months on overseas duty, escaping capture enroute when his ship was torpedoed by a German submarine, and received the Bronze Star for his meritorious service.

Senator Gautier's first political venture was in 1940, when he was elected to the Volusia County School Board. First elected to the Senate from Volusia County in 1950, he was reelected in 1954 and again in 1958. During his first term in the Senate he was selected as

the outstanding freshman senator. He helped to pass the first bill initiating a mental health program in Florida; introduced and sponsored state-wide conservation measures in each session; proposed the first bill to create a Florida Industrial Board; and served, sometimes as chairman, on numerous committees, including those on pensions and claims, labor and industry, banking, advertising and publicity, citrus, constitutional revision, roads and public utilities, Judiciary "A," education, and constitutional amendments. He inaugurated a system of pre-legislative public hearings in Volusia County which has grown in popularity. At these hearings, held in key cities, the public has a chance to present bills it wants sponsored, and as a result the legislators are spared some of the last-minute legislation which is usually handed them after they get to Tallahassee.

A member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Volusia County Bar Association, Senator Gautier has served as city attorney for New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange, as attorney for the Southeast Volusia Hospital District, East Volusia Mosquito Control District, and for the Bank of New Smyrna and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Daytona Beach.

He is a past president of New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, a member of Masonic Lodge #149, Elks Lodge #1557, the Odd Fellows, the American Legion, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church of New Smyrna Beach. He is a past commodore and life member of Smyrna Yacht Club, a charter and life member of the Anglers Club, and life member of the Rod and Gun Club. His fraternities are Pi Kappa Phi and Phi Alpha Delta, and he is a director of the Stetson Law School Alumni Association. He is also a member of the Volusia County Cattlemen's Association. As a hobby he raises Whitefaced Herefords and Shetland ponies on his ranch, "Dixie Acres," located between DeLand and New Smyrna, and has two champion stallion ponies. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Senator Gautier was chosen "Man of the Week" by the Orlando Sentinel for the September 1, 1957, issue.

At New Smyrna Beach on April 5, 1942, he married Anne Sams, whose sketch follows. They have twin daughters, Patricia Bryan and Priscilla Sams Gautier, born July 26, 1946, at Daytona Beach.

Priscilla is president-elect of Future Homemakers of America, past editor of "Read-Pattillo Beacon," president of the Junior High Student Council, and honorary mayor of New Smyrna Beach in 1961. She received the DAR Citizenship Medal, the Sons of American Revolution Citizenship and Honor Award, and is Parliamentarian of Future Teachers.

Patricia is a varsity cheerleader, treasurer of Future Homemakers of America, an officer of the Pep Club, and a member of the Candystripers (Hospital Volunteer teen-age group.)

Mr. and Mrs. Gautier are co-sponsors of the Gautier Good Government Award, made annually to the outstanding boy and girl in the senior class of each of Volusia County's seven high schools. This award is based on scholarship, citizenship and leadership. Classmates elect the most deserving students for consideration.

ANNE SAMS GAUTIER

Like her husband, Anne Sams Gautier comes from pioneer Florida stock and has a Florida legislator among her ancestors. Her grandfather, Francis Williams Sams, was State Senator from Volusia County for twelve years. One of her grandmothers was Jane Sheldon, for whom the New Smyrna Beach chapter of the DAR is named. She gave land for the Community Church, now the First Baptist Church of New Smyrna Beach, and also for the Catholic Church, which is now in a different location but the land is still owned by the church. A governess of the family, Miss Delia Stowe, was the first schoolteacher in New Smyrna Beach.

Like her husband, too, Mrs. Gautier is very active in public service. She was selected the "Woman of the Year" by the Men's civic organizations of New Smyrna Beach and the award was made by the Business and Professional Women's Club in 1959.

Born in New Smyrna Beach December 22, 1915, she is a daughter of Harry Hopkins Sams (born in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, June 16, 1879) and Mabel Berge Sams (born in Adelphia, New Jersey, April 4, 1885). She graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School in 1933, and from the Florida State University in 1937, with a B.S. degree in Education. At the university she specialized in Educational Psychology. She served as Freshman Counselor, a member of the freshman Cabinet and Advisory Council, was chairman of the Infirmary Committee, and a member of Kappa Delta social sorority. She was the first student of Florida State University given the opportunity to do "honor" work in industrial arts. She was enrolled in graduate work in Arts and Crafts at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina, and in Child Education at Columbia University. While at Columbia she lived at International House.

Especially active with delinquent children before World War II, Mrs. Gautier made herself solely responible at that time for the training, clothing and feeding of many teen-agers paroled to her by the County Court. Since then she has broadened the scope of her activities to include many projects centered on youth. During World War II she served as chairman of Junior Red Cross groups in both white and Negro schools of East Volusia County for three years. In addition she was a member of the Red Cross Motor Corps, supervised the making of surgical dressings two nights a week, and served as chairman of Information, Education, and Morale for the Civilian Defense of the Fifth Commissioners District.

She is or has been a member of the Governor's Council on Research and Training in Mental Health; chairman of the Committee on the Exceptional Child for the Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers; a member of the State Board of Managers of the PTA; a board member of Volusia County Children's Commission; and chairman of the School Buildings Committee of the Continuing Educational Council of Volusia County. A former vice-president of the PTA of the New Smyrna Beach Elementary School, she is the author of an article on the exceptional child which appeared in the June, 1956, issue of the Florida Parent-Teacher.

Mrs. Gautier is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Daytona Beach Junior College; was on the Advisory Board for the New Smyrna Municipal Library; was a charter member and on the board of directors of the Fish Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; and was a director of the New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce. She is a past president of the New Smyrna Beach Junior Woman's Club and has been active, also, in the Garden Club. For four years she held the highest executive office for Junior Clubwomen in the Florida Fed-

eration of Women's Clubs. She is a former secretary of the Florida State University Alumni Association and an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the national honorary sorority for teachers.

The Gautiers make their home at 1200 Magnolia Street, New Smyrna Beach.

FRENCH C. DAVIS

A resident of Daytona Beach since 1948, French C. Davis has been practicing law there since 1952. He is particularly active in the Disabled American Veterans.

Son of French C. Davis, Sr., and Evelyn (Belt) Davis, he was born at Clendenin, West Virginia, June 18, 1922. His father was an engineer and was vice-president of the United Fuel Gas Company of Charleston, West Virginia. He had retired and moved to Daytona Beach just two weeks before his death, October 17, 1959.

F. C. Davis, Jr., was educated in the public schools of West Virginia and at Greenbrier Military School at Lewisburg, West Virginia, from which he graduated in 1941, and continued at the same school for one year of college.

On June 10, 1942, he entered the United States Army, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on entry, and served with the 101st and the 13th Airborne Divisions and with the Airborne Training Command in the European theater of World War II. After Anzio Beachhead in Italy, he was wounded, losing both his hands and his right eye, and received the Purple Heart, the Soldiers Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Having moved with his family to Daytona Beach, Florida, June 1, 1948, he entered John B. Stetson University at DeLand and graduated from the Law School with the LL.B. degree on June 2, 1952. He then opened a private practice of law at his present location, 550 Seabreeze Boulevard, Daytona Beach, and since then has carried on a general practice, tending to specialize in wills and estates and in plaintiff negligence work. He is admitted to practice in all Florida Courts and in the United States Supreme Court, and is a member of the Florida Bar, the Volusia County Bar Association, and the West Virginia Bar Association; also the National Association of Claimants Compensation Attorneys.

Mr. Davis is past Commander of Chapter Six, Disabled American Veterans, past Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Florida, D.A.V., and a member of the Legislative Committee of the latter division of this organization. He is a charter member and Deacon of Wilbur-by-the-Sea Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach; a member of Daytona Beach Masonic Lodge #270 and Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando; and a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity of the John B. Stetson University. In 1955 he headed the East Volusia Tuberculosis Fund Drive. For recreation he likes to play bridge.

At Woodstock, Georgia, on February 20, 1944, French C. Davis married Bettye Lea Roberts, daughter of A. Roy and Kathryn (Wyatt) Roberts, who was born at Ball Ground, Georgia, February 9, 1924. They have two daughters, both born at Charleston, West Virginia: Sandra Michelle on January 24, 1946; Brentsie Cheryl on December 22, 1947.

EARL WESTFALL BROWN

To catalogue the lifetime activities of a man like Earl W. Brown of DeLand is a difficult task. As owner of Hillendale Plantation at Pierson, he has been a citrus grower since 1911, and also has a cattle ranch. He has been president of numerous business enterprises and is now consultant to the officials of the St. Joe Paper Company. But perhaps above all else he has been a showman—a producer and director of large-scale exhibits, from County Fairs to World Fairs.

He was born in Milford, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1890, son of B. Edward and Nettie Westfall Brown. His father's occupation varied from architect, hotel owner, associate judge in Pennsylvania courts, to lumberman and citrus grower.

Earl Brown's education was begun in the public schools of Milford, Pennsylvania. Coming to Florida with his father, he attended the John B. Stetson University at DeLand for two years and Beelars Business College in the same city for one year. He was married in DeLand in 1911 and set down his roots in that locality.

As already mentioned, he became a citrus grower in 1911. From 1912 to 1920 he was a hotel manager and owner. During that period he took a hand in local politics and civic affairs, becoming a city commissioner and manager of the DeLand Chamber of Commerce, of which he is now the only life member. From 1917 to 1924 he was director of General Welfare for the City of DeLand. Elected Mayor of DeLand in 1924, he served eight years in that office, ending in 1932.

It was during this period that his talent as a manager of shows was discovered. Starting as an award judge at Agricultural Fairs, he proceeded to organize and manage a Volusia County Fair, directed the Florida State Fair, and was manager for John Ringling's Florida Exposition at Madison Square Garden, New York. After that nothing was too big for him to handle.

During the ensuing years he designed, produced and/or managed Florida's participation in the following events: Chicago World's Fair, 1933-34; World Poultry Congress, 1935; Florida Exposition, Radio City, New York, 1935-36; National Sportsmen's Show, New York, 1937; Great Lakes Exposition, 1936-37; New York World's Fair, 1939-40; Florida Exposition, Steel Pier and Heinz Pier, Atlantic City, 1941-42; Chicago Railroad Fairs, 1948-49; Canadian National Exhibition Toronto; International Women's Exposition, New York; Southern Seedmen's Convention, Dallas; Greater Miami Manufacturers Exposition; and numerous other events, national and international, all over the country. He served on an advisory committee for Honorable Rufus Dawes, president of the Chicago World's Fair, and was awarded a special medal for his services; also on a secret advisory committee to Honorable Grover Whalen, president of the New York World's Fair, and as state participation advisor to Honorable Harvey Gibson, chairman of the board of the New York World's Fair.

Early in his career Mr. Brown was president of the American Poultry Association, of which he is a life member. A little later he was president of the Black Bear Trail (now U.S. #17) Association. In 1942-43 he was chairman of the board of the Babcock Aircraft Corporation, DeLand. From May, 1943, to January, 1946, he was Florida director of the United States Smaller War Plants Corporation, handling war contracts totalling over $200,000,000, and in 1952 was appointed Florida director of the United States Small Defense Plants Administration.

During the decade 1942 to 1952, as owner and operator of the Hillandale Plantation, Pierson, Florida, he became president of Hillandale Growers and Packers, Inc., Pierson, and a director of Florida Citrus Mutual.

Rose M Brown

Earl U. Brown

He is now a director of Florida Orange Marketers. In this period he also became president of Exhibit Builders, Inc., DeLand, director of Promotion and Sales of the Citrus Container Division of St. Joe Paper Company, and a director of the Florida Bank of DeLand in 1953. In 1954 he became president of Florida Citrus Containers, Inc. This company has since been merged with the St. Joe Paper Company, which Mr. Brown now serves as consultant. In 1955 he was made president of Ranger Equipment Company, having previously been vice-president of this company.

Continuing to be an influential figure in civic affairs, both local and state-wide, Mr. Brown was president of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce for three terms, 1952-53-54, during which period the new state business capital in Jacksonville was built. He is now treasurer and a member of the executive committee of the State Chamber of Commerce. He has served as a member of the Florida Publicity and Public Relations Association, as chairman of the St. Johns-Indian River Improvement Association, chairman of the City of DeLand Planning Board, and for fifteen years was chairman of the Stephen Foster Memorial Commission. He is a member of the DeLand Memorial Hospital Association and past president (1954) of the John B. Stetson University Alumni Association. In 1958 he was chairman of Stetson University's 75th Anniversary Convocation and in 1959 regional chairman of Stetson's 75th Anniversary Campaign. In 1959-60-61 also he was honorary chairman of the Committee of 100 of DeLand and West Volusia County.

He is a member of the Century of Progress Association, Sons of the American Revolution, the Pavillionaires, Inc., Lake Beresford Yacht Club, the Rotary Club, and is a life member of the Elks, Lodge #1463. He is listed in Marquis's "Who's Who in Science and Industry," Volume 7, in the Public Relations Directory and Year Book of Longacre Press, and in Dovell's "Florida."

On May 1, 1911, at DeLand, Earl Westfall Brown married Rose May McCormick, daughter of J. Will and Florence (Senieur) McCormick, and they are the parents of two daughters, the grandparents of three, and have two great-grandchildren. Their daughters are: Rose Elizabeth, born April 8, 1912, now Mrs. John W. Colvard; Ollie May, born February 12, 1915, now Mrs. Emory W. Clapper.

ANTON PLETERSKI, JR.

Operating a wholesale produce business along the east coast from New Smyrna Beach to Melbourne, Anton Pleterski, Jr., has been a farmer all of his young life, as were his father and grandfather. The family descendants are originally from Slovenia, Yugoslavia. Anton's father, Anton, Sr., was born in Oberhausen, Germany, November 18, 1906, and came to this country as a two-month-old baby with his parents and a sister. He came with his parents to the settlement of Samsula, Volusia County, Florida, in 1921, and bought forty acres there. His parents were one of the first families to settle in Samsula. He died January 26, 1958, survived by his wife, who as Antonia Luznar was born in Cleveland, Ohio, June 10, 1911. Her parents were also among the first to settle in Samsula.

Born at Samsula, Florida, October 7, 1928, Anton Pleterski, Jr., attended school there and at New Smyrna Beach, where he graduated from high school in 1946. On September 20, 1946, he entered the United States Marine Corps and served until August, 1948, when he was discharged as a corporal. Recalled in April of 1951, he served as an instructor at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, until November 29, 1951.

After his first return from military service, in 1948, he began truck farming on ten acres of his grandfather's land in Samsula. During the school year of 1949-50, he attended the University of Florida, farming between semesters. On March 3, 1953, he took over the ownership of the wholesale produce busines of his uncle, Joe Tomazin, Jr., which he operates under his own name. He plans to resume truck farming and also plans a commercial cattle operation.

Mr. Pleterski is a member of Volusia County Farm Bureau, the Greater New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director; Samsula Hunt Club, Elks Lodge #1557, SNPJ Lodge #603 (a Yugoslav fraternal society), and attends the First Methodist Church of New Smyrna Beach. Hunting and fishing are his hobbies.

At Edgewater, Florida, on November 4, 1951, he married Helen Grace Swiney, born in Edgewater November 21, 1930, daughter of Gus Swiney, a carpenter, who came to the New Smyrna Beach area when he was about twenty-three years old, and Florence B. (Chivers) Swiney. Her father was born August 29, 1899, at Neme, Louisiana; her mother, October 28, 1904, at Rochelle, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleterski are the parents of two daughters:

1. Linda Lee, born at Edgewater, Florida, August 6, 1954.
2. Toni Grace, born at New Smyrna Beach, September 18, 1957.

J. L. "DON" WILLIS

Son of a pioneer settler and land developer of Volusia County, J. L. "Don" Willis of Holly Hill has been operating his own automobile agency, Don Willis Motors, Inc., since 1946. He is very active in Chamber of Commerce and other civic affairs.

Born at Cairo, Georgia, December 9, 1908, he is a son of Homer Cabot Willis and Estelle Nicholson. His father came to Mims, Florida, from Cairo in 1913 or 1914 and a few months later brought his family down. They stayed at Port Orange until the company Mr. Willis worked for, the J. W. Wilbur Land Company, built him a house at Wilbur-by-the-Sea. This peninsula, starting about a mile south of Port Orange bridge and running to within a mile or two of Ponce Park, was developed by Homer Willis.

Don Willis was educated in in the schools of Volusia County and first worked in a grocery store in Holly Hill. About 1927 he became a salesman for Vedder's ABC Bakery. From 1933 to 1938 he was with Julius Gresham, Ford dealer in Daytona Beach. In 1938 he left Gresham and went with C. B. King, who was the local distributor for Atlantic Refining Company, and King and Willis formed the Carldon Corporation for distributing petroleum products in the Daytona area. This corporation was closed out about 1950. Meanwhile, in 1946 Mr. Willis had established Don Willis Motors, Inc., originally a Nash agency, now representing American Motors. He is past president of the Daytona Beach Automobile Dealers Association and a member of the Florida and National Automobile Dealers Association.

Mr. Willis is a past president of the Daytona Beach

Junior Chamber of Commerce and was the recipient of its Distinguished Service Award in 1944. He is a past vice-president of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce. A Democrat, he has taken an active interest in politics and is past chairman of the Holly Hill School Board and past chairman of the Holly Hill Planning Board. He has been a campaigner for and contributor to the Community Chest, Red Cross and other charitable drives; is a past president and long-time member of the board of directors of the YMCA; a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Halifax Masonic Lodge #81; a Lay Leader and past chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of Daytona Beach, where he was Superintendent of Sunday School for six years. Boating is his choice for recreation.

Mrs. Willis, the former Tussie Bennett of Perry, Georgia, where she was born November 3, 1906, came to Florida about 1927 and taught school in Holly Hill about three years. She is active in the Methodist Church. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Willis were born in Daytona Beach. They are:

1. Harriett Ann, born March 30, 1932, now Mrs. Gene Bevil.
2. James LaDonne Willis, Jr., born June 5, 1935.
3. Richard Franklin Willis, born September 12, 1939.

EUGENE EMERY O'REILLY

Owner of Circle O Ranch, Eugene Emery O'Reilly of New Smyrna Beach has been successfully operating this ranch since 1945 and has won many awards for his cattle.

Mr. O'Reilly was born at Richton, Mississippi, July 6, 1918. His father, James Henry O'Reilly, born in New Orleans May 15, 1890, came to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1937. He is an investment broker of Mutual Funds and a member of the Jacksonville Expressway Authority, to which he was appointed by Governor Collins. His wife, Eugene Emery's mother, Eleanor Emery O'Reilly, was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1894, and is living with her husband in Jacksonville.

After his preliminary education in the public schools of Richton, Mississippi, Mr. O'Reilly graduated from Bolles Military Academy, Jacksonville, in 1938, and then attended the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Alabama, until December, 1941. In January, 1942, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the First Marine Air Wing in Ground Defense in the Pacific theater of World War II. He was attending Officers Candidate School when the war ended, and was discharged in October, 1945.

Returning to Florida, he purchased 16,000 acres of unimproved land west of New Smyrna Beach and established Circle O Ranch, starting with commercial cattle and registered Brahmans. His commercial cattle are sold through local markets, while most of his registered Brahmans go to South America, some to Africa. These, of course, are for breeding stock. Mr. O'Reilly has shown his cattle at Jacksonville, Webster, Kissimmee, and at the Florida State Fair at Tampa with gratifying results.

He is a past president of Volusia County Cattlemen's Association, past president and now a director of the Eastern Brahman Association, and a director of the American Brahman Breeder Association; also a member of the board of supervisors of the Volusia County Soil Conservation District, a director of the Bank of New Smyrna, and a member of the Greater New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce. In social groups he holds membership in Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Auburn, Alabama, the Smyrna Yacht Club, the Anglers Club, the New Smyrna Beach Men's Golf Association, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church of New Smyrna Beach. Golf, hunting and fishing are his sports.

On April 18, 1949, he married Mary McMahon of Miami, born July 27, 1917, daughter of Charles H. and Hazel Bernadette (Stiles) McMahon. Her father was born in New York; her mother at Sanford, Florida, on June 26, 1897. They live at Lake Monroe, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Reilly have a son, Eugene Emery, Jr., born May 11, 1950, at Daytona Beach.

REID B. HUGHES

Reid B. Hughes of Daytona Beach is the founder and president of Hughes Oil Company, the largest distributor of Phillips 66 products in the area and one of the largest in Florida, and is also an officer and substantial stockholder in four other oil distributing corporations. A native of Texas, Mr. Hughes is living up to the Texan tradition of bigness in his business and in his civic activities as well.

Born in Dallas, Texas, January 31, 1927, he is a son of Reid B. Hughes, an oil distributor in New Mexico, who was born at Haskell, Texas, and died at Las Vegras, New Mexico; and of Ola (Weilenman) Hughes, born at Albia, Iowa, July 31, 1897, who is living at Ormond Beach, Florida. Mr. Hughes graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Southern California in June, 1949.

Coming to Daytona Beach, Florida, in April of 1954, Mr. Hughes established the Hughes Oil Company, which he serves as president. The growth of the company since then has been phenomenal. In its first year it sold 809,906 gallons, and in 1960, 8,059,085 gallons, making it the largest in total volume in Volusia County and one of the largest in Florida. In December of 1960 the Hughes Oil Company and area Phillips 66 dealers became the first oil organization in comparable area anywhere in the United States to sell over one million gallons of product in one month. Total December gallonage was 1,329,125 gallons. This feat was accomplished with one of the biggest promotions ever put on by an organization in this area. In recognition of this outstanding accomplishment, a gigantic "Million Gallon" party was held on February 7, 1961. This date was proclaimed "Million Gallon Day" in Daytona by the Mayor. Many leading oil company officials, local and state dignitaries attended this celebration.

In addition to Hughes Oil Company, other Hughes owned companies are the Hughes Fuel Oil Company and the Hughes Oil Transportation Company, which handles over-the-road hauling of petroleum products. The Hughes companies are the only major branded oil jobbers in the area and are home-owned and operated.

Mr. Hughes is a member of the following industrial organizations: American Petroleum Institute Travel and Development Committee; Florida Petroleum Marketers Association, Board of Directors, Marketing Chairman and Dealer Chairman; Oil Industry Committee, District Chairman; National Oil Jobbers Council; Florida Home Heating Institute; Florida Better Home Heat Council, Board of Directors; Volusia County Better Home Heat Council, organizer and first president.

His civic activities are numerous and include membership in the following organizations: Community Promotions, Inc.—President and Board of Directors; Industrial Committee of One Hundred—Board of Directors; United States Chamber of Commerce; Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce—Board of Governors, Advertising Committee, Chairman of Sports Committee; Daytona Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce—Board of Directors, Chairman of Sports Committee and Membership Committee; Holly Hill Chamber of Commerce, New Smyrna Chamber of Commerce and Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce; Lions Club; YMCA—President and Board of Directors, member Southern Regional Council Board; United Fund Drives; Highlands PTA; First Methodist Church—Official Board, past president Methodist Men's Club and Builders' Class, Sunday School teacher. His college fraternities are Alpha Kappa Psi and Theta Chi.

Interested in all sports, he is the organizer and first president of the Church-City-YMCA Softball League; Chairman of Motorcycle Race activities and Major League Baseball spring training negotiations; on the Board of Directors of the Daytona Beach Midget Football League; a member of the Quarterback Club, the Gator Bowl Association and the Gator Boosters.

He was chosen the Outstanding Young Man of the Year 1959 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the Jaycees annual Good Government banquet in 1960. This award is given to the outstanding young man of the year between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five. Nominations are made by the civic clubs of the city and judging is based on the following six points: Extent of participation in all-around community activities; evidence of lasting contribution to community activities; exhibition of leadership ability; evidence of personal or business progress; cooperation with other organizations and the primary reason for the nomination.

A Democrat in politics, he was active in the recent campaign for Governor of Florida. Governor Farris Bryant subsequently appointed him to the Florida Development Commission as the commissioner representing Congressional District No. 5.

At Santa Monica, California, on June 26, 1949, Reid B. Hughes married Nancy Horbach, daughter of John B. and Dorothea (Washburn) Horbach, who was born at Santa Monica March 27, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes now have two daughters and a son:

1. Cynthia Jean, born at Salt Lake City, Utah, June 29, 1951.
2. April Irene, born at Daytona Beach, Florida, April 17, 1957.
3. Reid B. Hughes, Jr., born at Daytona Beach, January 17, 1961.

LOUIS FUCHS

President and General Manager of the Daytona Linen Service, formerly a branch of the National Linen Service Corporation, Louis Fuchs has spent almost his entire career in this business and has been located in Daytona Beach since 1951. He is active in United Fund, Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations in that locality.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, November 5, 1915, he is a son of Ben B. and Florence (Fox) Fuchs. His mother was born at Ocala, Florida, November 13, 1891, and died at Atlanta, Georgia, December 18, 1940. His father, born in Chicago, August 10, 1880, died at Atlanta, August 20, 1942. He was a manufacturers representative, traveling in Georgia and Alabama.

Louis Fuchs graduated from Boys High School, Atlanta, in 1933, and from Georgia School of Technology in June, 1937, with a B.S. degree. For the next two years he was an agent for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company of Atlanta. In July, 1939, he went to work as a salesman for National Linen Service Corporation, traveling southeastern and southwestern United States.

On March 20, 1942, he entered the United States Army Air Corps, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant December 9, 1942, at Miami Beach, and served in Africa, the Mid-East and Europe in the Air Transport Command. He was aide-de-camp to General James S. Stowell. On leaving active duty in February, 1946, he was a Captain, and is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and Liaison Officer for the United States Air Force Academy.

After the war Mr. Fuchs went back on the road in the same territory for National Linen Service. In 1947 and 1948 he was sales manager for the Birmingham Linen Service, and in 1949 and 1950 was assistant manager of the Jacksonville Linen Service, both branches of the National Linen Service. From October, 1950, to August, 1951, he was on a special assignment for National Linen Service at Beaumont, Texas, and then was made manager of the Daytona Linen Service, Florida. In July, 1957, National Linen Service sold Daytona Linen Service to a corporation of which Mr. Fuchs is now president and general manager. He is a member of the Linen Supply Association of America.

Mr. Fuchs is one of the founders and was the first president of the United Fund of the Halifax area, of which he is a director. He is a past vice-president, past treasurer and now member of the Board of Governors of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and a member of Holly Hill and Ormond Beach Chambers of Commerce; past treasurer and past director of Daytona Beach Rotary Club; a member of the Executive Club of the Daytona Beach Area; a past captain of the Daytona Beach Quarterback Club; a member of the Daytona Beach Golf and Country Club; of Phi Epsilon Pi social fraternity of Georgia Tech, and a past president of the Alumni Association of Georgia Tech for his area. He worships at Temple Beth El, Daytona Beach, and plays golf for recreation. Daytona Linen Service, Inc. sponsors a ladies' and men's bowling team.

On July 12, 1956, at Daytona Beach, Louis Fuchs married Ruth N. Savage, daughter of Mary and George Savage, who was born February 5, 1910, at Guelph Ontario, Canada. Mrs. Fuchs is active in the Palmetto Club, the Tillandsia Garden Club, of which she is vice-president, the League of Women Voters and the United Fund.

GRADY B. WILLIAMSON

Serving Volusia County, District Three, as County Commissioner since 1952, Grady B. Williamson makes a hobby of civic work.

Son of Charles Thomas and Bedie May (Brown) Williamson, he was born at Brantley, Alabama, October 7 1910. While he was quite young, the family moved to Tampa, Florida, where his father worked for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. He died in a train explosion in March, 1940.

Grady was educated in the schools of Hillsborough

County, including Hillsborough High School, Tampa, and got into the grocery business. Moving to Daytona Beach in 1934, he built a small grocery store there and continued to operate it until 1952, when he was first elected County Commissioner of District Three. He was reelected in 1956 and again in 1960.

Mr. Williamson is a member of the Florida and the National Association of County Officials; a member of the Daytona Beach Speedway and Recreational Authority; chairman of the Juvenile Court Merit Board of Volusia County and a member of the State Children's Commission through his Merit Board work. He is a past president of the Daytona Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce and in 1946 received its Distinguished Service Award, as well as one of five Outstanding Young Men of the State awards. He is a member of the Halifax Research Commission which was established in 1959 to determine what can be done to bring the right industry to the area.

He has worked on the March of Dimes drive since it was organized and was Volusia County chairman on two occasions; also was chairman of the United Fund Drive for the Halifax area in 1959. He was an organizer and first chairman of the Dixie Frolics of Daytona Beach, a yearly festival. He has been a Scoutmaster of YMCA Troop, Boy Scouts of America; is a past president of the Young Democrats of Volusia County; a member of the Daytona Beach Lions Club, Elks Lodge #1141 and the Moose Lodge (past secretary); of Masonic Lodge #270 and Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando; and a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Daytona Beach, in which he has served as a vestryman. Fishing in his favorite pastime.

At Tampa, Florida, on May 31, 1932, he married Nannie Stuart McAllen, who was born in Bristol, Virginia, February 14, 1915, daughter of John Franklin and Dawn Lindsay McAllen. She is active in the Parent-Teacher Association. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have three children:

1. Grady B., Jr., born November 1, 1933, in Tampa.
2. Nannie Louise, born February 8, 1940, in Daytona Beach.
3. Linda Dawn, born December 31, 1942, in Daytona Beach.

When he was fifteen Grady Williamson, Jr., started the Grady and Louise Dance Studio in Daytona Beach and now has about 300 pupils. With the talent he develops he puts on talent shows to raise money for worthwhile civic projects. His dancers often appear at military installations and hospitals in many locations, even outside of Florida. Grady, Jr., was Volusia County chairman of the March of Dimes drive five times.

HUGO QUILLIAN

Quillians Concrete, Inc.,, of Daytona Beach, operates about fifteen concrete mixer trucks and manufactures concrete blocks, employing between thirty and forty people and serving primarily the Halifax area. Hugo Quillian, secretary-treasurer of the corporation, is a son of the founder and president, James W. Quillian, who pioneered ready-mixed concrete in Daytona Beach and was one of the first in the state to get into this business. Born in Franklin County, Georgia, June 27, 1892, James W. Quillian has been in Florida since he came to Jacksonville about 1917. He first worked in Jacksonville as a plow salesman; later sold tractors; and then was a partner in a Ford agency in Gainesville.

Hugo Quillian was born in Gainesville, Florida, August 23, 1920. His mother, Blanche Y. (Dickey) Quillian, was born in Sugar Valley, Georgia, April 10, 1890. His education was begun in the public school at Port Orange, Florida, and continued at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, where he was a member of the Hi-Y Club and graduated in June, 1937. Starting in the summer of 1936, he joined his father's firm, the Quillian Construction Company, as a laborer, working during the summer vacation, and continued the following summer until he entered Georgia School of Technology in the fall. He graduated from Georgia Tech in June, 1942, with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering, and five years later, after his wartime service, earned a Master's degree in Civil Engineering at the same school.

After graduating from college in 1942, he worked in the Public Works office at the Navy Yard in Charleston, South Carolina, as an inspector until he went on active duty. From October, 1942, to February, 1945, he served as an Ensign in the United States Navy 34th Construction Battalion in the United States, the Solomon Islands, and at Okinawa, and was discharged March 27, 1946, at Jacksonville with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade. He is still in the Naval Reserve, Lieut. Comdr. in the Civil Engineer Corps.

In March, 1946, he became a partner in Quillians Concrete, Daytona Beach, which was organized by his father that year. The company was incorporated in July, 1956, with James Quillian as president and Hugo as secretary-treasurer.

He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Florida Engieering Society (past president of the Baytona Beach chapter, 1949), the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the American Concrete Institute. He is president, past secretary-treasurer and past charter director of Florida Concrete and Products Association; past president and past director of the Daytona Beach Builders Exchange; past director of the National Concrete Masonry Association; and past director of the Associated Industries of Florida.

He is a past director and past vice-president of Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce, a past director and 1961-62 president of Daytona Beach Rotary Club. He served as City Commissioner of Daytona Beach Zone Two in 1952, to fill out the unexpired term of Ollie Lancaster; and he has worked on various fund drives for civic enterprises.

A Lay Leader and member of the Official Board of Stewards of the Community Methodist Church of Daytona Beach, he has been Superintendent of the Youth Division and of the Adult Division of this church. He belongs to the following fraternal groups at Georgia School of Technology: Phi Eta Sigma (honorary scholastic), Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Theta Chi (social), Briarean Society, the Co-op Club, and the Civil Crew.

At Athens, Georgia, on June 12, 1947, Hugo Quillian married Sara L. Massey, who was born in Greenville, South Carolina, August 7, 1925, daughter of Dyar Edwin and Lydia (Nix) Massey. Her father was born in Banks County, Georgia, April 21, 1877; her mother in Jackson County, Georgia, August 2, 1890. Mrs. Quillian is president of the Junior Service League, leader of a Girl Scout troop, and a member of many other civic organizations. The Quillians have four children, all born in Daytona Beach:

1. Sara Lucille, born December 7, 1950.
2. Elizabeth Irene, born December 24, 1952.
3. Edwin Wylie, born September 23, 1955.
4. Laura Bea, born February 25, 1958.

J. OWEN EUBANK

Now serving his second term as Mayor of Daytona Beach, J. Owen Eubank is Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager of the Florida Loan Service, Inc., and has been with this company since 1937. Mr. Eubank is active in Chamber of Commerce work and in other civic and social welfare organizations.

He was born May 8, 1912, at Atlanta, Georgia, where both his parents also were born: his father, Hugh E. Eubank, on May 29, 1893; his mother, Frances North, on October 15, 1895. She is living in Daytona Beach. The father died there August 9, 1960. He came to Jacksonville from Atlanta in 1918 and was there about two years. At Daytona Beach he was Superintendent of Public Works and served two terms as a city councilman of Holly Hill. He was twice Worshipful Master of Halifax Masonic Lodge #81.

J. Owen Eubank attended public school in Daytona Beach and graduated from Mainland High School in 1930. He was president of his class from grade six through twelve.

He first worked for Pan American Refining Company in his home town, then with Gulf Oil as service station manager. From December, 1933, to August, 1937, he was with Daytona Motor Company as parts manager. In 1937 he joined the Florida Loan Service as outside man and became office manager of the Daytona Beach office in 1940. In 1955 he was made secretary-treasurer and general manager of the corporation, which has five locations.

Elected to the City Commission of Daytona Beach December 8, 1958, he was elected Mayor by the commissioner at their first meeting in 1959. From the standpoint of municipal welfare, he is interested in bringing industry into the area. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member and past director of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, and a charter member and organizer of the Daytona Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, in which he has held many offices.

During World War II Mr. Eubank served in the United States Army from December, 1943, to March, 1946, with the 806th Tank Destroyer Battalion in the Philippines, and was a staff sergeant on discharge. He is a member of American Legion Post #143, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1590, Elks Lodge #1141, Halifax Masonic Lodge #81 and Bahia Temple Shrine, Orlando, and the Daytona Beach Rotary Club.

Very much interested in the well-being of crippled children, he is a past president of the Volusia County Crippled Children's Society. He is also a past president of the Daytona Beach YMCA and is on the Advisory Board of the local Salvation Army. He is a charter member and past captain of the Quarterback Club; has been chairman for ten years of the Golf Advisory Board, and is a member of the Daytona Beach Golf and Country Club, the Outboard Club, and the Ellinor Village Country Club. Golf and boating are his recreations. He is a member and lay reader of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in which he has been a vestryman three times.

At St. Augustine on January 10, 1930, J. Owen Eubank married Florence Feaster Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Andrew Coleman, who was born at Bookman, South Carolina, August 1, 1910. She is active in church circles and in the Arlington Garden Club, the oldest in Daytona Beach..

Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eubank in Daytona Beach, of whom only one is living:

1. James Owen Eubank, Jr., born March 24, 1931, died in infancy.

2. James Owen Eubank, II, born March 26, 1937, is a graduate of Stetson University and is now in the United States Army.

3. Robert Coleman Eubank, born July 8, 1940, died June 6, 1953.

ROBERT A. MERRELL

The largest financial institution on the East Coast of Florida between Jacksonville and West Palm Beach is the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Daytona Beach. President Robert A. Merrell has been with this institution for the past twenty years and previously spent fifteen years in banks. His special interest is sound economic policies in government, and as Chairman of the Halifax Area Research Commission he has an opportunity to be influential in local government.

Mr. Merrell was born December 7, 1903, at Carrollton, Georgia, where both his parents were born: his father, Henry F. Merrell, on January 15, 1870; his mother, Belle Sharp Merrell, on November 17, 1873. She is living with her son in Daytona Beach. The father, who was a merchant in Carrollton, Georgia, died there August 15, 1930.

Robert Merrell graduated from Carrollton High School in 1920. He spent the next year at Emory University, Atlanta, and then one year at the University of Georgia. Between 1923 and 1938 he worked in five banks, the last one being the Industrial Savings Bank (now the Commercial Bank at Daytona Beach), which he helped to organize and served as Executive Vice-President. From 1938 to 1940 he was Executive Director of the Daytona Beach Housing Authority. In 1940 he became Secretary-Treasurer and Managing Officer of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Daytona Beach, and in 1947 was elected President of this institution, which now has two locations and is soon to open another branch in the Westgate Shopping Center.

Mr. Merrell is a member of the Legislative Committee and past president of the Southern Conference of the United States Savings and Loan League, and past president of the Florida Savings and Loan League. He is a past vice-president of the Greater Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of its Board of Governors for eleven years. For eighteen years he was a member of the East Volusia County Mosquito Control District, resigning from this board to accept his present position on the Halifax Area Research Commission. During World War II he was a member of the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve and served as County Housing Chairman for the Volusia County Defense Board. He is a member of Daytona Beach Rotary Club, the Ellinor Village Country Club, and Delta Tau Delta social fraternity at the University of Georgia.

On January 6, 1934, at New Smyrna, Florida, Robert A. Merrell married Katherine McDonald, daughter of Carl and Jewel (Jackson) McDonald, who was born at Atlanta, Georgia, August 9, 1912. Mrs. Merrell is a sustaining member of the Junior Service League, a member of Volusia County Library Advisory Council and chairman of the board of the Cornelia Young Li-

brary, a member of the Arlington Garden Club, and is active in Girl Scout work.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrell are the parents of five children:

1. Dr. Robert A. Merrell, Jr., M.D., born at New Smyrna December 29, 1934.
2. Jane Sharp Merrell, born at Daytona Beach November 14, 1937.
3. William McDonald Merrell, born at Daytona Beach, August 20, 1941.
4. Mary Katherine Merrell, at Daytona Beach, May 13, 1947.
5. John Henry Merrell, born at Daytona Beach, February 8, 1949.

FREDERICK B. KARL

Now serving his third term in the Florida House of Representatives, Frederick B. Karl of Daytona Beach was selected as one of the ten most outstanding members of the House by members of the Legislative press in 1959, and the same year was a runner-up as the most effective member in committee work. In 1958 he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Daytona Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is very active in civic and welfare organizations.

Mr. Karl is a native of Daytona Beach, where he was born May 14, 1924, son of Fred J. and Mary M. (Brennan) Karl. His father was born at Minden City, Michigan, March 22, 1893, and is living in Daytona Beach, where he moved permanently in 1930, having wintered there previously. In Michigan he and his father (grandfather of Frederick B.) built and operated the telephone company at Harbor Beach, which was sold to Bell Telephone Company about 1930.

Mary Brennan Karl was born at Harbor Beach, Michigan, November 2, 1890, and died at Daytona Beach August 5, 1948. She was the Director of Vocational Education for Volusia County and a director of the Mary Karl Vocational School, now a branch of the Daytona Beach Junior College, which was named for her by the county in 1948.

Part of the early schooling of Frederick B. Karl was obtained at St. Paul's Catholic School, Daytona Beach. He graduated from Seabreeze High School, Daytona Beach, in 1942, and attended the University of Florida that summer.

On October 9, 1942, he enlisted as a private in the United States Army and the following April, while still only eighteen, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He commanded a medium Tank Platoon in the 20th and the 2nd Armored Divisions in Europe and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. Separated in June, 1946, as a First Lieutenant, he is now a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army Reserve.

After returning from the Army, Frederick Karl attended Stetson University at DeLand from the summer of 1946 to December, 1949, when he received the Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the Florida bar, he was associated in practice with David L. Black until October, 1953. He has been with the firm of Raymond, Wilson and Karl since February 1, 1954. He practices in all state courts and in the District Federal Court and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Volusia County Bar Association.

Elected as State Representative from Volusia County in 1956, he was re-elected without opposition in 1958 and 1960. In the Legislature he is a member of the Interim Appropriations and Auditing Committees and a member of the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education.

He also serves as City Attorney for Ormond Beach, and is a member of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers. He is a member of the Charter Advisory Committee of the City of Daytona Beach and is vice-chairman of the Legislative Committee of Citizens Urban Renewal Study. He is on the Board of Governors and is chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Volusia County Advisory Committee for Industrial Education, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Volusia County Hearing Society. Especially interested in the work of the American Cancer Society, he was chairman of the 1959 Crusade, is on the Board of Directors of the Volusia County Unit and a member of the Florida Division, Public Relations Committee of the American Cancer Society. He is also a director of the Daytona Beach YMCA, a past director of the Community Chest, past member of the board of directors of the Family Welfare Association and the Junior Chamber of Commerce; a member of the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Sigma Nu social and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternities at Stetson University, and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at Daytona Beach. Fishing is his choice for recreation.

Mrs. Karl is active in Our Lady of Lourdes Woman's Club. She is the former Virginia Faye Brooker, daughter of James L. and Theresa (Wiggins) Brooker, and was born March 4, 1926, at Tampa, Florida. Her maternal great-grandmother was a Civil War widow who came to Florida after the war. Faye Brooker and Fred B. Karl were married at Tampa on November 5, 1948. They are the parents of four children, all born at Daytona Beach:

1. Cynthia Anne, born August 21, 1951.
2. Frederick B., Jr., born July 29, 1954.
3. Mary Theresa, born October 19, 1956.
4. James Brooker, born July 15, 1958.

GAIL P. BORDEN

Vice-president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Daytona Beach since 1954, Gail P. Borden was previously in the banking business in Alabama and North Carolina. Mr. Borden is chairman of the Disaster Preparedness Committee for the State of Florida under the Florida Savings and Loan League, and is active in local civic affairs. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee on Naval Affairs for the Sixth Naval District.

He was born at Baxter Springs, Kansas, November 5, 1918, son of Fred Walter Borden and Myrtis (Parr) Borden. His father was born in Towanda, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1881, and died at Little Rock, Arkansas, June 4, 1941. He was vice-president of Arkansas City Flour Mills Company, Arkansas City, Kansas. Gail's mother was born at Denton, Texas, October 21, 1882, and is now living with her son in Daytona Beach.

Gail Borden received his education in the public schools of Oklahoma City, Little Rock, and Abilene, Texas. He graduated from Little Rock Senior High School in 1935 and from the University of Arkansas in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

During World War II, from 1944 to 1946, he served in the United States Air Force in continental United States in the Finance Department at Sheppard Field, Texas, Pancoast Hospital, Miami Beach, and at ORD, Greensboro, North Carolina, with the rank of sergeant.

From the time he graduated from college until 1950, excepting his two years in the service, he was with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and was an examiner in the Greensboro, North Carolina, office. In September, 1950, he went to Sheffield, Alabama, as secretary-treasurer of the Sheffield Federal Savings and Loan Association, and in December, 1954, came to Daytona Beach and was made vice-president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of that city. He was elected a director of the bank in 1957.

Mr. Borden is a member of the Greater Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Volusia County United Fund, director of the Daytona Beach Kiwanis Club, a member of the Quarterback Club and was a director of the Babe Ruth Baseball League of Daytona Beach. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha social fraternity at the University of Arkansas and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach.

JOHN R. (DICK) STANIER

A lawyer in Daytona Beach since 1949, John R. Stanier, who has been a resident of that city since 1941, is very much interested in the industrial development of the Daytona Beach area and occupies a prominent position in civic organizations. He is married to a granddaughter of the pioneer, Captain John Gardner, who in the late 1800's had a fabulous reputation as a guide and fisherman in that vicinity. Captain Gardner married Saraphine Pacetti, whose family had lived at the Ponce de Leon Inlet since before the Civil War and had served as guides for sports fishermen and piloted boats through the Inlet. Mr. and Mrs. Stanier are the owners of Gardner's, a restaurant at Port Orange which was founded in 1938 by the Gardner family.

Son of William J. and Esther (McGuin) Stanier, John R. (Dick) Stanier was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1923. His father also was born in Pittsburgh and died at Daytona Beach February 20, 1949. He was an automobile dealer in Ashtabula, Ohio, who first came to Daytona Beach as a visitor in the late twenties and moved there in 1940. He built the Emaline Apartments on Fifth Avenue. John's mother was born in Hazen, Arkansas, and is living at Ormond Beach.

Upon graduating from Ashtabula High School in 1941, Dick Stanier followed his parents to Daytona Beach and entered Stetson University in the fall. His course there was interrupted by World War II. Entering the United States Navy in the fall of 1942, he served with the 57th Construction Battalion in the South Pacific, operating heavy equipment, and was discharged January 3, 1946, as Machinist's Mate second class.

Returning to Stetson University, he graduated in December, 1949, with the LL.B. degree and began the practice of law in Daytona Beach in association with Joseph Ginsberg and Harrison C. Thompson, Jr., who had been a classmate at Stetson. In 1951 he became a partner with C. Aubrey Vincent and Frank L. Pyle, and in late 1952 he formed a partnership with Henry P. Duffett, known as Duffett and Stanier, and since then has been carrying on a general practice of law. In the spring of 1959 the firm took in an associate member, Walter W. Snell.

Mr. Stanier is admitted to practice in all State and Federal courts and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Volusia County Bar Association. He is a past Municipal Judge of Daytona Beach and Port Orange and is now a Justice of the Peace of the Ninth District. He is a Democratic Committeeman of the Ninth Precinct and past president of Volusia County Young Democratic Club; a member of the Halifax Research Commission; a past treasurer and now president (1961) of the Daytona Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, and past president (1956) of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a charter member and director of the Kiwanis Club of the Halifax Area, now inactive; is a board member of the Halifax River Yacht Club; a trustee of the Tourist Church of Daytona Beach (interdenominational); a member of American Legion Post and VFW, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and the Florida Restaurant Association. In 1941 he served in the Daytona Beach Life Guard Corps and was president of this group in 1946.

On August 30, 1952, in Daytona Beach, John R. Stanier married Saraphine Isabel Gardner, who was born in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, December 20, 1925, daughter of William Gregg and Louise (Norwood) Gardner. Mrs. Stanier was an organizer and first president of the Daytona Beach Jaycettes. She has been active in the Palmetto Juniors and is a member of the Florida Restaurant Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanier have three children, born at Daytona Beach: William Earl, born July 12, 1953; Robert Jay, born September 22, 1954; Donald James, born December 23, 1957. By a previous marriage to Marjory Catherine Lithander, Mr. Stanier has two more sons and a daughter: John William, Michael Richard, and Anita May.

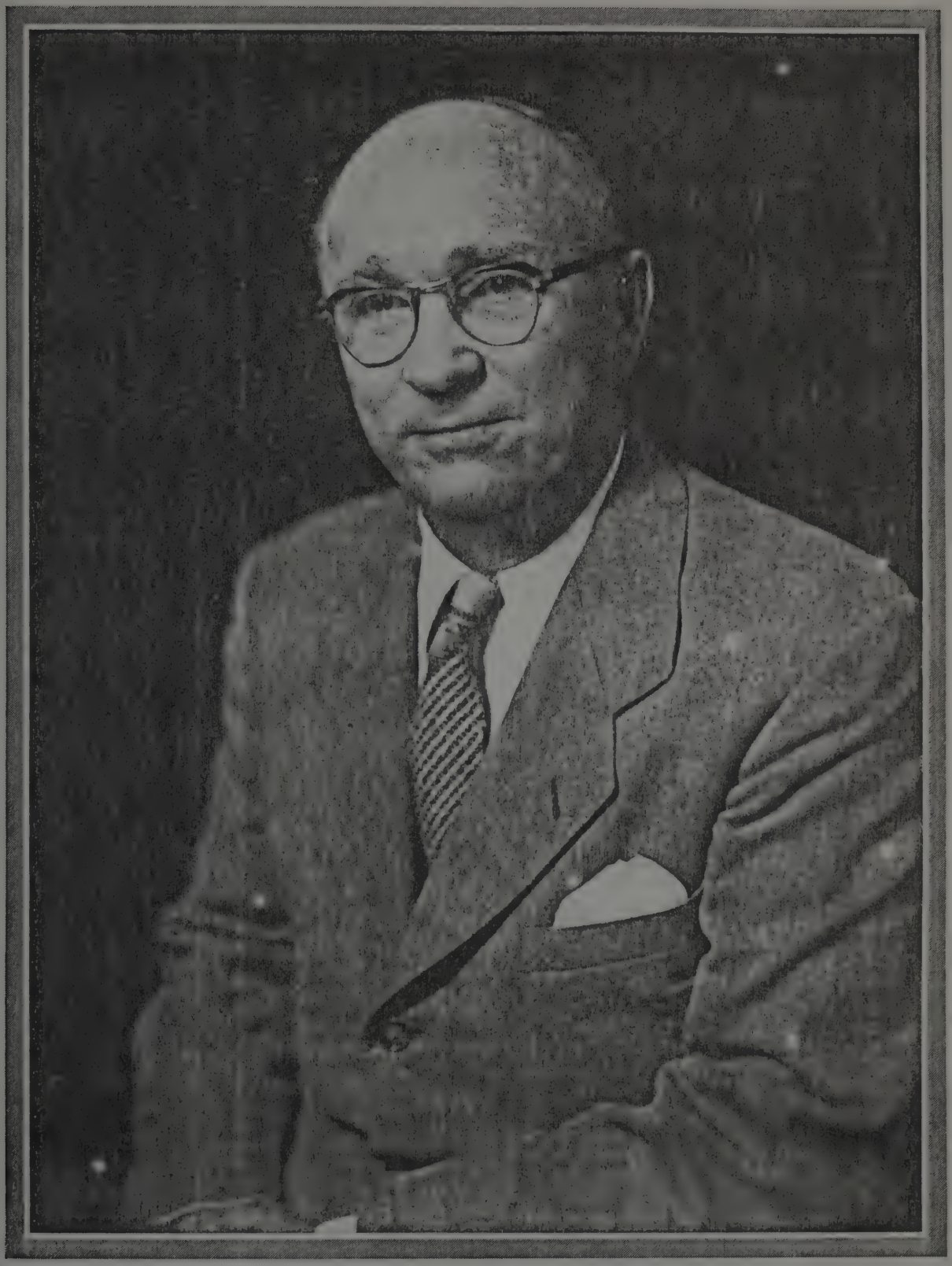
Dick Stanier and his wife purchased Gardner's Restaurant in Port Orange from Mrs. Gardner, mother of Mrs. Stanier, in 1954. Specializing in sea food, Gardner's has twice been written up in Gourmet and in Florida Illustrated and the New York Times. In 1958 Dick Stanier produced and directed the first of the now famous ski shows which are presented daily during the summer season, featuring the unique "Skiing Cook." In 1959 the Zoom Room was opened, complimenting and honoring Daytona's speed champions.

L. WILSON SUMMERLIN, JR.

L. Wilson Summerlin, Jr., was born at Willacoochee, Georgia, June 8, 1901, and was educated in the public schools of Georgia and at Massey Business College, Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Wilson Summerlin's father, L. W. Summerlin, Sr., was born in Willacoochee, Georgia, November 16, 1881. He came to Daytona Beach in 1922 from Willacoochee, where he had been a merchant, and worked in Daytona Beach as a bookkeeper and auditor. He died August 31, 1947. His widow, Mary Eva (West) Summerlin, was born at Albany, Georgia, August 21, 1879, and is now living in Daytona Beach. She is one of the oldest living members of the First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach and is also a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Before going into his present business in partnership with his brother, Wilson Summerlin, Jr., had been a hardware salesman in Sarasota, Winter Haven and



L. W. Zummallen Jr.

St. Petersburg, Florida, and farmed in Palm Beach County for a short time.

Wilson Summerlin was married at Miami, Florida, on June 30, 1924, to Ethel Janes. The Janes family were early settlers of Miami, and Travis Janes, Ethel's father, was once one of the state's largest tomato growers. Mrs. Summerlin was born in Tampa April 9, 1905. She is past president of the Halifax Area Federation of Women's Clubs and of the Peninsula Club, and has been superintendent in the Primary department of the First Baptist Church Sunday School for the past fourteen years.

Their son, L. W. Summerlin, III, was born in Miami on July 13, 1926. He was educated in Florida schools and attended Florida State University. He served in the Navy in World War II and is active in the First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach. He is currently president of the Daytona Beach Lions Club and is a 32nd degree Mason and also a member of Hoo-Hoo. He married Beverly McCollum of Miami, May 24, 1947, and they have two children, Deborah Lee and David Alan. Mrs. Summerlin, III, is active in the Junior League and the First Baptist Church.

Wilson Summerlin calls himself a conservative Democrat. He served as City Commissioner of Daytona Beach for four years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, where he served as trustee for many years. He is a member of the Greater Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the Lions Club and the YMCA, a member of the Elks Lodge #1141, and has been a member of Hoo-Hoo for twenty years. In his youth, after World War I, he served in the Alabama National Guard. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports, and he has bird dogs and Labrador retrievers for his hunting.

Summerlin Brothers, Inc., formerly Summerlin Brothers Millwork Company, has been operating in Daytona Beach since July, 1935, when the Hoffman Novelty Works was purchased by W. F. and L. W. Summerlin, Jr., and operated as a partnership until February, 1956, at which time the company was incorporated, with Mr. L. Wilson Summerlin, Jr., as president-treasurer, his son, L. W. Summerlin, III, as vice-president, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Ruth Fender, as secretary.

The plant occupies 20,000 square feet of floor space, employs forty-two people, and serves the State of Florida. Summerlin Brothers, Inc., has supplied millwork for many institutions in Florida, including Florida State University at Tallahassee, the University of Florida at Gainesville, South Florida University at Tampa, Putnam Memorial Hospital in Palatka, Pierce-Wood Memorial Hospital in Arcadia, North Brevard Hospital, Daytona Beach Junior College and many, many other public schools in Volusia and Brevard counties.

In 1936 Mr. Summerlin built a three-story apartment building at Silver Beach and South Atlantic Avenue which is one of the first strictly-modern buildings in Daytona Beach, with electrically-equipped incinerator. etc. This is now in one of the most densely populated areas.

BILLIE BYINGTON BAGGETT

Former Mayor-Commissioner and a prominent pioneer resident of Daytona Beach, the late Billie Baggett is remembered by the older citizens of that community for his strong civic and political leadership and his constructive administration of city affairs. It was his able leadership which carried the city through two years of its financial crisis and restored its credit by refunding its outstanding bonds at a great saving in interest charges. This he accomplished in the face of proposals by his political opponents to repudiate the city's bond debt. His contemporaries and the people who came to Daytona Beach later have reason to be grateful to Mr. Baggett for his notable performance in public office. In private life he was a thrifty, conservative, far-sighted and successful businessman. When he entered public life he devoted the same business acumen to the public interest. There was no evident conflict of interest in his handling of public responsibility.

He was born in Douglasville, Georgia, September 15, 1886. son of William Alfred Baggett and Missouri Ann Dorsett Selman. His mother was born in Campbell County, Georgia, November 4, 1846, and died November 21, 1935, in Daytona Beach. His father died July 3, 1915, at Holly Hill. Billie Baggett came to Daytona Beach with his parents in 1895, when he was about nine years old. His father and Charles Cyril Post had the first real estate office at Seabreeze, now a part of Daytona Beach, located between the river and the ocean. Old-timers recall that in the early days when the arrival by mail of a newspaper was an event of special importance, Billie Baggett often read his paper aloud to others at the Seabreeze Post Office. During the Spanish American War they were all eager to hear the news. and this became almost a ritual.

Billie graduated from Daytona High School in 1906 as president of his class, and was editor of the first paper published by the high school, The Sentinel. He also was captain of the high school baseball team in 1906-07. In later years he was an enthusiastic baseball fan and on a newspaper questionnaire listed this sport as his favorite pastime. In 1907, Billie joined the Florida National Guard and remained in it four years, resigning in 1911 with the rank of First Lieutenant.

The furniture business was Mr. Baggett's first business enterprise. In 1917, with Mr. Jerome L. Wetherby, he founded the Baggett-Wetherby Funeral Home on Magnolia Avenue and was president of this firm, which in 1935 became the Baggett-Wetherby-McIntosh Company and in 1946 was sold to his son, Wilmans Byington Baggett, and Charles S. McIntosh, since which time it has the name of Baggett-McIntosh.

In 1918 Mr. Baggett became a director of the First National Bank of Daytona, continuing until 1930, when he became vice-president and a director of the Florida Bank and Trust Company, which position he retained until his death in 1957. In 1934 he was co-founder, vice-president and a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Daytona Beach. This office, too, he held the remainder of his life, and in 1956-57 was a member of the Building Committee for the bank's projected new building at 501 North Grandview Avenue.

Taking a practical interest in public affairs from his early days, Billie Baggett was Secretary of the Trustees of the four bridges under county ownership in the twenties; a member of the Ponce de Leon Inlet Commission, and a member of the Zoning Commission of Seabreeze prior to its consolidation with the City of Daytona Beach in 1925.

Heading a reform ticket, he was elected Mayor-Commissioner of Daytona Beach in 1929 and served

until the 1931 elections. He did not run again. While Mayor he saw the need for the purchase of adequate airport facilities and led in the purchase and establishment of the present airport. To break the political deadlock of massed, bought Negro votes, he was the "father" of the Fifth Zone in Daytona Beach, and personally went to Tallahassee to get the bill through the Legislature.

In the 1930's he was Chairman of Directors and President of the Auditorium Board. In 1931 he was a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Fourth Congressional District. In 1932 he was Chairman, under President Hoover's administration, of the Refinancing Corporation (RFC) of the East Coast Bank, and later, under President Roosevelt's administration, was Chairman of the National Recovery Act (NRA) for Volusia County. In 1933 he was President of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, and from 1943 to 1946 was a member of the Daytona Beach Planning Board. During World War II, from 1942 to 1945, he was Commander of Civilian Defense of the Halifax Area.

From 1937 to 1954 he was on the Board of Trustees of the John B. Stetson University and served on its Finance Committee. He was elected the first president of the Halifax Historical Society when it was formed in 1949, and served one year. From 1949 to 1951 he was on the Board of Directors of a Committee on Education on Alcoholism, sponsored by Alcoholics Anonymous. Also in 1949 he became a member of the Board of Directors of Old's Hall, and continued on this board until his death. He was a member and Secretary of the Hemingway Club from 1954 until it disbanded in the fall of 1956. In April, 1957, he was appointed by Governor LeRoy Collins as Chairman of the Census Committee of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, which comprises Volusia, St. Johns, Flagler and Putnam counties.

He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, formed in 1921, a member of the Rotary Club from 1931 to 1946, and a member of the Civitan Club. Interested in all activities of a social welfare nature, he was vice-president of the YMCA in 1923-24, a member of its Board of Trustees from 1925 to 1957, and on January 16, 1957, was made a life member of the YMCA. He was Chairman of the Red Cross Drive of the Halifax Area in 1929 and again in 1942 or '43. He served for a number of years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Calvary Baptist Church. From 1956 to 1957 he was Treasurer of the Silver Beach Baptist Church and was Secretary of the Men's Brotherhood, and in 1957 was Secretary of the Men's Bible Class of that church.

An active member of fraternal organizations, he joined the Elks on November 22, 1910, was Secretary of the Lodge 1915 to 1917, and was made a life member of Lodge #1141 on April 5, 1952. He entered Halifax Masonic Lodge as an Apprentice on May 17, 1917, received the Fellow Craft degree on July 5, 1917, became a Master Mason on February 6, 1919, and received the Exalted degree on March 13, 1919. He was Knighted on January 22, 1920, became a member of Morocco Shrine in 1923, was made a life member for distinguished service on August 4, 1949, and a life member of Halifax Lodge #81, F. and A. M., on March 14, 1955.

On June 12, 1912, at Seabreeze, Billie Byington Baggett married Helen Wilmans Burgman, who was born at San Francisco, California, September 23, 1887, daughter of Charles Frederick Burgman and Florence Nightingale Baker. Her father was born at Hannover-Müenden, Germany, July 21, 1853, and died at Daytona Beach in June, 1933. He was the moving figure in the Florida East Coast Inland Waterway. Florence Baker Burgman was born at Suisun City, California, February 9, 1860, and died at Seabreeze, Florida, June 21, 1941.

Helen Baggett's grandmother, Helen Wilmans Post, was the founder of Mental Science and its publication, "Freedom." Her brother, Jerome A. Burgman, has been in the printing business in Daytona Beach for over fifty-five years, now Burgman and Son. He has taken a very active part in local affairs.

Charles Cyril Post, mentioned in the early part of this sketch, was the second husband of Helen Wilmans Post. He came to Daytona Beach on a visit about 1893 and liked it so well that he moved down from Georgia. He went into partnership with Charles A. Ballough in the development of Seabreeze, platting all the streets and naming most of them. The Posts built the Colonnades Hotel, the first large hotel in the area, and built the first large department store building at Pine (now Peninsula) and the ocean, or Seabreeze Boulevard. They also built an ocean pier and Post Pavilion, the only public recreation area on the beach at that time. A daughter of Helen Wilmans Baker, Ada Wilmans Powers, built the original Princess Issennia Hotel, once the nicest hotel in Daytona Beach.

Helen and Billie Baggett were the parents of two sons:

1. Gordon Alfred Baggett, born October 25, 1913, at Daytona Beach, died there April 9, 1954. He was the owner of the Ocean Park Hotel and the Whitehall Hotel, both in Daytona Beach on the ocean.

2. Wilmans ("Buzz") Baggett, born July 3, 1917, is owner and president of the Baggett-McIntosh Funeral Home.

Billie and Helen Baggett were spending the summer, as was their custom, at Grandview Guest House, Waynesville, North Carolina, when he was stricken with a heart attack. He died August 10, 1957. Oddly enough, seventeen members of their family were summering there at the time of his death.

His widow has compiled a record of his public work "for the grandchildren whom he so dearly loved, that they, too, might know, 'To serve is to live.' " In a foreword, she says:

> "His real life's work, his ultimate purpose for being, was hidden from the world. No one will ever know the committees on which he served; the number of persons to whom, through the years, he extended a lifting, helping hand. The latter he regarded as a sacred trust between himself and his Maker, to be shared with no one else."

HERBERT A. KING, M.D.

Practicing Internal Medicine at the Broadway Medical Center in Daytona Beach since 1949, Dr. Herbert A. King is a member of the Halifax District Hospital staff. Dr. King had extensive and valuable experience in his profession before coming to Florida.

He was born in Peabody, Massachusetts, July 17, 1917, son of James Arthur and Mary I. (Ballou) King. His father, who was born at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1889 and died at Richmond, New Hampshire, in 1951, was in the lumber business. His mother was born at Richmond, New Hampshire, in 1890 and is still living there.

Dr. King had his early education in the public schools of Peabody, Massachusetts. He attended Bluefield Junior College, Bluefield, Virginia, and the University of Richmond at Richmond, Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1939 with an A.B. degree. For his medical education he attended Duke University School of Medicine and received his M.D. degree in 1942. After an internship at Duke University Hospital, he was then Assistant Resident and Resident in Medicine. Following Army service in World War II, he returned to Duke University Hospital as a Senior Resident in Medicine and then a Fellow in Allergy and Hematology. He was, during this period, an instructor of medicine in the Duke University School of Medicine.

He then went to Texas to help organize the Doctor's Clinic at Abilene, remaining there six months. In November of 1949 he came to Daytona Beach, Florida, and opened his practice of Internal Medicine at the Broadway Medical Center in association with Dr. Norman E. Williams.

During World War II Dr. King served in the United States Army Medical Corps with hospital groups in the United States from April, 1945, to April, 1947. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant on entry, he rose to the rank of Captain and was Chief of the Medical Service at the Station Hospital at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Dr. King is a member of the American Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, Volusia County Medical Society, the Southeastern Allergy Association, the American Association of Internal Medicine, the Florida Association of Internal Medicine, certified with the American Board of Internal Medicine, and an Associate in the American College of Physicians. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, honorary medical fraternity at Duke University; a member of Daytona Beach Rotary Club, and of the First Presbyterian Church of Daytona Beach.

His first wife was Claire Price, by whom he has two sons, both born in Durham, North Carolina: Herbert Allen King, born July 16, 1943; Lawrence Ballou King, born March 23, 1946. On August 28, 1956, Dr. King married Carol Filer of Norfolk, Virginia.

WILBUR CECIL GRANT

A prominent attorney, realtor, financier, political and civic leader of Daytona Beach, W. Cecil Grant has been practicing law there since 1931, and now has his office on the spot where he was born, the location of his parents home on Main Street. His father, Vernon Cecil Grant, who was in the plumbing and heating business, came to Daytona from Jacksonville in 1904 and served as a councilman of the old city of Daytona. He died July 3, 1958. Wilbur Cecil's mother was Alice Macomber from Bourbon County, Kansas. She died in 1942.

Born at Daytona Beach April 22, 1907, W. Cecil Grant graduated from Seabreeze High School in 1926 and had a year of academic study at the University of Alabama on an athletic scholarship. He then transferred to John B. Stetson University, DeLand, where he received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1931. Admitted to the Florida bar in May of that year, he established himself in practice at Daytona Beach.

Aside from his regular private practice, he has served as town attorney for Holly Hill, attorney for the Federal Housing Authority at Daytona Beach, and as revisor attorney for (Florida) Rand McNally Bankers Directory. He is a member of the American Bar Association, a past member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar Association, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Volusia County Bar Association.

In real estate he is the owner and developer of Grant's Beach Cottages and Apartments on Atlantic Avenue, which have been much admired for their architectural style, and also owns business blocks. He has been chairman of the Board of Directors of the Halifax Finance Company of Daytona Beach since 1939.

From the start of his career Mr. Grant has taken an active interest in politics. He is a life member of the Young Democratic Club of Volusia County, in which he was an active member for many years and served as president, and in 1949 was named president of the Florida State Young Democrats Club. Since 1942 he has served as Congressional Committeeman of the Fifth District, and was active in the 1960 Presidential campaign in the Volusia County Committee for the Kennedy-Johnson ticket. During World War II he served on the Advisory Board for Selective Service and Registrants, for which he received a Certificate of Appreciation from President Roosevelt. He is a member of the Inter-racial Committee of Daytona Beach.

Since his high school days, when he was selected All-State High School Second Baseman, Cecil Grant has been keenly interested in athletics. He was aquaplane champion of Florida in 1926. At Stetson University he was quarterback on the football team and won his letter in both football and basketball. Since then he has done much to support and promote athletics in the local schools.

He is a member of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and its Committee of One Hundred; a member of the Lions Club since 1931; past president and now a director of the Daytona Beach Optimists Club; a past director of the Surf and Sun Club, now extinct; and a past Exalted Ruler of the local Elks Lodge, in which he was granted honorary life membership for meritorious services in the organization. He is a 32nd degree Mason, affiliated with the various bodies of Masonry, including Zongi Grotto, Morocco Temple and the Shrine. His fraternities are Pi Kappa Phi (social) and Phi Alpha Delta (legal). Golf and swimming are his favorite recreations, and he attends the Baptist Church.

Mr. Grant was married at Daytona Beach on September 6, 1939, to Carolyn Glanton Wickersham, daughter of Frank G. and Hazel (Reeves) Wickersham, and a native of LaGrange, Georgia. Her grandfather, Charles A. Wickersham, was president of the Atlantic and West Point Railroad and the Georgia and Western Railway of Alabama, and was a board member of the Coca-Cola Company. A daughter, Ethel Cecile, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant on May 16, 1940. She is now Mrs. Harry Mundell of Daytona Beach and has two children, Garry and Stephen.

FRANCES B. O'ROURKE
and
THOMAS NELSON O'ROURKE

Prominent in the financial field and in the civic and social life of Daytona Beach, Frances B. O'Rourke is president of the investment firm of T. Nelson O'Rourke, Inc., which was founded by her late husband in 1936.

Daughter of William Franklin Brown and Eleanor duPre Carswell, she was born at Savannah, Georgia, April 3, 1907. Her father was born near Macon, Georgia, February 7, 1870, and died at Daytona Beach Decem-

ber 8, 1952. He was a civil engineer, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, and had retired to Daytona Beach in 1945. Mrs. O"Rourke's mother was born at Irwinton, Georgia, where the Carswell plantation was located, on April 14, 1875, and died at Daytona Beach January 6, 1956. District Federal Judge Harold Carswell of Jacksonville is a member of this family.

Having received her early education at the Pape School in Savannah, Georgia, Frances Brown graduated from the Cathedral School of St. Mary, Garden City, Long Island, New York, in 1925, and attended Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts. On November 30, 1929, at Savannah, Georgia, she married Thomas Nelson O'Rourke.

Son of Thomas Francis O'Rourke, a Vermont merchant, and Mary Belle Nelson, Thomas Nelson O'Rourke was born October 3, 1904, at Derby Line, Vermont. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1927 with an A.B. degree and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity at college. His father was a Republican committeeman for the State of Vermont, and Nelson started his career in the political campaign to elect Herbert Hoover in 1928 with the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C.

After the election he joined the Washington firm of Stein Brothers and Boyce, investment securities, as a customer's man; then was with William W. Mackall of Washington as a junior partner. This also was an investment firm. In 1936 he came to Daytona Beach, Florida, and formed his own investment firm, T. Nelson O'Rourke, Inc., serving as president until his death. This is one of the larger independent investment firms in Florida.

Mr. O'Rourke was a past president of Florida Security Dealers (1948-49) and was on its Board of Governors twice. He also was on the Board of Governors of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Rotary Club of Daytona Beach, and served as chairman of the Community Chest Fund drive one year. He died October 12, 1957.

The firm of T. Nelson O'Rourke, Inc., is a member of the Florida Security Dealers, Investment Bankers of America, National Association of Security Dealers, Midwest Stock Exchange, and is a correspondent of Goodbody and Company, members of New York Stock Exchange and other leading exchanges.

Mrs. O'Rourke is a member of Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and its Committee of One Hundred. She has served on the Daytona Beach Welfare Board, on the board of Volusia County Chapter of the American Red Cross and as Home Service Chairman and Chairman of Volunteer Services for the Red Cross. She is also a past president of the Junior Service League. She is a member of the Ellinor Village Country Club and the Daytona Beach Bath and Tennis Club, and of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at Daytona Beach.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Rourke at Daytona Beach:

1. Thomas Nelson O'Rourke, born December 23, 1934, attended Dartmouth College and has an A.B. degree from the University of Miami. He is vice-president of the family firm. He was a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, from which he recently returned, having served on Okinawa. He married Jane Ziegler of Oak Park, Illinois, and they have a son, Michael Patrick O'Rourke. The family lives at Ormond Beach.

2. Patricia O'Rourke, born July 17, 1937, graduated from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, with an A.B. degree. She is the wife of William W. Dunbar and they live in Massachusetts.

3. William Franklin O'Rourke, born May 9, 1939, is a senior at the University of Miami, majoring in Business and Finance. He is married to Judy Malik at Daytona Beach.

PAUL E. RAYMOND

Senior member of the law firm of Raymond, Wilson & Karl, Paul E. Raymond has been a practicing attorney in Daytona Beach since 1945. He is a member of the Iowa and Florida bars and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the Federal courts. Mr. Raymond has held important legal positions in this state and elsewhere since 1932, and has also been an educator and a writer in the legal profession.

Born in Benton County, Iowa, June 22, 1904, he is a son of Samuel I. and Nellie (Merchant) Raymond. His father died at Garrison, Iowa, December 22, 1956; his mother on July 30, 1959, at the same place. Mr. Raymond's baccalaureate college work was taken at Stanford University, California, and at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from which he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1927. His undergraduate legal training was taken at the State University of Iowa, where he received the Juris Doctor degree in 1930. He then took postgraduate work at Harvard Law School, from which he received the Master of Laws degree in 1931 and the Doctor of Judicial Science degree in 1932.

His legal education completed, he took a position on the law faculty of John B. Stetson University at DeLand, Florida, in 1932, and was Dean of the Law School there from 1938 to 1941. Meanwhile, in 1933-34, he served on the teaching faculty of the University of Oregon Law School. In 1938, concurrently with his educational duties at Stetson University, he was Special Assistant to the United States Attorney General and was Editor of the volume on Parole of the Attorney General's Survey of Release Procedures. In 1941 he was Assistant Attorney General of Florida.

In July of 1942, Mr. Raymond entered the United States Navy and served until November, 1945, when he was separated with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve. Returning from the Navy, he took up the private practice of law in Daytona Beach. In 1947, in association with James R. Wilson, he formed the firm of Raymond and Wilson, which now has one additional member and two associates.

While in law school at the State University of Iowa, Mr. Raymond was Student Editor-in-Chief of the Iowa Law Review. During 1930-31 he was a contributor to the Corpus Juris Legal Encyclopedia. He has contributed a number of articles to legal periodicals and, while president of the Florida Parole and Probation Association, in 1941, he was author of the Constitutional Amendment and co-author of the legislative bill which created the new Florida parole system.

In January, 1960, he was appointed to the Florida State Supreme Court Committee on Appellate Rules by Chief Justice Elwyn Thomas, and in June, 1960, was appointed to the State Board of Bar Examiners by the State Supreme Court.

Mr. Raymond was a member of the Florida State Welfare Board from 1949 to 1955 and of the Florida State Council for the Blind from 1950 to 1955. He is a member

of the Board of Trustees of Bethune Cookman College, Daytona Beach, and of the Florida Normal and Industrial Memorial College in St. Augustine; also the Board of Trustees of the Tourist Church of Daytona Beach. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ormond Beach National Bank.

In local civic affairs he has been president of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce (1947 and 1948), lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Daytona Beach YMCA, and president of the Central Florida Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of a special committee to investigate disciplinary conditions in the United States Navy in 1952-53. In 1953 he received the News-Journal Citizenship Award.

He belongs to the following fraternal organizations: Elks, Masons (Halifax Lodge #87), Phi Kappa Tau (social), Phi Delta Phi (legal professional), Order of the Coif (legal honorary), and Phi Kappa Phi (honorary).

Paul E. Raymond married Frances R. Fry of Van Horne, Iowa, daughter of Edward J. and Matilda (Rieke) Fry. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond are the parents of two sons:

1. George David Raymond, born August 2, 1934. He married Nancy Vaughn of St. Petersburg, Florida, and they have a son, Mark Edward.

2. Thomas Francis Raymond, born December 9, 1935.

Mrs. Raymond is active in the Tillandsia Garden Club of Daytona Beach.

ELMER H. BLANK

An early settler of Daytona Beach, Elmer H. Blank is best known for his accomplishments as County Commissioner during a period of thirteen years, particularly in getting needed bridges built and properly financed. Previous to his election as County Commissioner of Volusia County in 1939, he served two years as City Commissioner of Daytona Beach. In 1948 he received a citation for Meritorious Service from Florida Southern College. Only one such award is given in each county. In 1955 he received the Good Government Award from the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Blank, now retired, was in the sheet metal business.

Son of Lewis and Mamie (Steve) Blank, he was born in Beardstown, Illinois, August 16, 1894, and was educated in the public schools of Beardstown. From Chicago, where he was a sheet metal worker, he came to Daytona, Florida, in 1919. Early in 1920 he and Harley M. Force bought the Daytona Sheet Metal Works, located originally on Magnolia Avenue, and about 1926 built the present quarters on North Oleander Avenue. Mr. Blank's son, Vernon, has taken over his interest in the business. His own income is now derived from business properties in Daytona.

As County Commissioner Mr. Blank spearheaded the building of bridges in the Daytona area. These include the following bridges: Seabreeze, Port Orange, Carleton-Blank, South Bridge, Main Street Bridge and High Bridge. One of these, the connecting link between Highway 92 and A1A, is named the Carleton-Blank Bridge in honor of Plymouth citrus man, Bob Carleton, and Elmer Blank.

Concerning his accomplishments as County Commissioner, the following is part of an editorial in a local newspaper which appeared at the time of Mr. Blank's resignation from the commission in 1953. Referring to the Carleton-Blank Bridge, it says:

"It's easy now to take this magnificent structure for granted—too easy. It's only telling a simple truth to say it was Elmer Blank's foresight, wisdom and courage which cracked the wall of political opposition and got the bridge built. Now we have the new Seabreeze Causeway, paid for by the time it was completed by the pay-as-you-go levy plan set up by Blank. Soon we will have a new South Bridge finished, paid for the same way. There's to be a new bridge at Ormond Beach soon. There's a new one at New Smyrna Beach, another at Port Orange.

"More than business acumen and constructive know-how was shown by Blank in the leadership which led to these vital works and important highway improvements in East Volusia. He brought to his job on the County Board a concept of political ethics which ran squarely against the old political ring's tactics. Sectional conflict and discrimination had characterized ring rule. As a result, East Volusia had paid most of the taxes and had got the least in public improvements. Blank achieved the seemingly impossible. His leadership made of the County Commission a cooperative body of five members working for the good of all the county. Tax money went where it should go. Harmony—the constructive kind—prevailed.

"So we have these bridges—living arteries of growth. Without them the phenomenal expansion of recent years would have withered on the vine. To make them more useful Mason Avenue was paved to provide a new traffic belt easing downtown traffic and making Halifax Hospital more accessible; Ballough Road was paved; the scenic Loop Drive was lifted out of flood-time water and paved. There are other improvements, but why go on? Near at hand the big things Elmer Blank did because he had the 'people at heart' speak for him. They'll speak for him many, many years."

Mr. Blank is a charter member and past president of the Florida State Sheet Metal and Roofers Association, a past director of the Florida Association of County Commissioners, past chairman of Volusia County Juvenile Court Merit Board, past president of the Community Chest Fund of Daytona Beach, and has been active in Conservation work. He is a past member of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club and a member of the First Methodist Church. A Mason, he is a past Master (1927) of Lodge #81, member of Bahia Temple Shrine, Halifax Council #1, Grand Council R. and S.M., past Worthy Patron of Chapter #1, O.E.S., and member of Halifax Chapter #5 of the Royal Arch Masons. His hobbies, which his wife also enjoys, are fishing, hunting and growing flowers. He once won a tarpon tournament at Venice, Florida.

Elmer Blank was married at Beardstown, Illinois, January 26, 1912, to Mabel Duchardt, daughter of Lewis and May (Scott) Duchardt, who was born in Beardstown December 3, 1893. Mrs. Blank has been active in the Order of the Eastern Star in past years. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Blank:

1. Vernon Lewis, on August 13, 1913, at Beardstown, Illinois.

2. Earl Ronald, on July 19, 1923, at Daytona Beach, Florida.

3. Orville Edgar, on July 21, 1925, at Daytona Beach.

JAMES ROBERT DURDEN

Now serving his third term as Municipal Judge of the City of Daytona Beach, James R. Durden has been conducting a general practice of law there since 1949.

Elmer H Blank

He was born in Lyons, Georgia, October 30, 1920, son of James Madison and Frankie Lou (Partin) Durden. Both his parents were born in Toombs County, Georgia. His mother died in Daytona Beach in 1948. His father, a retired law enforcement officer, is living in Savannah.

James Durden graduated from Mainland High School, Daytona Beach, in 1939 and attended the University of Florida in 1940. On December 22, 1941, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was a glider pilot in the Normandy invasion. A couple of days after he landed he was given a battlefield promotion to Second Lieutenant. After being wounded in Germany, for which he received the Purple Heart and air medals, he was discharged on December 7, 1945, with the rank of First Lieutenant. He is now a Captain in the Air Force Reserve.

Returned from military service, James Durden attended Tulsa University at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for one semester; then transferred to John B. Stetson University at DeLand, Florida, from which he was graduated in 1949 with the Bachelor of Laws degree. He opened his office at 208½ South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, and commenced a private practice of law, continuing there until about two years ago (1958), when he moved to his present quarters at 323 Orange Street, which he owns jointly with another attorney. He is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Florida and in the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Military Appeals.

Judge Durden is a member of the Florida Bar and the Volusia County Bar Association; a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity at Stetson University, Brewer Chapter, and of Phi Alpha Theta fraternity at Stetson for scholarship in the field of history. He belongs to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Halifax Masonic Lodge #81, Daytona Beach Elks Lodge #1141, and Trinity Lutheran Church at Holly Hill. He headed the Daytona-Halifax Area Crusade-for-Freedom drive. As hobbies he enjoys fishing and hunting and lately has started a collection of assorted workable guns.

On August 26, 1941, James Robert Durden married Nadine A. Bitter, daughter of Henry F. and Ida (Dixon) Bitter, who was born at Hoisington, Kansas, February 29, 1920. Judge and Mrs. Durden now have three children, all born at Daytona Beach:

1. James Robert, Jr., born March 4, 1954.
2. Susanna Dixon, born October 22, 1955.
3. Paula Hall, born September 21, 1960.

Mrs. Durden is a member of the Azalea Garden Club.

WILLIAM H. G. FRANCE

With the opening of the new two-and-a-half-mile Daytona International Speedway in 1959, the lifelong dream of one of America's outstanding racing pioneers became a reality. William (Bill) France, President of the Daytona International Speedway Corporation, became interested in racing in his early years and never lost that interest.

He was born in Washington, D.C., September 26, 1909, son of William Henry and Emma Graham France. His father, who was a banker in Washington, was born at Horse Pasture, Virginia, August 26, 1874, and died at Daytona Beach in March, 1949. The mother was born in Northern Ireland March 30, 1878, and died at Washington September 24, 1935.

Bill France attended the public school and Friend's School (Quaker) in Washington, but dropped out of school because of his father's illness. During his early years in Washington he worked in several banks, did some window decorating for a ginger ale firm and electrical work for a battery firm, was a hardware clerk and worked at several other odd jobs on full or part time.

He built a dirt track race car and competed in races being staged in the Washington area. While working in the hardware store he would rush out for lunch, grab a bottle of milk and a sandwich, and spend the rest of his lunch hour working on his race car, parked back of the store, so that he would be ready for week-end races on some nearby track.

On October 19, 1934, with his wife and young son, Billy, he headed south with a trailer hitched to the back of his car. Miami was his goal, but he settled for Daytona Beach, where he arrived after much trouble on the way with a few tools, twenty-five dollars in cash and a seventy-five-dollar bank balance in Washington. He had to leave an electric drill with a merchant until his first five-dollar check was cleared.

His first work in Daytona was repairing and repainting signs. He then went to work for Daytona Motor Company and later opened his own service station at the corner of Halifax and Main Streets, where he spent most of his time working on his race cars while Anne, his wife, assisted with the handling of the business operations, an undertaking she has ably carried on ever since.

By this time Bill France had decided that Miami had nothing to offer that Daytona could not provide as well. After watching Sir Malcolm Campbell in his final speed trials over the beach straightaway course in 1935, he became more interested than ever in racing. But when Campbell gave up Daytona for the salt flats, it appeared that Daytona's chance of becoming the speed center of the world was doomed.

In 1936 Millard Conklin, then city attorney of Daytona Beach, encouraged a city-promoted race over a beach-road course laid out south of the city, and a 250-mile race was scheduled. France entered a 1935 Ford and finished fifth. The race attracted some 5,000 spectators but resulted in a financial loss to the city. In 1937 the Elks took over the promotion and Bill again entered, but was forced out with tire trouble. Again the operation was a financial loss. The following year Bill stepped into the promotional picture with Charlie Reese, and the two came out with a small profit. The next year with the admission price raised from fifty cents to one dollar, they netted about a thousand dollars profit. France and Reece continued their operations through the 1940 and 1941 seasons with nominal profits.

Then came the war, and Bill spent his time helping build sub-chasers at the Daytona Boat Works. In 1946, while operating a service station, he re-entered racing and realized his greatest net profit up to that time from the race, which attracted some 10,000 spectators. From then on he has been responsible for the successful racing events that were staged on the beach and road course. In addition to promoting the stock car races, he successfully staged the greatest of all the motorcycle races over the same course through the year 1953.

The annual stock car races over the beach-road four-and-one-tenth-mile course attracted record crowds every year, and France's reputation as a race promoter reached international recognition. It was through his last-minute efforts that the first "Southern 500" race at Darlington, South Carolina, was regarded as a suc-

cess in 1950. He also staged successful race meets at such other outstanding tracks as Langhorne, Pennsylvania; Detroit, Michigan; Raleigh, North Carolina; Martinsville, Virginia; and many other places.

His interest in racing and the promotion of the sport led to the formation of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) in 1947, with the idea that the sport would benefit from a national championship scoring system, with drivers being able to compete in stock cars rather than high-priced Indianapolis-type cars, to encourage expansion and to gain national publicity for the sport. It has been through his efforts that NASCAR became the world's largest racing organization, sanctioning races throughout the entire country.

But Bill France realized that, because of the rapidly developing area along the beach, racing over the beach-road course would eventually be impossible. His dream was to build a super speedway, one that would surpass any other in the world. It was a long, tough road to travel, but as a result of his untiring efforts, his genial leadership, his ever-extending list of friends, and the engineering of C. H. Moneypenny, Daytona Beach now has the world's finest and fastest race track, located on a 446-acre tract of city-owned land on Highway 92, adjoining the Municipal Airport, two miles west of the city. As this goes to press the world's record for 500 miles of any competitive closed course auto racing is held on this beautiful speedway. Melvin Panch holds the record with a speed of 149.601 m.p.h., in a Pontiac Bonneville, February 26, 1961.

The Daytona International Speedway represents an investment of between three and four million dollars. Linked with the high-banked two-and-a-half-mile speedway are infield roads that make a sports car course totaling nearly four miles, rated as the fastest sports car course in the country. It is also a perfect testing area. The famous Pure Oil-sponsored International Safety and Performance Trials and Economy Run are annually held here. The five grandstands have been named in honor of the pioneer race-car drivers who made history for Daytona Beach—Sir Malcolm Campbell, Barney Oldfield, Ralph DePalma, Sir Henry Segrave, and Ray Keech. Every grandstand seat is elevated to provide a complete view of the entire track. Additional bleachers bring the seating capacity up to 35,000, and crowds in excess of 100,000 can be accommodated in the field. High safety fences protect the spectators. Parking facilities for more than 35,000 cars are provided. The infield has seven entrances, including two 250-foot tunnels approached from Highway 92. In the infield a 45-acre lake, Lake Floyd, was created by the excavation of dirt used in building the high-banked turns of the track. The lake has a one-mile course for boat racing and is used for water-skiing shows.

Mr. France is a member of the Board of Governors of Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of Ellinor Village Country Club and the Methodist Church. He is a past Kentucky Colonel. He and his son, William, Jr., are licensed pilots and fly the Daytona Speedway airplane.

Mrs. France is secretary, assistant treasurer and a director of Daytona International Speedway Corporation. Born October 27, 1908, at Nathan's Creek, North Carolina, where both her parents were born and died, Anne Katherine Bledsoe France is the daughter of William Marcus and Virginia Ellen Cox Bledsoe. Her father was born in 1861, and died in January, 1919; her mother, born in 1873, died in October, 1918. At the time Anne Bledsoe met Bill France she was a student nurse at a Washington hospital. They were married at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1931. They have two sons:

1. William C. France, born April 4, 1933, at Washington, D.C.

2. James C. France, born October 24, 1944, at Daytona Beach. The older son is a director and general manager of Daytona International Speedway Corporation. He is married to Betty Jane Zachary of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

E. W. RUSSELL

A retired contractor in South Daytona, E. W. Russell first came to that locality in 1920, and has been there most of the time since then. He became a licensed contractor in 1946, and built over 250 private homes. He also was the developer of Big Tree Meadows retirement subdivision in South Daytona.

Born at St. Bernard, Ohio, August 7, 1894, he is a son of Simeon B. Russell and Emma C. Leeker, both natives of Cincinnati, where his father was born February 16, 1861; his mother on October 3, 1870. His mother died in Cincinnati in 1950; his father at Norwood, Ohio, September 9, 1921. He was a carpenter.

Following his education in the public schools of St. Bernard, E. W. Russell worked for Procter and Gamble in a machine shop in Cincinnati, then was transferred to the Hamilton, Ontario, plant, where he was a foreman. During World War I he served with the 52nd Artillery in France, entering May 1, 1917, and discharged January 30, 1919, with the rank of sergeant.

In 1920, Mr. Russell came to Daytona, Florida, and worked in construction until 1926, when he moved to Penny Farms. There he was in charge of utilities and plumbing at the Retirement Colony. He returned to Daytona Beach in 1931, and resumed working in the construction business. Fifteen years later he became a licensed contractor and went into business for himself. Before his retirement he was a member of the Daytona Beach Contractors Association.

Mr. Russell was secretary of the South Daytona Improvement Corporation, which arranged for the fill of the swamp area between Ridgewood Avenue and the river in South Daytona. He was Building Inspector in South Daytona for about four years. He is chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of South Daytona; a member of the Board of Governors of Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and of its Advertising Committe; a member of Daytona Beach Exchange Club, which he has served as secretary, vice-president and president; also a member of American Legion Post #50 of Daytona Beach; Cabul Masonic Lodge #116 of Green Cove Springs; and a charter member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of South Daytona. He has been active in the Boy Scouts of America for twenty-five years, and in the different committees of Troop #69; also in the Community Chest program of the Halifax area.

Mrs. Russell is a member of the Exchangettes, the South Daytona Garden Club and the Palmetto Club, of which she is a past director, and is an active member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Born Maude Martha Wingfield in London, England, on September 30, 1897, she is a daughter of William Henry Wingfield and Martha Cosby, both natives of London. Her father was born September 9, 1856, and

died June 25, 1945, at Hamilton, Ontario, where her mother is still living. She was born November 5, 1872. The Wingfield family came to Canada from England in April, 1913, and Maude Martha married Mr. Russell at Hamilton, Ontario, on December 23, 1919.

They have a son, E. W. ("Bill") Russell, Jr., born July 10, 1923, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He played first-string football and was a track star at Mainland High School in Daytona. He married Anna Mae Hermanson of Daytona Beach and they have two children, Robert Alan and Susan Lorette. Bill is president of Bill Russell Construction Company of Daytona Beach.

For recreation Mr. Russell enjoys fishing and travel.

MARY JOSIE ROGERS, M.D.

Dr. Mary Josie Rogers, whose father was one of the founders of Daytona Beach, practiced medicine there for forty-seven years. Dr. Rogers is a past president of the staff of the Halifax District Hospital and for many years served as School Physician of Daytona public schools. She has also served as a city commissioner and as mayor of Daytona Beach and in other public offices. She has been active in club, church and patriotic organizations in her community and still retains her membership in these societies.

Daughter of David Dunham and Julia Frances (Davis) Rogers, Mary Josie Rogers was born November 26, 1876, on the site of the present Woolworth Building in downtown Daytona. Her mother was born in Shiloh, New Jersey, August 23, 1848, and died in North Carolina July 15, 1914. Her father was born in Plainfield, New Jersey, August 5, 1850, and died in Daytona April 23, 1919.

David Dunham Rogers came to Daytona with his wife and baby son in September, 1874. He was a civil engineer, a graduate of Cooper Institute in New York State, and practiced engineering and surveying all over this part of Florida. He was instrumental in having the first bridge built across the river from the town of Daytona to the beach—the Main Street bridge, which has been rebuilt several times—and also was the developer of Seabreeze, the first subdivision on the peninsula. The house in which Dr. Rogers lives, and where she had her office during her long years of practice, was built in 1880 under the direction of her father. He also built and owned the first ice plant in Daytona, which eventually burned down.

Mary Josie Rogers first attended Mrs. Edmondson's School, a private school in Daytona, then public school there, and in 1894 graduated from Ocala High School, where her father was working at that time. For her general college education she attended Alfred University, New York, for three years. After that she took nurse's training at the Memorial Hospital for Women and Children in New York City, and then went to Hahnemann Medical College in Chicago, where she received her M.D. degree in 1907. She returned to Daytona and in September, 1907, began a general practice. Later she took postgraduate work in New York and in Boston. She has been inactive in medicine since 1954.

Dr. Rogers is a member of the Florida Medical Association, the Volusia County Medical Society, and the American Institute of Homeopathy. Elected a commissioner of the City of Daytona Beach in 1922, she was subsequently elected Mayor by the other commissioners and served one term. She has also served on the Daytona Beach Board of Public Recreation.

She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Daytona Beach Business and Professional Women's Club, a former member of the Palmetto Club and a member of the National Audubon Society. She belongs to the National Society of Daughters of the American Colonists, the Abigail Bartholomew Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, United Church Women, and the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona, in which she is a past president of the Board of Trustees. This church was organized in 1883 with her father as a charter member.

Dr. Rogers' brother, Clarence M. Rogers, deceased, was a civil engineer in charge of the construction of the Broadway Bridge, Daytona Beach, and was one of the three engineers under Mr. Meredith in the construction of the Overseas Highway to Key West. A younger brother, David Walter Rogers, who was an auto and trailer salesman, is also deceased. Her sister, Mabel T. Rogers, also deceased, taught at Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, Georgia. She was very active in the work of the Audubon Society in Georgia.

ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dedicated to the preservation of St. Augustine's rich past, the St. Augustine Historical Society, as it exists today, is the outgrowth of a movement which began in 1883 with the founding of the St. Augustine Institute of Science. This small group, spearheaded by Dr. DeWitt Webb, who was its president for thirty-four years, was primarily interested in archeaeology and natural history. By 1898 the importance of local history was recognized and the organization was chartered as the St. Augustine Institute of Science and Historical Society.

Books, specimens and relics began to accumulate, and Henry M. Flagler donated space in the Alcazar Hotel to accommodate the growing collections. In 1913 the museum objects were moved to an historic house on the bay-front, only to be lost in the great fire of the following year. Fortunately, the books and documents had been housed in quarters at the St. Augustine Public Library and survived the catastrophe.

It was necessary to build anew. The War Department licensed the Society to occupy Castillo de San Marcos (then called Fort Marion) and operate a guide service. The Society remained custodian of the Castillo until the National Park Service took over active administration of the area in 1935.

Meanwhile, in 1918, the Society purchased the Oldest House and was rechartered as the St. Augustine Historical Society and Institute of Science. The Webb Memorial Building was erected in 1923 to house the growing library and museum, and the library collection began more rapid expansion under the care of Miss Emily Wilson. Other buildings, sites and museum pieces have since been acquired, and the library has become one of major importance for the study of Florida history. In 1953 the organization was again rechartered and the name was shortened to its present form, the St. Augustine Historical Society.

The membership of the St. Augustine Historical Society is made up of persons interested in the city's rich history and in the preservation of its historic atmosphere and charm. The Society welcomes individuals desiring to assist in its work, who may be proposed for

membership by any member of the organization. After approval by the Board of Directors, the application is acted upon at the next regular business meeting of the members. There are at present about 400 members.

Business meetings of the Society are held quarterly, the January meeting being designated as the annual meeting, at which officers of the Society are elected and three members of the Board of Directors are chosen. In addition, program meetings, at which topics of interest are presented, are held at more frequent intervals.

The Society is administered by a Board of Directors elected by the members. The Board serves without compensation and is responsible for the policy and general operation of the organization. It consists of the officers and nine members of the Society, three of whom are elected at each annual meeting. The officers, elected annually, are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian. The Board of Directors meets monthly to conduct the business of the Society. Administration is carried out through a General Manager and the History and Operations divisions of the Society, as directed by the Board.

Following Dr. DeWitt Webb, who was president of the Society from 1883 to 1917, subsequent presidents have been: Chauncey M. DePew, 1919-1928; Frederick S. Vaill, 1928-1930; Harold Colee, 1930-1932; David R. Dunham, 1932-1956; X. L. Pellicer, 1956-1958; and J. T. Van Campen, 1958-1960.

The Society has acquired an outstanding specialized library on the history of St. Augustine and its environs, which is open for the use of interested persons, both scholars and laymen. It contains many significant items, such as photostatic copies of Parish records of St. Augustine dating back to 1594. Society research is centered on selected topics which further illuminate the interesting past of the city and its place in the stream of history. In 1957-58 the Library was remodeled with the installation of tile flooring and new lighting.

The printed word is the most important means of preserving and diffusing knowledge. Without it, there would be no history as we know it—nor modern civilization. The Society has sponsored the translation and printing of Barcia's Chronological History of Florida, as well as smaller works, and contemplates an increasingly active publication program.

The responsibility of preservation is met by the Society in many aspects of its work. The preservation of historic sites and buildings, tangible reminders of the past, is a large and obvious task. Equally important is the preservation of historic objects, many of which are used as furnishings in historic houses as well as in museum exhibits. Many other objects, in fact the bulk of them, are systematically stored so that they may be studied and referred to as needed. The Library, in addition to its collection of rare books, houses documentary material, maps, and pictures.

Through the restoration of historic buildings the Society seeks to enhance the atmosphere of our nation's oldest city and prevent further loss of reminders of the past. As a general policy the Society acquires and restores only those historic buildings which appear to be in danger of destruction or misuse. Wherever possible, the Society prefers to cooperate with the efforts of others in the field of preservation and restoration. Restored buildings owned by the Society are leased for business or residential use in keeping with their character.

The task of carrying the story of St. Augustine to the public is an important obligation. Through the Oldest House, visitors are introduced to Spanish Colonial life in St. Augustine, while in the gardens they see the plants grown here in colonial days. Exhibits in the Museum tell other aspects of the story. A Narrative Museum was opened in April, 1956, depicting the 400-year history of St. Augustine. This is done through a series of chronological exhibits. Historical markers, many already in place, are designed to identify and mark informatively historic sites through the county. The press, radio and television are encouraged to present items of historical interest. Society-sponsored programs provide information and entertainment to members and guests.

The Society works cooperatively on projects in its particular field with other organziations—local, state and national. In recent years it has actively cooperated with the City of St. Augustine, the Chamber of Commerce, garden clubs, civic organizations, the University of Florida Press, the Florida Historical Society and the National Park Service. The Society holds membership in a number of state, regional and national organizations, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Association for State and Local History, and the American Association of Museums.

A non-profit organization, the St. Augustine Historical Society derives the major portion of its funds from admissions to the Oldest House. Income from investments, membership dues and donations provide lesser amounts. The Society receives no tax monies or public funds. Its funds, over and above the cost of operation and maintenance of its properties, are used in various phases of historical work, such as: the purchase of additional books and other library material; the improvement of exhibits and museum; the publication of local history; the purchase and preservation of historic sites and buildings as occasion may demand; the purchase and installation of historic markers; research work in selected fields; cooperation with other organizations on projects of mutual interest.

Properties now owned by the St. Augustine Historical Society include: The Oldest House, the Tovar House, the Old Curiosity Shop, the Triay House, the Fornells House, the Webb Memorial Building, the Museum Laboratory, Fort Mosa Site, Oglethorpe Battery Site, the Ferry Site, and Coquina Quarry. The Society administers the Llambias House, which interprets the early nineteenth century.

BERKELEY PLATT

A grandson and great-grandson of pioneers of Florida is Berkeley Platt of Union Park. His grandfather, Marion Platt, was the first settler at Deer Park, originally called Crabgrass, and his great-grandfather, John Tucker, was the first settler at Christmas, Florida, where there was a fort during the Seminole Indian wars, in which he took part. He had the first grove at Christmas, which was one of the first in Florida, and donated land for the school, the cemetery and a public park. The present postmaster of Christmas (a popular office at a certain time of year) is Cecil A. Tucker, another great-grandson of John Tucker.

Berkeley Platt's mother, who was Mae Hodges, was born at Christmas, Florida, September 26, 1884, and is still living on forty acres of her father's homestead, most of which is citrus grove. Mr. Platt's father, Marion Byrd Platt, was born at Deer Park August 21, 1881,

and died at Wauchula May 6, 1949. He had a ranch in Melbourne until 1937, when he bought the present ranch at Ona, near Wauchula, and moved his herd across the state in an old-fashioned cattle drive that took eleven days.

Berkeley Platt was born July 22, 1916, officially at Melbourne but actually at North Field on the east bank of the St. Johns River, in a house located on an Indian mound from which Indian skulls, arrowheads and tomahawks have been taken.

Educated in the public schools of Melbourne, he graduated from high school in 1933. In the Melbourne High School football team he was first-string right tackle and won a letter in football each of his four years in school.

He worked on his father's ranch, first in Melbourne and then in Ona, until he entered the United States Army in World War II. Entering February 22, 1942, he served until January 2, 1946, and was with the Tenth Armored Division in France and Germany. Slightly wounded by shrapnel twice, he received the Purple Heart and was discharged with the rank of staff sergeant.

After his father's death in 1949, Berkeley Platt came to Orlando and settled at Union Park, where he leased property and a slaughter house which he operates for Turner and Gee, meat packers of Orlando. He is also caretaker for their grove, in which his home is located. His two brothers, J. P. and Tom, take care of the family ranch in Ona, where they have 400 to 500 head of cattle and are breeding Santa Gertrudis bulls with Brahman cows. Their father was one of the first to plant Pangola grass for improved pasture in the Ona area.

Berkeley Platt is a member of the Hardee County Cattlemen's Association, the Citizens Council of Orlando, and the First Baptist Church of Union Park. He was first married at Wauchula August 15, 1946, to Dorothy Evers of Wauchula, and they are the parents of two sons: Marion Roy Platt, born June 14, 1947, and Miles Arnold Platt, born May 28, 1954, both born at Wauchula. On September 27, 1957, at Orlando, Mr. Platt married Bessie Mae Rowell of Orlando, daughter of Dan and Bessie Long Rowell. They have a son, Daniel Berkeley Platt, born March 18, 1959, at Orlando.

Mr. Platt has his own story of "the three bears." While out hunting recently he killed a 335-pound bear. The following day his brother, J. P., killed one that weighed 225 pounds, and not long afterwards brother Tom got one that weighed a mere 100 pounds. (Could it be Papa, Mama and Baby Bear?)

HERBERT EDWARD WOLFE

Founder and president of H. E. Wolfe Construction Company of St. Augustine, Herbert Edward Wolfe is also a founder of banks and of other bsuiness organizations, a farmer and cattleman, a former commissioner and mayor of the city, a leader in civic and social welfare organization.

Born near Nashville, Tennessee, November 3, 1897, he is the eldest son of Edward F. and Mattie Phelan Wolfe. His father, a farmer in Tennessee, was born in Nashville September 26, 1875, and died in St. Augustine August 25, 1944. His mother, also born in Nashville, on September 26, 1876, at this writing is living in St. Augustine.

Herbert Wolfe attended the rural school of Davidson County, Tennessee, walking two and a half miles to get there, making a five mile hike each school day, and after he got home he had farm chores to attend to.

In 1917, when he was twenty, he married a girl from his own town, Virgie May Parrish, daughter of J. W. Parrish, and brought her to Florida for their first home. They settled at Elkton in St. Johns County, on a potato farm. Despite his much larger successes in other fields in subsequent years, Herbert Wolfe never quite gave up farming. In 1936 he organized White Towers Farms, Inc., at Hastings, which produces Irish potatoes and cabbage, and is still president of this corporation.

In 1923, after a bad year in farming, he moved to St. Augustine and got started in the construction business, buying a small used truck to haul stone for a road-building project. Seeing the possibilities ahead, he soon bought three more trucks and obtained further road-building equipment. In 1926 he organized and became president of H. E. Wolfe Construction Company, which since then has carried on extensive construction work in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Tennessee. During the past five years (since 1955) his company has built 325 miles of highways in Florida. One of its current jobs is a section of the Jacksonville Expressway. The company regularly employs about 500 people and has a workload that frequently adds another 500 to the payroll.

In 1946 Mr. Wolfe organized Rogers Manufacturing Company, Inc., in Nashville, Tennessee, to manufacture heavy trailers and truck bodies, needed in his construction work, and has served as president and director of this company since its founding. He also heads the San Marco Contracting Company.

As a result of the depression in the early thirties St. Augustine was left with only one bank. In 1934 Mr. Wolfe organized the Exchange Bank of St. Augustine and has served as its president, chairman of the board, and director. In February, 1950, he organized the Hastings Exchange Bank at Hastings, of which he is a director, and six years later he organized the Exchange Bank of Palatka, which opened on March 6, 1956.

In 1943 he established Wolfe Ranch, located midway between St. Augustine and Green Cove Springs—6,500 acres of timber and ranch lands, now stocked with approximately 2,500 head of beef cattle, principally the Brangus breed. He no longer shows his cattle, but had the champion Brangus bull at the Southeastern Fat Stock Show held in Ocala in 1955, and has won many other honors in livestock shows.

Mr. Wolfe served as a city commissioner of St. Augustine for four years, 1944-48, and was mayor of the ancient city in 1948. He was a member of the Florida Industrial Commission, 1937 to 1940, and again in 1953. He is on the board of directors of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce and, of course, a member of St. Augustine Chamber of Commerce; a director of American Road Builders Association; a past president of the Eastern States Brangus Association; a director of American Fire and Casualty Company of Orlando. He is a member of the Department of Defense Small Business Advisory Committee; a past member (1958) of the National Highway Safety Committee; a member of the board of managers for the reorganization of the Florida East Coast Railway Company; and in September, 1959, was appointed by Governor Collins as chairman of the St. Augustine Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission. The task of this commission is to restore or reconstruct the historical monuments of

St. Augustine, a program similar to that which has made Williamsburg, Virginia, a center of interest for historians and tourists.

Mr. Wolfe is also president of the board of trustees of Florida Southern College at Lakeland; a former chairman of the board of trustees of Flagler Memorial Hospital, St. Augustine; chairman of the board of trustees of Lightner Museum of Hobbies, St. Augustine; and a member of the board of directors of the Children's Home Society of Florida, Jacksonville. He is a life member of the Kiwanis Club; a past director of the YMCA; a member of Elks Lodge #829; of Ashlar Masonic Lodge and the Shrine of Morocco Temple; the Royal Order of Jesters; the First Methodist Episcopal Church of St. Augustine and its board of stewards and trustees; St. Augustine Country Club, the Timuquana Country Club of Jacksonville, and the Newcomen Society of North America. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" in 1956 and subsequent editions.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Wolfe are the parents of:

1. Marshall E. Wolfe, born October 17, 1928, who died April 18, 1959.

2. Helen Wolfe, now Mrs. James L. Ross.

3. Charles C. Wolfe, born July 14, 1943, now a junior at Admiral Farragut Academy, St. Petersburg, Florida.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WHEELER, JR.

Farmer, citrus grower and shipper, and head of a fertilizer-manufacturing business, Benjamin F. Wheeler, Jr., of Oviedo is a second-generation Floridian, both his parents having been born in Florida. His mother, Georgia Lee, was born in Oviedo and is still living there. His father, Benjamin Franklin Wheeler, Sr., was born January 2, 1878, in Pasco County, Florida, where grandfather Wheeler homesteaded, and died at Orlando on February 24, 1954. He was a citrus grower for more than forty years.

In the early 1920's B. F. Wheeler, Sr., bought the interest of the Nelson Brothers, originally a citrus packing house, and in 1923 founded Nelson and Company, Inc. A hardware department was added to the firm in the early 1930's and in 1934 the company began the manufacture of fertilizer. The senior B. F. Wheeler was an organizer of the Citizens Bank of Oviedo in 1946 and was its first president, serving until his death in 1954. He also was instrumental in building a medical clinic in Oviedo and in bringing a physician there to operate it.

Born in Oviedo July 28, 1920, Ben Franklin Wheeler, Jr., graduated from Oviedo High School in 1938 and from Stetson University in 1943 with an A.B. degree in Economics. This degree was conferred "in absentia," his credits having been transferred from Occidental College, California, where he was working as an aircraft instructor. Between semesters he had gone to Curtis Wright Technical Institute in Glendale, California, and graduated in the fall of 1942. With an aircraft instructor rating from the Civil Aeronautics Administration, he was an instructor at this school and finished his college work at the same time. On January 1, 1944, he entered the Navy and served for two years, mostly at Pensacola Naval Air Training Station as a ground instructor; separated in January, 1946, with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

On his return from the service he became vice-president of Nelson and Company, Inc., and after his father's death in 1954 became president. The factory produces annually about 30,000 tons of custom-made fertilizer for groves, farms and pastures, using over 300 formulas. Nelson and Company also operates a packing house, handling annually about 400,000 boxes of various types of citrus. The company employs about 250 persons during the heavier part of the season. The Wheeler family has approximately 800 acres of citrus, mostly in the Oviedo area, with one grove in Lake County. Mr. Wheeler also has farming interests, particularly in the production of celery, in which his father pioneered in that area after the freeze of 1917.

Mr. Wheeler has been a director of Florida Citrus Mutual for the past five years. He is also a director of B. and W. Canning Company, Groveland; the Citizens Bank of Oviedo, and Seminole County Chamber of Commerce. He served as a councilman for the City of Oviedo for six years, two of those years as chairman. He is a member of Oviedo Memorial Post #243 of the American Legion and of the First Baptist Church of Oviedo, in which he has been a deacon for fifteen years and is now chairman of the Board of Deacons, and Sunday School teacher for the Young Men's Class. Both he and Mrs. Wheeler are active in the Oviedo Parent-Teachers organization. Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports.

Mrs. Wheeler, the former Jean Moran, daughter of late Aubrey A. and Nan Sundell Moran, pioneer residents, is secretary of the Oviedo Woman's Club. She is also active in the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church. She and Mr. Wheeler were married at Milton, Florida, February 2, 1945. They have two children, both born in Orlando: Miriam Ann, on September 28, 1948; Benjamin Franklin, III, on July 21, 1952.

L. C. RINGHAVER

Since coming to St. Augustine in 1947, L. C. Ringhaver, president of Diesel Engine Sales, Inc., has written one of the most remarkable chapters in boat-building history. By applying production-line methods to boat building, he has broken all records for trawler construction. Mr. Ringhaver has helped with every movement for the betterment of the community, being an especially active worker and leader in many fund-raising drives, in youth work and other civic projects. He has done much for the future industrial development of St. Augustine and St. Johns County.

Son of George Ringhaver, a machinist, and Wilhelmina (Dolhoff) Ringhaver, he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, November 18, 1910, and received his education in Cleveland's public schools through Junior College. For seven years before coming to Florida he was with General Motors in Cleveland and was cost accountant in the Diesel Engine Division.

He came to St. Augustine in 1947 and was appointed general manager of Diesel Engine Sales, which was owned by George W. Codrington, vice-president of General Motors, and J. H. Coppedge. Convinced that assembly-line production would turn out better boats at less cost to the buyer, Mr. Ringhaver set up a production line for building shrimp trawlers. Since then the firm has produced over 900 trawlers. They have built as many as 100 in one year and sell them all over the world. Recently they sold 44 new shrimp trawlers to El Salvador.

In 1952, with James S. Melton, a partner, Mr. Ringhaver purchased Diesel Engine Sales. In May of 1957

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he bought out Mr. Melton, thereby acquiring full control of the company and its subsidiaries. These are: Diesel Engine Sales of Fort Myers, Diesel Corporation, Hastings Lumber Company, Rivers Lumber Company, J. M. Keely Sales, Inc., San Marco Investment Company, Martys Wheels, Inc., Seminole Ninety, Inc., and Diesel Construction Company.

Very active in fishing industry organizations, Mr. Ringhaver is past president of the Shrimp Association of the Americas, past president of the Southeastern Fisheries Association, past president of the National Shrimp Congress, and represented the United States before the Second World Fishing Boat Congress in Rome, Italy, on which occasion he presented a paper on the shrimp industry. He is on the advisory board of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute, a director of the Council on Florida Ports and Foreign Trade Council, chairman of the St. Augustine Port Authority, and a director of Seafarer Magazine.

He is also a director of the St. Augustine National Bank, a member of the Rotary Club, past president of the YMCA, past district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, and was appointed by Governor Collins to the Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Physically Handicapped. He is a past chairman of the Official Board of Stewards of Grace Church of St. Augustine, a member of the Elks Lodge, of Ashlar Masonic Lodge #829, El Morocco Shrine, the Scottish Rite, Jacksonville Consistory, and the Royal Order of Jesters, Court #90, Jacksonville.

In social circles he is a member of The River Club, San Jose Country Club and The Propeller Club of Jacksonville, Ponce de Leon Country Club of St. Augustine, and Ponte Vedra Country Club of Ponte Vedra, Florida.

He was married to Elaine Smith at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 27, 1936, and they have two sons:

1. Lance C. Ringhaver, born in Cleveland, August 13, 1939.

2. Randal Lee ("Randy") Ringhaver, born in St. Augustine, December 6, 1947.

CHARLES SIMEON LEE, SR.

Cattleman and farmer of Seminole County, Charles Simeon Lee, Sr., is a son of early natives, both his parents having been born in Florida before the Civil War, his father about a year before Florida became a State of the Union. Mr. Lee was in the citrus business with his father before World War I; in the truck-farming business for some twenty years after the war; and has now been in the cattle-raising business for twenty-two years. Through the years he has been active in organizations concerned with the agricultural economy of the state and of his county.

Born on the old family homestead in Oviedo on October 27, 1892, he is a son of James Hiram Lee and Laura Augusta Barnett. His father was born at White Springs, Florida, March 24, 1844, and came to Oviedo in 1870. He set out groves for himself and others and did grove caretaking, and for sixteen years after the big freeze of 1894-95 he was a county commissioner of Orange County. He died at Oviedo October 7, 1920. Laura Barnett Lee was born in Lake City, Florida, October 29, 1851, and died at Oviedo January 12, 1940.

Charles Simeon Lee entered the United States Navy in September, 1917, and served in Naval Aviation, twelve months in Europe, was released from active service in March, 1919, and finally discharged in September, 1921.

After the war he continued growing citrus and began truck farming which he did until 1943, after which he sold the farms. In 1938 he bought ranch land and began raising cattle.

Mr. Lee was a charter member of Florida Citrus Mutual and is still a member. He was also a charter member and director of Central Florida Production Credit Association and is now a director. This is a farmers' cooperative credit organization under the direction of the Farm Credit Administration. For thirteen years he was a member of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee and its preceding organizations and is now a member of the County Committee. He is a member of the Seminole County Cattlemen's Association, a member of Seminole County Farm Bureau, and served fifteen years on the Sanford State Farmers Market Advisory Board.

Mr. Lee is a director of The Citizens Bank of Oviedo, a past director of the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He served on the Town Council of Oviedo; is a member of the Methodist Church of Oviedo, a member of the Oviedo Masonic Lodge and the American Legion.

On April 21, 1915, at Oviedo, Charles Simeon Lee married Goldie Eva Beckley who was born July 28, 1894, at Welsford, Kansas. Her father, George Washington Beckley, was born in Ohio in 1862 and died in 1895. Her mother, born Ida May Pierpont in Kentucky, September 19, 1875, died in Orlando, Florida, May 13, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee are the parents of four children, all born in Oviedo:

1. Dorothy May Lee, born January 19, 1918, married John Louis Jones, now living in Fernandina Beach. They have three daughters: Nancy Lee, Beverly Ann and Laurie Clarice.

2. Charles Simeon Lee, Jr., born October 28, 1923, married Martha Ann Moon of Oviedo. Now living in Clarksville, Tennessee, they have three daughters: Sharon Ann, Joyce Claire and Martha Elaine.

3. Thelma Lee, born September 22, 1925, married William R. Clonts. Now living in Oviedo, they have five children: William Rexford, Jr., Janet, Charles Lee, Susan and Vivian.

4. Robert Edward Lee, born December 11, 1926, married Clara Jane Staley of Oviedo. They are now living in Oviedo and have four children: Robert E., Jr., Patricia, Richard Henry and John Beckley.

ALBIN P. CRUTCHFIELD

Son of the founder of American Fruit Growers, Inc., Albin P. Crutchfield has spent his entire career in this business, the first half of it with American Fruit Growers. Since January, 1958, he has operated an individual citrus brokerage business and had his headquarters in Howey-in-the-Hills until November, 1959, when he transferred to Titusville.

Born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1908, he is a son of James S. and Alice (Pilkington) Crutchfield. His mother was born in Lexington, Kentucky, November 1, 1874, and died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1937. His father, born at Goshen, Kentucky, July 3, 1874, died at Sewickley, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1954.

James S. Crutchfield came to Oviedo, Florida, from Kentucky in 1889 and was a fruit packer there for

Nelson and Company. After the big freeze he returned north, and in 1896 opened Crutchfield and Woolfolk, a fruit and produce jobbing business, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1912 he was one of the organizers of Deerfield Groves, in which A. B. Michael, the Florida pioneer, played a leading role for so many years. In 1919, in Pittsburgh, Mr. Crutchfield founded American Fruit Growers, Inc., which became one of the largest marketing agencies for fruit and vegetables in the country, handling all kinds of fruit all over the United States, and evolved into the present American National Growers Corporation. Mr. Crutchfield was the originator of the Blue Goose label.

Albin Crutchfield's education was begun in the public schools of Sewickley, Pennsylvania. He received his secondary education at Shadyside Academy, Pittsburgh, and attended Princeton University for three years, 1926 to 1929. He later took business courses at Duff's Iron City College, Pittsburgh, and in evening classes at the University of Pittsburgh. His first work out of school was as secretary to the General Sales Manager of American Fruit Growers, Inc.

In 1932 he came to DeLand, Florida, where he was a solicitor for consignment shipping by American Fruit Growers, and also did the bookkeeping. Two years later he became manager of the packing house in DeLand. In 1937 he was transferred to Haines City as manager of the packing house there, and in 1939 became assistant to the manager of the Florida Division of American Fruit Growers at Maitland. From 1941 to 1943 he was District Sales Manager for the Southeast, covering eleven southeastern states, with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia. Transferred to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1943, he opened an office as District Sales Manager for nine southwestern states. The next year he became assistant to the manager of the Texas Division of American Fruit Growers at Weslaco, Texas.

In 1946 Albin and his brother, R. W. Crutchfield, formed a partnership called Crutchfield Brothers in Weslaco, Texas. They were caretakers for about a thousand acres of groves and were shipping seven to nine hundred carloads of citrus per year. On March 1, 1949, Albin opened a citrus brokerage office for Crutchfield Brothers at Winter Garden, Florida, and continued there through the 1950 season. Returning to Texas, he bought Mexican oranges for three months. A severe freeze in 1951 destroyed the Texas citrus crop and most of the bearing trees. On May of that year Albin Crutchfield came to Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, as Sales Manager for Vaughn-Griffin Packing Company and eventually became Executive Vice-President and a director of that firm, with which he continued until January of 1958, when he went into the citrus brokerage business for himself.

The idea of using a special spoon for grapefruit was pushed by Mr. Crutchfield until Florida Citrus Mutual enthusiastically endorsed the idea with subsequent outstanding success in getting distribution of this item. He is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, a member of the Board of Directors of Deerfield Groves in Wabasso, and a director of the Union Fruit Auction Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a trustee of Howey Academy and was a councilman of the City of Howey-in-the-Hills in 1957-59. He is a Mason of Tavares Lodge, an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, and has been an Elder in different churches since 1939. He and his wife are members of Titusville PTA.

At DeLand, Florida, on April 4, 1935, Albin P. Crutchfield married Mary Elizabeth Fiske, who was born at DeLand August 2, 1913. Her father, Sheldon W. Fiske, was born December 7, 1851, at Oxford, New York, and died December 29, 1947, at Parris Island, South Carolina. He came to DeLand about 1910 to retire, but soon began to sell real estate and had a citrus grove in the DeLand area. Mrs. Crutchfield's mother, Anna Smith Fiske, was born August 10, 1879, at Freeville, New York, and died in October, 1944, at Weslaco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Crutchfield are the parents of four children:

1. James S., II, born February 5, 1936, at DeLand, married Patsy Miller of Atlanta, Georgia.
2. Albin P., Jr., born February 13, 1937, at DeLand, married Marjorie Dean of Altadena, California.
3. Sheldon F., born January 3, 1940, at DeLand.
4. Mary Anne, born November 19, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas.

SEWARD MOYER SNYDER

Snyder Citrus House is the oldest gift-fruit shipper in DeLand. It was founded in 1934, by Seward Moyer Snyder, who came to DeLand from Brockport, New York, in 1924. Son of William (a farmer) and Anne Snyder, he was born in Fort Plain, New York, May 4, 1882, and was educated in the local schools.

Coming to DeLand, Florida, in 1924, he bought land along North Boulevard and for the first ten years worked for others. In 1934, he built a packing house and began his wholesale citrus fruit shipping, starting with a few packages and building up a clientele over the years. He used the trade names of Golden Plantation, Moyer Brand and E Brand for his fruit, and has shipped gift boxes as far away as Holland and Sweden.

Mr. Snyder is a member of Florida Citrus Mutual, Florida Express Fruit Shippers Association, and the DeLand Chamber of Commerce.

At Geneseo, New York, on March 17, 1911, Seward M. Snyder married Elizabeth Eagan, daughter of John and Anne (Feighery) Eagan, who was born in Geneseo, New York, and died in DeLand, Florida, October 14, 1949.

Their daughter, Winifred Ann, born at Avon, New York, December 5, 1913, attended Stetson University and married Everett Jones of DeLand, on September 22, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have five children: Eileen, Everett Snyder, Ann Moyer, Stephanie, and Michael Warren Jones. Mrs. Jones has been active in the DeLand Parent-Teacher Council and in the local Crippled Children's drive. She is a member of the DeLand Pilot Club.

DALE DAVID WOODWARD

The Woodward-Lowther Funeral Homes of Holly Hill and Ormond Beach are the only such establishments in these two places. They are owned and operated by Dale D. Woodward and Joseph D. Lowther; Mr. Woodward managing the Holly Hill Home and Mr. Lowther the Ormond Beach Home.

Dale Davis Woodward was born March 20, 1924, in Greensburg, Indiana, where both his parents also were born; his father, Earl Woodward, in 1893, and his mother, Ethel Barnard Woodward, in 1896. Both parents are now living at Vero Beach, Florida. Earl Wood-

ward's family were pioneers of Greensburg, Indiana, and he was formerly Mayor of that city.

Graduating from Greensburg High School in 1942, Dale Woodward entered the United States Air Force in April of that year. He served as a technical sergeant in the Quartermaster Department with the Fourteenth Air Force (General Chennault's Flying Tigers) until March of 1946, and was awarded three battle stars.

On his return from the Air Force, Mr. Woodward entered Indiana College of Mortuary Science and graduated in 1949. He served his apprenticeship with Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Petersburg, Floyd Funeral Home, Vero Beach, and S. A. Kyle Funeral Home in Jacksonville. In December of 1955 he and Mr. Lowther established the Woodward-Lowther Funeral Home at the present location in Holly Hill, and in 1957 they organized the Home in Ormond Beach. Both Homes have modern chapels, reposing rooms, operating rooms, family rooms and offices and serve all faiths.

Mr. Woodward is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the Florida Funeral Directors Association, in which he formerly served on the membership committee. He is one of the foremost citizens of Holly Hill, where he has worked to establish an active Chamber of Commerce and to bring industry to the area. He is a charter member, and now a director, of Holly Hill Chamber of Commerce; a founder and director of a proposed new bank at Holly Hill; past secretary and treasurer, and now vice-president, of the Holly Hill Rotary Club; and a member of the Holly Hill Civil Service Board, to which he was appointed in 1956. He is a trustee of the First Baptist Church of Holly Hill; a member of the Daytona Beach American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts; the Daytona Beach Moose Club and Shrine Club; Bahia Temple Shrine of Orlando and Greensburg (Indiana) Masonic Lodge #36; and the Elinor Village Country Club. Golf is his favorite recreation.

He was married at Vero Beach, March 20, 1947, to Marilyn Crosby, daughter of W. B. and Eva (Howell) Crosby. Mrs. Woodward was born at Vero Beach December 5, 1928. She belongs to the Eastern Star, the Ladies Patrol of the Daytona Beach Shrine Club, and Phi Sigma (national charitable) Sorority. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward have two children, born in Daytona Beach: Tracy Marilyn, in April, 1958; Dale David, Jr., in May, 1960.

CHARLES FRANKLIN JOHNSON, JR.

Daytona Marina and Boat Works of Daytona Beach is a division of Motors Investment Corporation of Atlanta, which was founded by Charles Franklin Johnson, Sr., its president. The senior Mr. Johnson is a director of several banks in Florida and North Carolina, a director and past president of the International Oceanographic Foundation (a division of the University of Miami), past president of the Sailfish Club of Palm Beach and Commodore of Cat Key Club in the Bahama Island chain. His occupations have included farming, insurance, finance, and marine and automobile dealership. He and his wife, the former Edith Kibler, live in Palm Beach, where he has owned a home since 1941.

Son of Charles F., Sr., and Edith Kibler Johnson, Charles Franklin Johnson, Jr., was born in Wilmington, Ohio, September 16, 1919. He attended Baylor Military Academy, Chattanooga, Tennessee, graduated from Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S.C., in 1936, and attended Furman University at Greenville, South Carolina, where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He then attended General Motors Institute of Technology at Flint, Michigan, from which he graduated in 1941.

He went to work as parts manager for his father at Fort Sumter Chevrolet Company in Charleston, South Carolina, and was there until 1955, when he moved to Mobile, Alabama, and bought the Chevrolet agency there, which became Johnson Chevrolet, Inc. At the same time he organized the Johnson Insurance Agency in Mobile.

In September, 1960, he came to Daytona Beach, Florida, as vice-president of Daytona Marina and Boat Works, whose principal business is repairing yachts. They can pick up yachts up to 120 feet on their marine railway. This corporation is now building the "Daytona 45," a sport fishing boat, strictly custom-built, and expects to have the first boat ready for delivery in July, 1961. They are also agents for the "Hatteras 41," the first large production-built fiber-glass cruiser, which is built by the Hatteras Yacht Company at High Point, North Carolina. Daytona Marina and Boat Works employs about sixty people.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Exchange Club in Charleston, South, Carolina, and is a past vice-president of St. Andrew's Rotary Club there, to which he was elected president just before he went to Mobile. Alabama. He was also on the vestry of old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Charleston. In Daytona Beach he is a member of the Holy Trinity-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, and both he and his wife are actively interested in church work. His political faith is Republican.

He was married in Louisville, Kentucky, October 6, 1945, to Margaret Graves, daughter of Dr. Pelham Graves and Mrs. Mina Towe Graves, and a native of Scottsville, Kentucky, where she was born July 1, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson, Jr., are the parents of four daughters. Margaret Susan and Charla Jean were born in Charleston, South Carolina. Melissa Rankin and Julie Graves were born in Mobile, Albama. Margaret was president of her class at Julius T. Whright School for Girls at Mobile, Alabama, where she was an honor student and received the Good Citizenship Award. She is now a student at Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach.

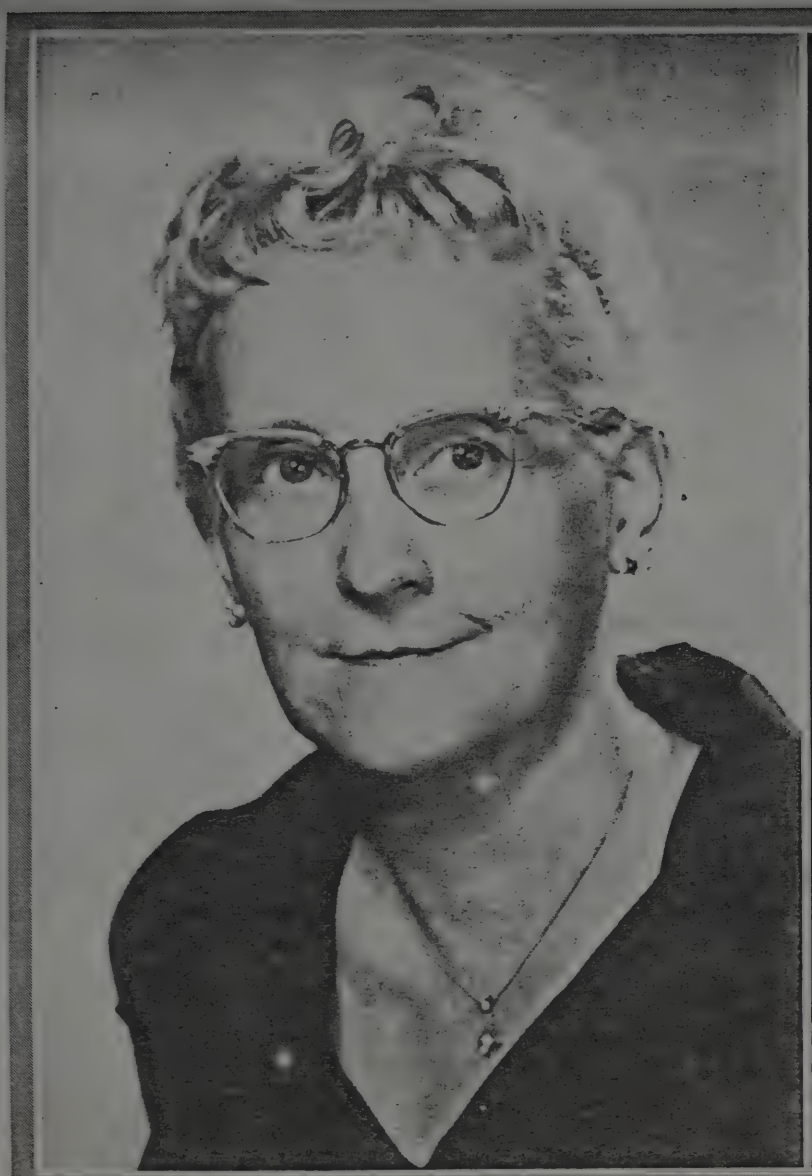
In Alabama Mr. Johnson had a stable full of Tennessee walking horses, and his daughter Margaret rode in shows in Alabama, Tennessee, and Louisiana and won a good many ribbons. His present hobby is yachting.

PERRY ARTHUR SPERBER, M.D.

A specialist in the field of Dermatology and Allergy, Dr. Perry A. Sperber has been practicing medicine in Daytona Beach for the past ten years and is a contributor to medical journals. Dr. Sperber has a wide range of interests and takes an active part in the civic and social life of his community.

Son of Hugo Sperber and Hattie Malvina Mann, he was born in Providence, Rhode Island, October 11, 1907. His father was a jewelry manufacturer and later a retailer of store fixtures in Providence, where he was born March 27, 1884, and died September 15, 1950. The doctor's mother was born in New York City January 6, 1884, and died in Daytona Beach October 8, 1957.

Perry Sperber graduated from Classical High School in Providence in 1924 and from Brown University in



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1928 with a B.A. degree. He studied medicine at the New York University College of Medicine and received his M.D. degree in 1932. During the next four years he interned at Bellevue Hospital, New York City Hospital and the Correction Hospital in New York. In 1937 he opened a private practice in Providence, specializing in internal medicine, allergy and skin diseases.

Dr. Sperber came to Daytona Beach, Florida, on December 23, 1950, and opened an office at his present location, 536 South Ridgewood Avenue, where he continued his practice, specializing in skin disorders and allergy. He is on the staff of the Halifax District Hospital and on the committee which is going to build a Baptist Hospital in this vicinity in the very near future. He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of East Florida Baptist Hospital, Inc.

Making a hobby of medical research, Dr. Sperber has contributed to medical journals since his intern days, and is author of the following papers:

1. A New Treatment for Sprained Ankle—Medical Record 142: 469, 1935.
2. Treatment of Delirium Trements with Sodium Evipal—New England Journal of Medicine 215: 1065, 1936.
3. Insulin Therapy for Duodenal Ulcer—Review of Gastroenterology 3: 320, 1936.
4. Cerebral Malaria—Medical Record 144: 64, 1936.
5. Whale Oil, Trichophytin, and Autoserotherapy in the treatment of Epidermophytosis—Annals of Allergy, Vol. 7, p 91-102 Jan.-Feb. 1949.
6. Clinical Evaluation of Isothipendyl HC1—Annals of Allergy 16: 237, 1958.
7. Dexamethasone in Dermatologic Therapy—Annals of Allergy 17: 895, 1959.
8. Dermal Defects: Treatment by a Chemical Agent—New York Physician and American Medicine, August, 1960.
9. Patch Testing—Grolier Society Encyclopedia.
10. Urticaria—Grolier Society Encyclopedia.
11. Hay Fever—Grolier Society Encyclopedia.
12. Asthma—Grolier Society Encyclopedia.

The last four articles are in the process of being published at this time. Two additional articles to be published by Dr. Sperber are:

Cyproheptadine Dexamethasone Combination in the treatment of Pruritus—Annals of Allergy.

Treatment of Pruritus with a new drug, Cyproheptadine—Journal of the Florida Medical Association.

Dr. Sperber is a member of the American Medical Association, Florida Medical Association, and the Volusia County Medical Association; a Fellow of the American College of Allergists and member of its Dermatology Committee and its Committee for New and Used Therapeutics; a member of the Southeastern Dermatological Association, the American Academy of Dermatology, the Society for Investigative Dermatology, the Florida Allergy Society, the American Academy of Allergy and its Contactants Committee, which investigates contact allergy; the American Society of Mammologists, American Medical Writers Association, and was recently made a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

In civic affairs he is a member of the Halifax Kiwanis Club and various committees and has served on the Industrial and Roads Committees of the Greater Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce. He is very much interested in bringing industry to that area. He is one of the founders of the Sea Zoo in South Daytona Beach, a past president of its governing corporation and a director of biological research for the Zoo. Also interested in Sugar Mill Gardens at Port Orange, he operated an exhibit of prehistoric mammals there for about four years. He is part-owner of the old Sebring House at 544 South Ridgewood Avenue.

In Providence, Rhode Island, on September 28, 1939, Dr. Perry A. Sperber married Muriel Hope Reed, daughter of Samuel and Leona (Fleming) Reed, who was born in East Providence November 21, 1910. She is a graduate of Bellevue School of Nursing, New York City, in the class of 1931. Active in PTA work, Mrs. Sperber is past president of the Mainland High School PTA and president of the Volusia and Flagler County Council of PTA associations. She is a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Daytona Beach and is active in the Palmetto Club and the Order of the Eastern Star in Thomaston, Maine.

Dr. and Mrs. Sperber have two children, both born in Providence, Rhode Island: Gayle Patricia, on October 14, 1942; Perry Reed Sperber, on April 21, 1947.

Dr. and Mrs. Sperber and their children belong to the First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, in which Dr. Sperber is a deacon and past Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is also on the Nominating Committee of general officers and is Chairman of Public Relations Committee, Past Chairman of Finance Committee and has served as chairman of two bond drives. He taught Sunday School to a class of junior boys for several years. Mrs. Sperber was Superintendent of the Eighth Year Primary Department and is now Associate Superintendent in the Seventh Year Department. She is the Sunday School leader of primary work in the Halifax Baptist Association and has been Community Mission Chairman of the Woman's Missionary Society for two years. Mrs. Sperber assisted Dr. Sperber in his office when they first came to Daytona, until the PTA, church and other activities became too numerous.

Dr. Sperber is treasurer and secretary of the newly formed Educational Evangelistic Foundation, a Christian foundation to spread the Gospel of Christ in an educational way. According to its founder, William M. Tyler, an ex-Marine and former athlete who lost his voice to cancer, the foundation was formed to be non-denominational and to help persons addicted to narcotics, alcoholic or other harmful habits. It is now campaigning on the dangers of smoking. Sanitariums will be established throughout the state where individuals may go to be helped with their problems. The group will also help needy college students.

MARIA HUSTON DAVIDSON POPE

The first white child to be born in Daytona, Maria Huston Davidson Pope, is still living there, and enjoying life. Daughter of John Ellis Davidson and Frances Menefee Huston, she was born on November 14, 1874, about three months after her family arrived in Daytona. Her father, a journalist, was born in Louisa, Virginia, January 30, 1846, and died in Baltimore, Maryland, September 27, 1904. Her mother was born in Winchester, Kentucky, March 30, 1846, and died in Daytona, February 16, 1925.

In August of 1874, Mrs. Pope's grandparents, Dr. Lorenzo Dow Huston and his wife, Maria Menefee Huston; her mother, father, and infant sister, Emily Snowden Davidson; her great-aunt, Mrs. Mary Hoag; and her uncle, Colonel Menefee Huston (who had served in the War Between the States), all came by train from Cincinnati to Jacksonville. From there, they took the St. Johns River boat to the town of Volusia, in

Volusia County; then by wagon team traveled for many miles through pine woods, driving through water up to the hub of the wheels, and, after spending the night in a "cracker" cabin enroute, arrived late in the afternoon of the the second day at Daytona. On the way they saw deer among the pines and palmettos, and parakeets flying in the trees.

There were thirty people, some black and some white, in Daytona, when Mrs. Pope's family arrived. They stayed at the old Palmetto House, then called the Colony House, which was the only hotel on the Halifax River, facing what is now South Beach Street. It had a palmetto thatched roof. The walls were of plaster, painted and papered, and the outside was of unfinished boards, which had been whitewashed. It was the typical southern style of architecture, with long verandas. Mrs. Pope was born there.

Dr. and Mrs. Huston, Mrs. Hoag and Mrs. Pope's mother operated the Colony House, which was the social center of early Daytona, and famed for its hospitality. Many of the guests were distinguished people of the professions and arts, and came from all parts of the country. The balls, masquerades, fancy dress parties, "sheet and pillow case" parties, and other entertainments given there were well known along the coast. The guests who attended the formal balls were always in full evening dress. There was boating, fishing and swimming, beach parties and picnics to entertain the guests, and always laughter and music and song in the air. There was a Dramatics Club in town, also, and there were many dances and concerts given by the talented musicians who came to town. The Elegant Eighties and the Gay Nineties were happy days. The family had a sailboat, the "Mary Hoag," a large boat made of solid mahogany, salvaged from a wreck. She was the fastest sailboat on the Halifax River, and won all the races.

Dr. Huston homesteaded the first section of the beach to be settled, about a mile of the peninsula, from the river to the ocean. He was the first mayor of Daytona, and was also a Justice of the Peace and Superintendent of Schools in Volusia County. The doctor and his wife were victims of the yellow fever epidemic of 1887. Their son, Colonel Menefee Huston, had the first drugstore in Daytona.

Maria Huston Davidson was educated by private tutors. She was married on September 11, 1900, to Charles Mills Brower, who died on April 21, 1905, in Cincinnati, survived by his wife, and two children: Charles Thomson Brower and Frances Davidson Brower. Charles Thomson Brower died on January 1, 1911, and on September 19, 1912, his mother married Francis Willis Pope, Jr., son of Francis Willis and Julia Smith Pope. Following in the footsteps of his father, a famous criminal lawyer, the younger Pope practiced law. Of this marriage there was one son, Davidson Cornwall Pope, born October 13, 1914. He died April 2, 1917. Mr. Pope died on January 30, 1945.

Frances Davidson Brower was born in Daytona, Florida, graduated from Stuart Hall, Staunton, Virginia, and married Lionel Joseph Martoccia. They live in Daytona, and have three children: Charles Thomson Martoccia, Ph.D., Lionel J., Jr., and Maria Menefee Martoccia. Lionel J. Martoccia, Jr., married Virginia Dudley on December 19, 1958, and on February 17, 1960, they presented Mrs. Pope with her first great-grandchild, Catherine Lewis Martoccia.

Frances Martoccia was the instigator of a Confederate Memorial in the riverfront park of Daytona. It was erected by the Southern Citizens of the City and sponsored by the local U.D.C. She is active in the D.A.R., Americans of Royal Descent and Magna Carta Dames, of which her daughter, Maria, is also a member. She is a member of the Junior Service League, and takes an active part in the activities of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Pope is a charter member of Daytona Beach Chapter #1955 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, of which her parents were charter members. The first service in Daytona was held in their home.

Now in her 87th year, Mrs. Pope is very active. She loves to sew and play the piano, and finds happiness and interest in the loving companionship of her family.

ROY EDWARD KINSEY

The law firm of Kinsey and Vincent was organized in Daytona Beach in March, 1946, by Roy Edward Kinsey and Clarence Aubrey Vincent. In September of 1950, Frank Pyle entered the firm as an associate, and became a partner in January, 1953; since which time the firm is known as Kinsey, Vincent and Pyle.

Roy Edward Kinsey was born September 26, 1917, at Armington, Illinois, son of Roy Walter Kinsey, M.D., and Mabel Medbery. He attended grades one to ten in Tarpon Springs schools, grades eleven and twelve at Florida Military Academy, St. Petersburg, graduated from St. Petersburg Junior College, and proceeded to Stetson University, where he took a B.S. degree in Business Administration and his LL.B. degree from Stetson Law School in 1941.

Entering the United States Navy on May 13, 1942, as storekeeper, he soon received a direct appointment as an Ensign. He served as Assistant Supply Officer on the USS Frederick Funston, an attack transport, in the Atlantic and Pacific, and as Supply Officer on the USS Karin, a refrigerated cargo supply ship. Separated March 20, 1946, he was recalled October 3, 1950, and served during the Korean War with the rank of Lieutenant, as Executice Officer at the United States Navy Transportation School, Oakland, California.

Mr. Kinsey served as Assistant City Attorney of Daytona Beach in 1952-54. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar, President of the Volusia County Bar Association, a member of the American Bar Association, and practices in all State and Federal District Courts. He is a past president of the Daytona Beach Kiwanis Club, a director of the Halifax River Yacht Club, a ruling Elder and former Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Daytona Beach.

On July 18, 1942, at DeLand, Florida, Mr. Kinsey married Margaret Elizabeth Cate. They have one son, Roy E. Kinsey, Jr., born December 11, 1946, at Daytona Beach. Mrs. Kinsey is very active in Garden Club work and is also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Co-founder of the law firm of Kinsey, Vincent and Pyle, Clarence A. Vincent is one of the directors of the Daytona Beach International Speedway, having been one of the early participants in its organization, and serves as its general counsel. He also is a former city attorney of Daytona Beach, in which office he served from 1956 to 1958.

GEORGE JOHN PANDAPAS

The success of the United States missile, rocket and space vehicle programs depends on a vast array of industrial suppliers, and the nation's very life may hinge on the ability of the United States industry to produce quality goods on time. Behind every well known large government contractor stands a small army of no-less-important sub-contractors who supply the parts so essential to the logistics of defense. Electro-Tec Corporation, which has a plant in Ormond Beach, supplies virtually every prime contractor engaded in missile and space programs with such vital electronics parts as slip ring assemblies and high precision miniature relays.

George John Pandapas was born in Peabody, Massachusetts, July 20, 1917, the second of four children of John D. Pandapas (now retired) who, in 1911, came to the United States from Samos, Greece, where he was born in April, 1887. George's mother, Arhondou Velonis Pandapas, was born in Samos in May, 1891.

George Pandapas was educated in the public schools of Peabody, Massachusetts, and was graduated from Peabody High School in 1935. In 1937 he began work as a technician for Hytron Corporation in Salem, Massachusetts, manufacturers of radio tubes, and in 1941 entered the production engineering department of Wright Aeronautical Corporation at Paterson, New Jersey. During World War II, in addition to his work at Wright Aeronautical Corporation, he taught night courses in radio to Signal Corps enlistees at Rutgers University. In 1944 Mr. Pandapas joined Pedlow Engineering Company as a project engineer, where he worked until the formation of Electro-Tec Corporation in 1945.

As a result of strong leadership, sound business judgment, and inventive ability, George J. Pandapas's slip ring business increased until it became expedient to build a plant in Blacksburg, Virginia, in 1951, and in 1953 further inventions necessitated the founding of a research laboratory in Ormond Beach, Florida. Early in 1956 business had reached sufficient volume to bring about the erection of the Florida Division of Electro-Tec Corporation, on U.S. Highway No. 1, just north of Ormond Beach. This last addition to Electro-Tec's plants handles the production of the Mark II Relay and large slip rings. The New Jersey plant remains the home office and prototype plant, while miniature slip rings and brush blocks are manufactured at Blacksburg, Virginia.

Electro-Tec Corporation was the pioneer electronics firm to come to the Halifax Area of Volusia County and is now the area's largest manufacturer. Over 500 people are employed by the three plants and the company's sales volume has gone over the six-million mark. The company has licensed Pacific Scientific Company of Los Angeles to produce their products in the ten western states, and I.D.M. Electronics, Ltd., of Reading, England, to produce in the British Isles, Australia and New Zealand. Plans are progressing for other foreign licensees and patents are held in most of the European countries and in the Far East.

Mr. Pandapas is a Director of Pacific Scientific Company of Los Angeles, California, and I.D.M. Electronics, Ltd. of Reading, England. He is a member of the Navy Reliability Committee and of BuWeps-Industry Material Reliability Advisory Board (BIMRAB). Locally, he is a Director of the Ormond Beach National Bank and First Atlantic Investment Fund, Inc., of Daytona Beach. Mr. Pandapas holds membership in the Ellinor Village Country Club, Daytona Beach Area Executives Club, F. & A. M. Lodge of Ormond Beach, Young Presidents Organization, and the Greek Orthodox Church.

George J. Pandapas was first married on September 19, 1942, to Frances O'Brien of Salem, Massachusetts. Three children were born of this marriage: John George, on July 20, 1943; George John on March 15, 1945, and Elaine M. on May 21, 1947.

On August 17, 1952, in Peabody, Massachusetts, Mr. Pandapas married Caliope Georgoulis, who was born in Peabody on October 8, 1931, daughter of John and Despina Georgoulis, both of whom were born in Greece, in 1894 and 1908, respectively. To this marriage were also born three children: Mark G., born July 25, 1953; Kimon G., June 15, 1955, and Pamela, July 28, 1956.

JOSEPH DANIEL LOWTHER

The director of the Woodward-Lowther Funeral Home at Ormond Beach, Joseph Daniel Lowther began his apprenticeship in this profession at Jacksonville in 1946, before his nineteenth birthday, and that was after having served three and a half years in the Marines! (Page Ripley!) Now only thirty-four, he is a 32nd degree Mason and is active in many civic organizations.

Son of David Elias and Grace (Windland) Lowther, he was born in Jacksonville, Florida, May 3, 1928. His father, born in Woodsfield, Ohio, March 21, 1897, came to Jacksonville in 1927 and died there April 21, 1950. He was a barber, both in Ohio and in Jacksonville, where he operated the Knickerbocker Shop. Joseph's mother, also a native of Ohio, is living in Woodsfield.

Joe Lowther graduated from high school in Jacksonville in 1947, after his service in the United States Marine Corps, which he entered in July, 1942 (at the age of 14). He served with the Fourth Marine Division and was wounded at Iwo Jima on February 21, 1945, for which he received the Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation with two clusters. He was discharged in December, 1945, with the rank of sergeant.

While completing his high school education in Jacksonville, Lowther worked part time in a Jacksonville funeral home. After that, he went to the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, from which he was graduated in 1951. Returning to Jacksonville, he received his Embalmer's license that year and became manager of a funeral home in Vero Beach. While there he received his Funeral Director's license in 1953. Late in 1954 he and Dale D. Woodward opened the Woodward-Lowther Funeral Home in Holly Hill, and in October, 1957, they opened a branch in Ormond Beach. Mr. Lowther operates the Ormond Beach home.

Professionally, he is a member of the American Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors Association, and the Florida Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association. In civic organizations he is treasurer of the Ormond Beach Rotary Club, past secretary of the Holly Hill Rotary, past chairman of the Holly Hill United Fund drive, and a member of the Florida Peace Officers Association. He is currently on the Board of Governors of the Chamber of Commerce of Ormond Beach. Among war veterans he belongs to the Military Order of the Purple Heart at Daytona

Beach and to the Ormond Beach Post #267 of the American Legion.

In fraternal orders he is a Lecturing Knight of Ormond Beach B.P.O.E. Lodge #2193; a member of F. and A.M. Lodge #326 of Ormond Beach; Orlando Consistory, Valley of Florida; Bahia Shrine Temple, Orlando, and is a past member of the Bahia Shrine Patrol. His church is the Ormond Beach Methodist and he is a vice-president of the Young Adult Sunday School class there. In social circles he is a member of the Ellinor Village Country Club of Ormond Beach.

On May 15, 1954, at Vero Beach, Joseph Daniel Lowther married Jacqueline Bebe Willis, a native of Titusville, Florida, where she was born December 26, 1930, daughter of Omar Kinsley and Katherine (Bailey) Willis. Her father was born in Tallapoosa, Georgia, and died January 10, 1959, in Titusville, where her mother is living. She, also, is a native of Titusville.

Mrs. Lowther is a registered nurse, a graduate of Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Orlando, where she went for her professional education after attending Florida State University for two years. She is an active member of the Home and Service Department of the Ormond Beach Woman's Club, and a member of Khenset Court #52 of the Shrine Club, Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowther are the parents of three children:

1. Joseph Daniel Lowther, Jr., born at Vero Beach November 12, 1955.
2. Maurice Arness Lowther, born at Daytona Beach January 6, 1957.
3. Thomas Selby Lowther, born at Daytona Beach May 27, 1960.

JUDGE VERTREES WALTON

A retired lawyer of Palatka, where he practiced his profession for fifty years, Judge (his given name) Vertrees Walton is a son of a pioneer merchant of Paltaka, John Norfleet Walton, who came to Florida from Sumner County, Tennessee. The father bought land, including orange groves, in Putnam County and lost several groves in the freeze of 1895. He sold boxes, hoops and fertilizer to orange growers, dealt in wholesale grain, and at one time had a large livery stable. He died in Palatka in 1912. Judge Walton's mother was Kate Lee Vertrees, who also died in Paltaka, at the age of 93.

Born at Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee, August 16, 1884, J. V. Walton graduated from Palatka High School in 1903, and from Washington and Lee University Law School with an LL.B. degree. He opened a private practice of law in Palatka in October, 1905, and continuously practiced there until he retired in 1955.

Judge Walton's daughter, Kate, Mrs. F. H. Engelken, graduated from the University of Florida Law School and joined her father in practice in 1936, forming the firm of Walton and Walton, and is now in active practice under the firm name.

He was married at Palatka November 29, 1909, to Sophie Elizabeth Howard, daughter of Captain and Mrs. James Hatten Howard, who was born June 29, 1885, and died in Palatka June 16, 1960. Four daughter. were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walton in Palatka:

1. Sophie Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Law Gibson), October 17, 1911.
2. Kate L. (Mrs. F. H. Engelken), February 5, 1913.
3. Mary Judith (Mrs. J. Laurie Glisson), February 5, 1916.
4. Lois Ann (Mrs. William Lambert Townsend), September 25, 1918.

Mr. Walton now has ten grandchildren, who keep him entertained.

IANTHE BOND HEBEL

The author of the History of Volusia County in Volume I of this publication, Ianthe Bond Hebel, genealogist and historian, has been interested in history all her life, as student, teacher, collector, author and lecturer. According to school officials, she has "brought more interesting facts to light about Florida and its inhabitants than any current historian."

Daughter of Eddie Lincoln Bond (born December 15, 1860, in Kirtland, Ohio) and Della C. (Olin) Bond (born February 22, 1867, in Lowell, Michigan), Ianthe Bond was born in Kirtland, Ohio, July 15, 1884, and came to Florida with her family in 1886. Her father was a railway conductor, sawmill operator, mason contractor, postmaster of Neoga, Florida, and city commissioner at Daytona, now Daytona Beach.

Ianthe graduated from Daytona High School in 1903, attended Stetson Normal School in 1904, the Summer School of the South in 1908 and 1913, the University of Virginia Summer School in 1913 and 1916, and the summer session of the University of Florida in 1922. She studied Library Science at the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Public Library in 1930.

Ianthe Bond Hebel taught in Florida public schools for twenty years, starting in a one-room country school in Ponce Park and ending as principal of a Grammar School of twelve teachers in Fort Myers. She also operated an apartment house for twenty years.

Mrs. Hebel is the founder of the Volusia County Historical Commission and a founder and director of the Halifax Historical Society, which she has served as historian, secretary-treasurer, and custodian of its collection. The County Commission of Volusia County named her County Historian, and she is the editor and a lengthy contributor to the Centennial History of Volusia County. She has written many articles on local history for The Observer and several articles on the lumber industry for the Southern Lumber Journal. Her genealogies of the Bond, Bryant, Turner and Wilcox families are to be found in prominent northern libraries. Her recent work is on the Florida Sanchez and Williams families. She is a member and past director of the Florida Historical Society, a member of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, and is prominently identified with many out-of-state historical societies.

She is Chairman of Genealogical Records of the Abigail Bartholomew Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution; former local treasurer and now librarian of the National League of American Pen-women; was first registrar and is now secretary of the Daytona Beach Colony of the National Society of New England Women; local registrar of the National Society of Daughters of American Colonists; and a member, since 1904, of Daughters of the King.

Mrs. Hebel is also the founder of the Old Timers Club of Daytona Beach, a former member of the Palmetto Club, and a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. In politics she says she is a northern Republican and a southern Democrat. Travel is her hobby.

On July 14, 1923, in Grace Church, Grand Rapids,

Michigan, Ianthe Bond married John Edward Hebel, who was born May 4, 1877, in Goderich, Ontario, Canada. Both his parents were born in Hesse, Germany: his father, George Hebel, in 1833; his mother, Barbara (Noll) Hebel, in 1835. Mr. Hebel died in 1946. After his death Mrs. Hebel returned to her old home on Orange Avenue in Daytona Beach.

Her biography appears in "Florida Women of Distinction" (College Publishing Company, 1956), and in the "Handbook of American Genealogy, Vol IV" (Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago, 1943).

JOHN BARTRAM NANCE

The general impression one gets on perusing the records and testimonials regarding the life of Rev. John Bartram Nance, now pastor of the Edgewood Avenue Christian Church in Jacksonville, is that here is a man characterized by moral integrity and single-minded devotion to his calling. This is Reverend Nance's second pastorate in Jacksonville. He has served in a number of churches in Ohio and Illinois and was a Navy chaplain during World War II.

Son of Henry and Daisy (Thompson) Nance, and a younger brother of Dr. Ellwood C. Nance, John Bartram Nance was born in Ashland, Kentucky, September 7, 1905. He received his early education in the public schools of Ashland, followed by some academy and college work at the Christian Normal Institute in Grayson, Kentucky. He then attended Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, Ohio State University at Bowling Green, and Kentucky Christian College at Grayson, where he received an A.B. degree in 1930. Finally, he graduated from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology in Oberlin, Ohio, in 1939, with a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Ordained in 1926, he served his first pastorate at Clyde Christian Church, Clyde, Ohio, from 1930 to 1935. During the next two years he was pastor of Sullivan Christian Church at Sullivan, Ohio, and from 1937 to 1941, he was pastor of Firestone Park Christian Church at Akron, Ohio. In 1941, Reverend Nance came to the Central Christian Church in Jacksonville, Florida, as pastor, and was there until April 1, 1943, when he entered the United States Navy as a chaplain. He served through September 15, 1946, and was released to inactive duty with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

Before going overseas Lieutenant Nance completed a two-month chaplain-training course at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, and was first assigned to the Philadelphia Navy Yard. From January 1, 1944, to May 1, 1945, he was Combat Chaplain aboard the USS Catoctin in the European and Mediterranean theater of World War II.

While stationed in the Mediterranean, Chaplain Nance was given a six-weeks leave of absence to visit the Holy Land, and was the first Naval chaplain in the area to make this pilgrimage. The Naval authorities were so impressed with the effects of the visit of Chaplain Nance that they made it standard practice thereafter to send their chaplains to the Holy Land when stationed in that locality.

Lieutenant Nance was chaplain on the flagship at Yalta when it was visited by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and others of the "Big Three." The President stayed overnight on the ship and Reverend Nance recalls that he looked very tired.

Before going to Yalta Chaplain Nance was based in Italy for six months. During that time he led his warship flock in two public audiences given by the universally admired Pope Pius XII. On the occasion of the Pope's death in 1958, this Protestant pastor said of him, "We shall miss the strong leadership which he exercised in the interest of peace and morality."

Chaplain Nance was with the American forces when they invaded southern France, and it was his sad duty to officiate at the burial of many of our unsung war heroes. He was in Toulon when the French fleet returned home and was received by General De Gaulle. The whole town turned out for the event.

After his return from Europe, Reverend Nance served as Chaplain at the Navy's Treasure Island base in California. On October 1, 1946, following his release from the Navy, he assumed the pastorate of the First Christian Church in East St. Louis, Illinois, and served that church and community for more than twelve years before coming to Jacksonville, Florida, for the second time, on January 1, 1959.

On the occasion of his leaving East St. Louis for his new post, Reverend Nance received numerous letters, telegrams and other testimonials expressing regret at his leaving and appreciation of his services, and wishing him well. Among these were a telegram from Congressman Melvin Price; a letter from the Governor of Illinois, William G. Stratton; letters from the Mayor of East St. Louis, the Police Commissioner, the President of the East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, and the Executive Secretary of the International Convention of Christian Churches. There were also letters addressed to the Chairman of the Board of the First Christian Church about Reverend Nance's going, from the Editor of the local newspaper and from the Recorder of Ainad Masonic Temple, all expressing appreciation, commendation and regret at his leaving. The Congregation of the First Christian Church of East St. Louis passed a formal Resolution to express their sentiments, their high regard and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Nance more adequately.

Of all these testimonials, perhaps the most touching and convincing is the simplest—the letter of the Police Commissioner, Russell T. Beebe. In his unoratorical words one hears the voice and feels the pulse of the common people. It reads:

"Dear Rev. Nance:

"On reading of your resignation to accept pastorate in Jacksonville, Florida, I felt very sad because we will miss you so. I also felt happy that you were going to a nice church in a wonderful city.

"When the temperature is about zero in East St. Louise and 80 degrees in Jacksonville, I know you will think of us and sympathize with us.

"Rev. Nance, I can assure you that you will be greatly missed. You were never too busy to come out day and night to assist an organization. You have made a world of friends in our city and they will all miss you.

"Let us hear from you from time to time. If there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to call on me.

"Best of luck to you and Mrs. Nance."

Mr. Nance was President of the Ministerial Associations of Clyde, Firestone Park and Akron, Ohio; President of the Disciple Ministers of Jacksonville and Greater St. Louis, Illinois; Vice-President of the Illinois State Convention of Disciples of Christ Churches in 1950, and President of the Illinois State Convention of

the same body in 1952. He was Chairman of the East St. Louis city-wide National Christian Teaching Mission; Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church in 1950 and 1953; Chairman of the Stewardship Committee of Southern Illinois Christian Churches in 1954, and a member of the Eureka (Illinois) College Ministers' Advisory Committee in 1954.

In fraternal orders he is a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish and York Rites, the Knights Templar and the Nobles of Ainad Temple, A.A.O.M.S., East St. Louis. He is a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the American Veterans of World War II, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and is past chaplain of the Legion's Post #53 in East St. Louis. He is also past Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Chaplains of Greater St. Louis.

Actively interested in civic affairs, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Social Planning Council of East St. Louis and was officiating clergyman at numerous public and civic functions, including social, religious, educational and social welfare organizations, dedication of public buildings, state and regional conventions held in the city. Since coming to Jacksonville in 1959, his activities outside of his church work include similar duties.

In 1930 John Bartram Nance married Margaret Elizabeth Stewart of Youngstown, Ohio, who was his faithful companion and fellow worker in church and community service until her death in April of 1961.

In addition to those far-away places already mentioned in connection with his war-time service, Mr. Nance's travels have taken in Egypt and other parts of North Africa, Russia, Mexico and Canada.

AVRON IRVING BRYAN

Moliere once observed: "Nothing can be fairer or more noble than the holy fervor of true zeal." A man whose "fervor of true zeal" is intelligently focused on the discipline and enrichment of his spirit and mind and the attainment of skill in his craft or profession is usually a man of talent and achievement. Avron Irving Bryan is such a man.

Born October 30, 1928, in Macon, Georgia, without the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth, thirty-two-year-old Avron Bryan has climbed high on the ladder of success in his chosen profession of Electronics Engineering. Presently he is a proud member of the missile program at Cape Canaveral.

Obviously, a man does not become an accomplished scientist by zeal alone. Between Macon, Georgia, and Cape Canaveral there were many years of hard work in college and university.

Mr. Bryan's parents, Sydney and Peggy Bryan, moved to Miami, Florida, when Avron was very young. There he and his younger brothers, Harry and Robert, and his sister, "Pat," received their grade and high school education. His early education was received in the tough Little River section of Miami. Thanks to the City Playground, he became interested in sports. Through hard work and much practice he became well known in high school athletics as an All-Southern football and All-State basketball player at Miami Edison High School. While going to high school and engaged in sports, he was also working as a meat cutter to help support the family while his father was in the Army.

His athletic prowess won him a scholarship to college and gave him the opportunity to prepare himself for a profession. Sincerely believing that the future of our country lies in education and guidance, his first ambition was to become a teacher. He graduated from the University of Tampa in 1951, with a B.S. degree in Education and, after two years in the Coast Guard, received his Master's degree from the University of Florida, in 1954.

While in the Coast Guard, he graduated from Officers Candidate School and served as Assistant Chief of Communications in the Electronics Department of the 7th Coast Guard District. He is now an Executive Officer of the Reserve Electronics Unit.

After receiving his Master's degree, young Bryan taught Mathematics and Social Studies at the H. B. Plant High School in Tampa, at the same time coaching both basketball and football. Meanwhile he continued his education in University of Florida extension courses, specializing in higher mathematics, and attended the Electronics School at the University of Tampa, where he also taught a course in Mathematics.

On May 24, 1950, while still in college, Avron Bryan married June Nance, daughter of Dr. Ellwood C. Nance, then president of the University of Tampa. After a few years, with a young family to support, he found his grocery bill catching up with his salary, and realized that he would have to seek more lucrative employment. With the training he already had in Electronics, this was the logical field for him to enter.

Employed by General Electric Company, he moved to Utica, New York, where he prepared and taught courses on the Missile Guidance System. He was responsible for the coordination of the training program with associate contractors on the Atlas Missile Project and assisted in the preparation of General Electric's costing for Air Force training. At the same time, he increased his own technical and theoretical knowledge in courses given by the company, including one in Professional Business Management.

After one year in Utica, Mr. Bryan moved to Cocoa, Florida, where he is still employed with the Defense Systems Department of General Electric Company on the Atlantic Missile Range of Cape Canaveral. His work is mainly of an instructional and supervisory nature. He also served as liaison engineer between Headquarters Engineering in New York and the field. As laboratory supervisor in General Electric's Airborne Laboratory, he is responsible for coordination and direction of laboratory testing and for personnel so engaged.

His hobbies are bridge, golf, reading scientific journals, and inventing new circuits, one of which was recently patented by General Electric.

Avron and June Nance Bryan are the parents of three children:

1. Nance, born February 10, 1954.
2. David, born July 31, 1956.
3. Peggy, born November 7, 1957.

DR. DELL LEBO

A clinical psychologist in Jacksonville since 1959, Dr. Dell Lebo, author of a chapter in a volume of this History, is a psychologist at the Child Guidance and Speech Correction Clinic, a lecturer in psychology at Jacksonville University and a consultant in child psychology to the staff of the Educational Service Institute. He is also editor of the Florida Pyschologist and

is the author of many papers published in professional journals and books.

This sketch is a condensed revision of Dr. Lebo"s autobiography, a detailed and amusingly candid account which reveals him as a witty and light-hearted personality with a gift for expression. Limitations of space prevent our printing his story unabridged.

Dr. Lebo was born in New York City August 6, 1922, son of Dell Roy and Marguerite Bruneel Lebo. His father had traveled extensively in this country and in Africa, Europe and South America as a construction superintendent, and in the course of this work had encountered many curious adventures. Lebo's mother was an assistant buyer in the largest of New York City's department stores at the time of her marriage. She has a wealth of stories to tell about the shanty-Irish and castle-building millionaire period in the big city.

Dell Lebo's childhood was spent on Long Island, to which the family moved when he was six years old. He grew up in a pleasantly landscaped two-story, four-bedroom house with the traditional brick porch, concrete jardinieres, and striped canvas awnings of the time. Being an only child, he enjoyed the luxury of a bedroom and study on the second floor, a large section of the cellar for club room and experimental laboratory, and many crannies throughout the building for his collections of boyhood trivia.

He attended John Adams High School, one of the many buildings whose steel structure had been erected under his father's superintendence. After graduating in a depression year, he went to work on Wall Street in a bank whose founder was Alexander Hamilton, where (Dr. Lebo remarks) he found the salary scale of Hamilton's days had evidently been preserved, almost intact, as a quaint custom for the junior employees. During his two years in the bank, he took evening college courses at New York University, including one in psychology, in which subject he received the top grade.

Drafted in 1942, he made a score of 132 in the Army General Classification Test at Camp Upton, and was sent to Pre-flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Graduating there, he was sent to a primary training school for pilots where he flew Pt-18's, open cockpit, radial engine, biplanes. During the course of this training he developed the philosophy, "You may as well lose a good meal as a poor one," which, he says, endeared him to many service men.

Until he was sent overseas, he spent most of his time attending, or teaching in, United States Army Air Force Technical Training Command schools. Much of this time was spent as an instructor in advanced International Morse Code at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. When he was placed on secret shipping orders with a triple-A priority, he was issued a bayonet knife, two pairs of winter underwear, and mosquito netting; as a result of which strategy he was unable to determine where he was being sent. While waiting, he and some companions learned conversational Russian and Mandarin Chinese by records.

Landing in Naples, Italy, he went to Rome as a high frequency direction finder. While there he learned conversational Italian, participated in the life of the country, and "had the fortunate experience of a semi-private audience with that remarkable man, Pius XII." Due to the limited number of men in his station, he was able to tour Switzerland before being discharged. He had served three years, four months and ten days. The fact that Dr. Lebo did not rise above the rank of corporal, and that at a late date, was no doubt due to a clerk's error in transcribing his record. Where the test score of 132 should have been entered, someone had typed 32!

While in the service he had taken three correspondence courses in psychology from Pennsylvania State University, Ohio State University, and the University of Miami. On returning to New York University he changed his studies from the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance to a major in psychology and a minor in sociology at the Washington Square College. During his student days there he worked as sexton of a church in Brooklyn in return for three rooms; amassed 500 second-hand books in psychology; worked on an unsalaried basis with the psychologist at St. Vincent's Hospital; and was employed as counselor at a private school for problem children. He also was elected to membership in Psi Chi and Alpha Kappa Delta, national honorary societies in psychology and sociology.

In an introductory class in sociology he sat next to a vivacious girl, Elaine Pauline Larsen. She started by typing his term papers, became his wife upon his graduation, and "has continued to serve as complaining typist and intelligent co-worker on many research projects and experimental investigations."

Graduating "cum laude" in a class of nearly 5,000, Dr. Lebo applied for admission to four graduate schools with programs in clinical psychology, requesting a fellowship or scholarship. New York University School of Education was swamped with graduate students in this subject and was accepting no new applications for two years. Columbia University placed him on the alternate list of admissions. The University of Connecticut was awarding neither scholarships nor fellowships to new students. The State University of Iowa accepted him and awarded him a Veterans Administration internship, a form of fellowship.

Finding that the University of Iowa underplayed clinical psychology, putting the emphasis on the Hullian learning theory of experimental psychology, and that, having admitted more students than they were prepared to handle, they were determined to eliminate as many as possible within a year, Dr. Lebo was among those students who began to look elsewhere for what they wanted. The result was that he came to Florida State University, where he found the program to be "the clinician's paradise, with courses in play therapy, a demonstration school with children to be tested and worked with, and a practicum facility nearby for apprenticeship with disturbed adults."

The publication of Dr. Lebo's master's thesis at Florida State University in the *Journal of Child Psychiatry* encouraged him to submit his term papers as well. They, too, were accepted and appeared in such professional journals as *Science*, the *American Psychologist, College and University*, the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* and the *Journal of Consulting Psychology*, which is known in the profession to reject approximately 80% of the manuscripts submitted to it. Two of these graduate-student term papers have been of sufficient interest and merit to warrant their inclusion in book form in 1959; one, called "The Present Status of Research in Nondirection Play Therapy," appearing in the Holt book, *Readings in Guidance*, and the other, "Degrees for Charlatans," in a book called *Readings in the Psychology of Adjustment*, published by McGraw-Hill. Twenty-five

of Dr. Lebo's contributions were accepted for publication in professional journals before he received his doctorate.

In addition to his research activities, he assumed the duties of a half-time faculty instructor at Florida State University in 1953. He taught courses in general psychology and play therapy and assisted in a course in child development. A year later he was made an educational counselor as well.

The university's program in clinical psychology received approval from the American Psychological Association after one inspection, whereas other institutions were inspected several times before being approved. Sigma Xi, the national honorary society in scientific research, also authorized a chapter after a single tour of inspection. Dr. Lebo was elected to membership in this society and to Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholarship honorary society, while attending Florida State University.

A requisite for the Ph.D. in clinical psychology is a year's internship in an institution for emotionally disturbed people. Dr. Lebo applied to five institutions which met all his requirements and was accepted by four. He chose Carter Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. While an intern there, one of his research studies was cited in the *Annual Review of Psychology* for 1955. Since then studies of his have been cited in the *Annual Review* for 1956, 1959 and 1960 and in *Progress in Clinical Psychology* for 1956 and 1958.

Before completing his dissertation (the final requirement for the Ph.D. degree), Dr. Lebo joined the faculty of the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary. He and his wife moved to the second floor of a quaint three-story brick house of Victorian architecture in Richmond, Virginia, where many enjoyable summer evenings were spent walking through the neighborhood. So taken were the Lebos by their surroundings that they decided to name their first child Lee if a boy, Lea if a girl. It was Lea.

During his first year as a faculty member, Dr. Lebo completed his dissertation and had it accepted for publication. The introductory postulates and hypotheses appeared in the *Journal of Consulting Psychology;* the larger experimental portion in *Psychological Monographs.* The latter journal published only approximately twenty articles a year.

At Richmond Dr. Lebo was promoted to Associate Professor, made a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and was listed in *American Men of Science.* and in *Leaders in American Science.* He taught about a dozen courses in various branches or aspects of psychology, counseled students and chaired or served on thesis committees. Every thesis he chaired was published in the professional literature and presented at a state, regional or national meeting as well. In 1959 two of his former graduate students presented aspects of their master's theses at the 67th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in Cincinnati, where approximately 7,000 psychologists were in attendance. Dr. Lebo presented two papers at this meeting.

From 1957 to 1959 Dr. Lebo also served as a consultant clinical psychologist to the State Industrial Farm for Women in Goochland, Virginia, a model correctional institution.

Shortly after settling into a more spacious home in Richmond, Dr. Lebo received an invitation from Dr. Ralph M. Dreger, a former professor of his at Florida State University, to come to Jacksonville, where Dr. Dreger was director of the Child Guidance and Speech Correction Clinic. Before leaving Richmond, Dr. Lebo was certified as a clinical psychologist by the Florida State Board of Examiners in Psychology. Arriving in Jacksonville early in 1959, he was given a simultaneous appointment as lecturer in psychology at Jacksonville University, where he taught three courses, and was appointed as consultant in child psychology to the staff of the Educational Services Institute. About the same time he was made editor of the *Florida Psychologist.*

Later in 1959 he gave a weekly television series of evening educational programs called "Psychologist's Notebook." Half-hour shows were built around such topics as "Gypsies as Psychologists," "Unconscious Protections," and "Self Expression in Children." The last-named presentation was based upon an original experimental investigation with eighty children. This, too, will be published in the professional literature.

Currently, Dr. Lebo has authored or coauthored 25 papers presented at meetings of learned societies. Although he began contributing to the professional literature as recently as 1952, he has about 100 professional contributions in print or scheduled to appear in scientific journals.

Dr. Lebo has been listed in *Who's Who in American Education* since 1959.

In 1960 he was appointed consulting psychologist to the Juvenile Court, to the Sheriff's Department, to the Justiss Psychology Center, and was also appointed clinical psychology consultant to the Moosehaven Research Laboratory at Orange Park. He was elected vice-president of the Northeast Florida Psychological Association in 1961.

WALTER B. FRASER

One of the most honored citizens of St. Augustine is Walter B. Fraser, who has served the State of Florida as Senator for four years and the City of St. Augustine as Mayor-Commissioner for eight years—years of great accomplishments for the city. But Mr. Fraser's greatest contribution to the state and the nation is in the field of historical research and preservation.

Son of David H. and Nancy D. (Pirkle) Fraser, Walter B. Fraser was born May 27, 1887, at Flowery Branch, Georgia, where his mother was born in 1856. She died in 1916. His father was born in Gainesville, Georgia, in 1842 and died in 1918. David Fraser served in the Georgia Volunteers during the Civil War and was in the brokerage business in Georgia.

Walter Fraser attended public school in Gainesville and was graduated from Cordele High School, Georgia, in 1909. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University in 1913 and later studied law at Princeton University. From 1913 to 1918 he was a principal and superintendent of schools in Georgia. He enlisted in the United States Army in World War I and was sent to Officers Training Camp in Atlanta. From 1921 to 1925 he was a real estate broker in Atlanta and was connected with the Atlanta Trust Company for a considerable period.

Mr. Fraser's connection with Florida began in 1925, when he came to St. Augustine and purchased the property then known as "The Fountain of Youth,"

which had long been associated with Juan Ponce de Leon's discovery of Florida. During the more than 400 years which had elapsed since the event took place, widely divergent opinions had been expressed by historical writers as to when and where Ponce de Leon first landed on the North American continent. This disagreement was due mainly to lack of original research on the part of the writers and failure to coordinate published histories with Spanish documents and other authentic information available.

Mr. Fraser set out to correct this deficiency and after long and careful research believes he has proof that Juan Ponce de Leon first landed in St. Augustine and that this is the location where the first possession of any part of the present United States was taken for a European nation. To preserve this historic site and to assemble proofs of its authenticity, he organized Fountain of Youth Properties, Inc. There followed thirty years of research—in Spanish histories; in documents in the Archivo General de Indias at Seville; in the Manuscript and Map Divisions of the Library of Congress in Washington; in original Spanish documents preserved at the Florida State Capitol; in consultation with recognized Spanish language authorities and with experts on navigation; and, finally, in extensive archaeological investigation at the site.

The presence of a cross made of coquina stones, built flat on the earth near the spring, had been known at least since it was discovered by H. H. Williams, who in 1868 purchased the property as part of a Spanish land grant. In 1900 Mr. Williams sold the property to Edward MacConnell, an Alaskan mining engineer, whose wife, Dr. Louella Day MacConnell, lived on the grounds and in 1904 discovered, near the cross, a small hollow silver object resembling a salt cellar, which contained a Spanish inscription on parchment, showing the year 1513. The inscription was an affidavit claiming the land for the Spanish crown by one Alonzo Soriano, who is believed, by competent authority, to have been the "veedor" or notary whom Ponce de Leon was required to take along with him as an official witness.

Another important discovery, unrelated to the Fountain of Youth or Ponce de Leon, was made in 1934, a short distance south of the spring. Workmen, digging holes to plant orange trees, uncovered an Indian burial ground. Mr. Fraser notified the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, who sent Dr. Matthew W. Stirling, director of the Bureau of Ethnology, to examine and evaluate the findings. He considered this one of the most important archaeological discoveries in the Southeast. On further exploration over 100 Indian skeletons were uncovered within a small area. Later explorations, carried on from 1950 to 1955, under the Department of Sociology and Archaeology of the University of Florida, resulted in finding many more Indian skeletons, fragments of pottery and other artifacts which, in the opinion of the archaeologists, showed Indian occupation of the site extending back to at least 1,000 B.C.

Mr. Fraser has devoted much time, energy and expense to the management, development and beautification of this whole area, making it a national monument now known as the Fountain of Youth Memorial Park and Gardens. The historical sites of which he is owner and exhibitor include the Oldest School House and the House of Governor Don Pablo de Hita y Salazar, built in 1680.

Taking an active interest in the general welfare of this historic city, Mr. Fraser entered the political field and was elected to the city commission of St. Augustine in 1932. He served continuously on that commission for ten years, and during the last eight years of that period, 1935 through 1942, was Mayor-Commissioner of St. Augustine. During those years many projects initiated by him were carried to successful completion. When he first took office the city was deeply in debt and plunged into the gloom of the greatest depression the country has ever known. At the completion of his eight years as Mayor-Commissioner, city finances were in good order, taxes had been reduced, lasting improvements had been made and St. Augustine was better known throughout the United States than it had ever been before.

One of Mr. Fraser's acts as Mayor was to appoint a national committee for the restoration and preservation of Old St. Augustine. The first meeting of the Restoration Committee was held in Washington, D. C., October 26, 1936. In 1937 Mr. Fraser was instrumental in obtaining the establishment of a municipal airport in St. Augustine. Another of his activities in 1937 was to found the radio station WFOY, which he sold several years later. This station was used extensively in advertising St. Augustine. One of Mr. Fraser's greatest benefactions to the city was his securing an improved water system, with water that was fit for drinking. Previously the people had been obliged to buy bottled water, and had to use an excessive amount of soap in washing.

Mr. Fraser contributed to the public welfare as an active member of the St. Augustine Chamber of Commerce and the Florida State Chamber of Commerce. From 1933 to 1937 he was a Lieutenant Colonel on the personal staff of Governor Dave Sholtz. In 1939 he was a member of the National Advisory Committee for the State of Florida to the New York World's Fair. Following his long term as Mayor of St. Augustine, he was elected to the State Senate and served from 1943 to 1947.

In addition to being founder of the St. Augustine Historical Preservation and Restoration Association and a member of the Florida Historical Society, he is founder of the Grove of Educators of the Americas, honorary founder member of the International Institute of American Ideals, and a member and past chairman of the Inter-American Center of Florida. He is the recipient of a citation from the United States Navy Relief Society, and of the following decorations: Estrella de la Fundacion Internacional, Jose Gabriel Duque; Cruz de la Fundacion Internacional, Eloy Alfaro; Medalla Conmemorativa del Vuelo Panamericano, Pro-Faro a Colon; Caballero Gran Cruz de Gracia Magistral; Orden Militar de S.S. Salvador y Santa Brigida de Suecia; and Chevalier de la Croix de Lorraine et Compagnons de la Resistance, which he received from General De Gaulle of France on November 11, 1954. In local organizations he is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Elks, the Masons, including Knights Templar and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Alee Temple, Savannah, Georgia. He is also a member of St. Augustine Golf Club and the Methodist Church.

Walter S. Fraser

On December 28, 1922, Walter B. Fraser married Adeline Armstrong of Albany, Georgia, (now deceased), daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ventulette) Armstrong. They have one son, John Randolph Fraser, born March 20, 1934.

ANNA HAHNE WILLIAMS LEITZEL

One of the pioneer settlers of Daytona was Louis Hahne, a shoemaker, who came there from Jacksonville by ox cart in 1880. He made shoes for the Procter and Gamble families and for many other wealthy families.

Anna Hahne Williams Leitzel, Louis Hahne's niece and adopted daughter, has memories of the early days in Daytona. She was born in Blankenburg, Germany, December 25, 1880, daughter of Karl and Augusta (Hardam) Hahne, both natives of Blankenburg, Germany, where her father was a builder. Anna was orphaned at the age of twelve years and was brought to America and to Daytona, Florida, by her Uncle Louis, who went to Germany to bring her here. He had built a home on the corner of Loomis and Ridgewood Avenue. Since he and his wife had no children, they adopted Anna.

Anna had attended school in Germany. In Daytona she first attended a school on Bay Street. Then a Mrs. Edwards, who had a private school on Ridgewood Avenue, offered to teach her English in exchange for Anna's teaching her little boy German. Maria Davidson Pope (the first white child to be born in Daytona) taught her dancing. She remembers that there was one store across from where the station is now and one on Beach Street—these were all the stores in Daytona at that time.

When Anna was fourteen or fifteen she returned to Germany with her uncle and aunt, and they stayed there two or three years. After they came back to Daytona she went to Jacksonville, where she met her first husband, Fred Williams. They were married in Jacksonville in the summer of 1898. Four children were born to Anna and Fred Williams:

1. Arthur F. Williams, born in Jacksonville. He is married and has four children. He lives in Miami.

2. Fanny Jeruse Williams, born in Fernandina, who married Horace Fretwell in Jacksonville and has two children.

3. Fred (Ted), Born in Valdosta, Georgia. He is an interior decorator in Daytona Beach. He is not married.

4. George, born in Jacksonville, now deceased.

Mrs. Williams later married Murray E. Leitzel in Daytona. He is now deceased.

ROSS A. REEDER

When Ross A. Reeder came to Miami in 1914, the city was still in its infancy. As business manager of the Miami Metropolis and one of the leading executives of its successor, the Miami Daily News, he contributed greatly to the community, both through his efforts to make his newspaper a vital force for betterment and through his individual activities in welfare work. He became one of Miami's most respected business and civic leaders.

Born in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1885, he was a son of James Pryor Reeder, who was born November 16, 1858, in Strawplains, Tennessee, and Katherine Irene Howard, who was born in Athens, Tennessee, on December 16, 1863. His father was a prosperous traveling salesman. Ross Reeder attended public schools at Knoxville, Tennessee, later specializing in finance. Before coming to Florida he was secretary-treasurer of a retail men's clothing firm in Knoxville.

He came to Miami in 1914 for his health, being a victim of hay fever. In 1915 he joined the Miami Metropolis, which was Miami's first newspaper, and was its business manager when, in 1923, it was purchased by ex-Governor James M. Cox, Sr. of Ohio and the name changed to Miami Daily News. Mr. Reeder became vice-president and general manager of the newly organized paper. In 1930, when WIOD was opened, he was made secretary-treasurer of both the News and the radio station.

His fondest memories were of the boom days of the twenties, when Miami was growing like a young giant. The News Tower was being built then and business was so good that the newspaper executives often hid from prospective advertisers rather than tell them that there was no more space available. But the "bust" was just around the corner, and Mr. Reeder also had memories of when Miami practically shut down during the summer.

He was a director of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association in the early 1920s and in 1932 was president and director of the Associated Dailies of Florida. As secretary-treasurer of the Miami Daily News, he was responsible for organizing the paper's Federal Credit Union in 1935.

The YMCA was Ross Reeder's pet project. Having been active in the Knoxville YMCA, in 1916 he helped to organize the Miami YMCA. He served the organization as treasurer, as president for seven years, as chairman of the board, and as a director for thirty-six years, and was still active in its affairs at the time of his death. In 1954 he was given a life membership in the YMCA in recognition of his devotion to the cause.

A member of the Rotary Club since 1920, he served as president in 1937-38. After his death the Rotary Club passed a Resolution which, in addition to listing his services, read as follows:

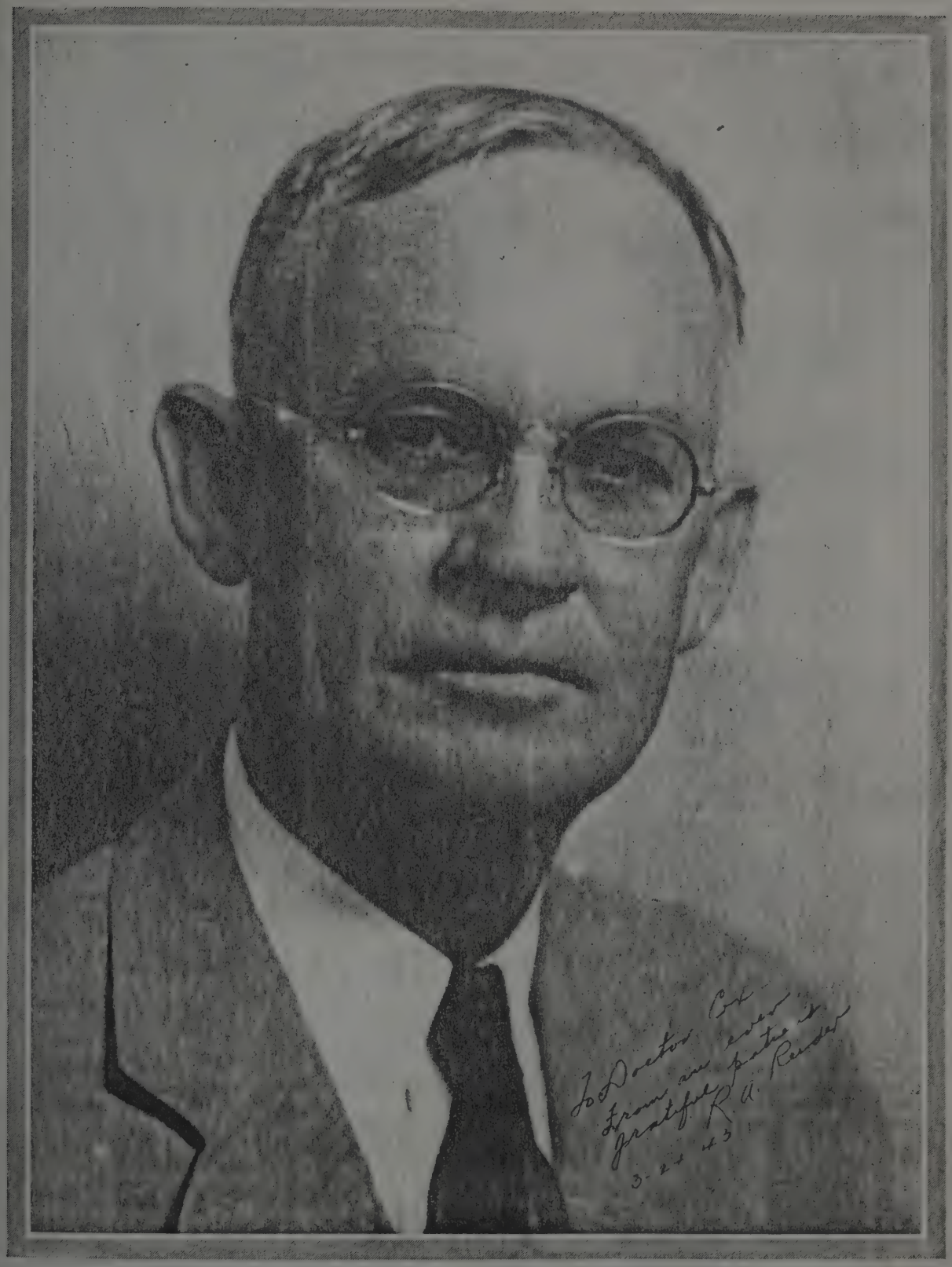
"Sunday, October 28, 1956, marked the passing from our midst of a Great and Gentle Soul—Ross A. Reeder—Able Executive, Eminent Humanitarian, Ardent Christian, Prominent Leader in Community Welfare, a Loyal Friend to Man . . .

"Ross Reeder had an abiding faith in the future of Miami, and he lived that faith by giving himself wholeheartedly to all worthy civic and welfare activities. . . . In every way he exemplified the meaning of the Rotary slogan, 'Service Above Self'.

"To know Ross Reeder was to love him. His genial personality, his keen sense of humor, his kindly concern for others, endeared him to all. We are the richer and the better for having known Ross Reeder. His spirit, still with us, will ever be a source of inspiration and increased interest in the better things of life.

"Inscribed in grateful memory of an ever-living friend."

A memorial fund in honor of Mr. Reeder was set up by the Rotary Club for the purpose of aiding the YMCA Camp, near Lake Placid. Mr. Reeder had been instrumental in getting the acreage for the camp.



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He also was an active supporter of the Miami Community Chest and the Red Cross. He was a member of Mahi Temple Shrine, the Scottish Rite bodies and the Knights Templar, and was treasurer and a member of the executive committee of the Knights' 40th triennial conclave, held in Miami in the late 1930s. A faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Miami, he was a past treasurer and deacon of that church.

In Knoxville, Tennesee, Ross A. Reeder married Mary Belle Steele, daughter of John Thomas Steele, born in Bridgewater, North Carolina, in September 1856, and Alice Cornelia Naill, who was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, April 17, 1865. Mrs. Ross Reeder is a writer of ability and has had magazine articles published under the name "Marjory Bonner."

A son, Howard Steele Reeder, born to Mr. and Mrs. Reeder in Knoxville on April 21, 1914, is a prominent customs broker in Miami. He married Mary Elizabeth Parker of Clayton, New York, and Miami. They have two sons: Howard Steele Reeder, Jr., born in 1938, and Lawrence Montague Reeder, born in 1945.

Mr. Reeder was survived also by two brothers: Clifford H., a former city commissioner and twice mayor of Miami, and James P. Reeder, Jr., an attorney.

Although he was a successful businessman, Ross Reeder is best remembered by his many friends for his gentleness of character, his unfailing courtesy, and his regard for and liking of "just plain people."

THE ESTILL SISTERS

One of three sisters who have devoted their lives to the health and humanitarian work instituted by Dr. John Harvey Kellogg of Battle Creek, Michigan, Miss Gertrude Estill was the first of the group to join Dr. Kellogg. She witnessed and took part in the tremendous growth of his ideas as he developed his sanitariums, wrote and published fifty medical and health books for both the profession and the laity, and carried on his extensive humanitarian work. For many years she kept herself informed on every subject in which the doctor was interested. She took care of most of the publishing details and started his social work along health education lines in the community. In 1930 she came with Dr. Kellogg to open up Miami Battle Creek Sanitarium and she served there in an administrative capacity for close on thirty years, retiring in 1959 when the institution became the Palm Spa.

Gertrude Estill was born at Eddington, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1887. Her parents were Joel Smedley Estill, a farmer, born at Hulmeville, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1857, and Sally Magdalene Webster of Philadelphia. The family of six children, four girls and two boys, were all born in or near Philadelphia, and their mother raised them according to the advice of Good Health Magazine, the oldest health journal in the world, of which Dr. Kellogg was editor for seventy years.

Gertrude received her grammar and high school education in Hulmeville and at the age of sixteen went to work in the Pennsylvania branch of Dr. Kellogg's Battle Creek Sanitarium in Philadelphia, to begin her training in the business and administration phase of hospital and sanitarium work. She subsequently attended Battle Creek College at Battle Creek, Michigan, majoring in Physical Education, and was graduated with a B.S. degree.

She was financial secretary to Dr. Kellogg from 1910 to 1943 and, concurrently with this duty, carried on numerous other activities. From 1918 to 1926 she was manager of the Modern Medicine Publishing Company. In 1928 she organized the Sunshine Center Community Service in Battle Creek, Michigan, and was its director until 1936. As already mentioned, she came to Miami in 1930 to assist in the opening of the Miami Battle Creek Sanitarium. She was assistant manager there until 1942, when the War Department took over the institution for use as an Air Force Command station. The staff returned to Michigan and came back to Miami in 1945 when the sanitarium reverted to private control. At that time Miss Gertrude became its general manager or administrator. She was also secretary of the Board of Trustees and Director of Physical Education at Miami Battle Creek. In 1959 her nephew, W. C. (Cliff) Herrell, then State Representative from Dade County, now Senator, took over the management, and the name was changed to Palm Spa.

The name "Battle Creek" to many people signifies a concept of good taste and good nutrition in foods made of grains and vegetables. Miami Battle Creek was a quiet, efficiently run institution where people went for rest and rehabilitation and to lose or gain weight on specifically prepared dishes that tasted as good as they looked. An implicit believer in the teachings of Dr. Kellogg, Miss Gertrude herself eats no meat.

Co-executives in her sanitarium work were her two sisters, the Misses Mabel and Angie Estill. Miss Mabel studied nursing at the Washington Sanitarium and graduated from Washington Missionary College with a B.S. degree. During Dr. Kellogg's lifetime she was, for many years, in charge of his operating room. She was Director of Nursing at Miami Battle Creek until she was injured in a fall several years ago. She is a member of nursing organizations, garden clubs, and other humanitarian groups and devotes much of her time to the Dorcas Society, a welfare organization affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Miss Mabel, who is the eldest of the sisters, made a home for her three nieces and nephews when they lost their mother, the youngest of the four Estill girls.

The third sister of the group, Miss Angie Estill, was Director of Dietetics at Miami Battle Creek and is vice president of the Board of Trustees. She majored in Dietetics and Home Economics at Battle Creek College, from which she was graduated with a B.S. degree and later received an honorary M.S. degree for special work in the field of Dietetics. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association. Miss Angie is author of "Favorite Recipes of Miami Battle Creek," published in 1958—a cookbook which contains recipes for many of the institution's meat-substitute dishes. It is believed to be the first cookbook to list the caloric value of each serving in proteins, fats and carbohydrates and also the known chief minerals and vitamins in each serving.

Miss Angie's sideline is gardening. She is a past president of Miami Springs Garden Club. Her orchids and roses are famous. She is an accredited member of Florida Council of Flower Show Judges and a life member of the National Federation of Garden Clubs;

also a member of the American Orchid Society, South Florida Orchid Society, American Rose Society, and Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Inc.

At its annual banquet in 1959 the Miami Springs Chamber of Commerce honored Miss Gertrude Estill for her numerous contributions to community betterment. She is Director of Health and Welfare for the Women's Division of the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Miami-Dade County Welfare Planning Board, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Miami Springs, past president of the Hialeah-Miami Springs Soroptimist Club, president of the Greater Miami W.C.T.U since 1950 and Legislative Director of the Florida State W.C.T.U. She organized the John Harvey Kellogg Health Club in Miami Springs, is vice president of the Miami Springs-Hialeah Golden Age Club, and a trustee of the Race Betterment Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan. She is listed in the first edition of Marquis' "Who's Who Among American Women" and in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest."

The sisters live together in Miami Springs and also maintain a home at Battle Creek, Michigan, where they usually spend the summer.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD HERRELL

The present owner-manager of Palm Spa, successor to Miami Battle Creek Sanatarium in Miami Springs, William Clifford Herrell is now serving in the Florida State Senate, having completed six years of distinguished service in the Legislature as a Representative of Dade County. Mr. Herrell is also a director of two banks, the Hialeah-Miami Springs Bank and the Airport Bank of Miami. He is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" by Marquis.

Born in Battle Creek, Michigan, June 11, 1915, he is a son of William Henry and Abbie (Estill) Herrell. His mother was born near Philadelphia; his father in Oakton, Virginia. Cliff Herrell, as he is known among his friends, received his early education in schools of Michigan and North Carolina and was graduated from Cedar Lake High School, Michigan, in 1933 as president of his class. He then attended Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, Michigan. Later he studied accounting in Chicago, hotel management at the Lewis Hotel School in Washington, D. C., and languages at the Miami School of Languages in Miami Springs. He also attended the University of Miami while working in Miami Springs.

He came to Miami in 1934 as an employee of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg's Miami Battle Creek Sanitarium. In 1942 he entered the United States Army and served in the Tank Corps of the Armored Division. He was attending Officers Candidate School at Fort Knox in 1945 when he was released from the service to rehabilitate Miami Battle Creek Sanitarium, which had been taken over by the Army in 1942.

On his return in 1945, Mr. Herrell became business manager, treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sanitarium and continued as such until 1959, when Miami Battle Creek went out of business. As owner of the estate, he became president and manager of the health resort when it re-opened under the name of Palm Spa.

Mr. Herrell's political career began in 1946, when he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Miami Springs Town Council, to which office he was elected in 1948 and re-elected a number of times thereafter. When a vacancy in the office of Mayor of Miami Springs occurred in 1950, he was appointed to fill that vacancy, and was elected in 1952 for a four-year term. To that office he brought back a lost art in municipal government—the increase of service and reduction of taxes. In 1954 he was president of the Dade County League of Municipalities and during his term this organization was first chartered. He instigated the uniform building code for Dade County, later adopted by Metro, and was a member of the Miami Metropilitan Study Board which paved the way for the present Metro government.

In November of 1954 Mr. Herrell was elected to the Florida House of Representatives from Dade County, and was re-elected in 1956 and 1958. In 1958 he was elected Chairman of the powerful and important Florida Legislative Council, comprised of eight Senators and eight members of the House, who handle interim legislative problems. He later served as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and as Chairman of the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee.

Some of his major interests during his time in the Legislature have been: Good business principles in government, with the emphasis on efficiency rather than increased taxes; improved educational facilities; public safety on the highways; and a new Constitution. He was adjudged an outstanding legislator by the Miami Herald and the Miami Daily News. On March 1, 1958, he was the recipient of the annual Good Government Award presented by the Hialeah Junior Chamber of Commerce and the same year received the Good Government Award from the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In the 1960 election he won a seat in the State Senate, in which he is now serving. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Continuing Interim Finance and Tax Committee and also as Vice Chairman of the Continuing Appropriations Committee.

On July 11, 1959, Mr. Herrell became the first white man to be initiated into the Miccosukee tribe of the Florida Seminole Indians in 160 years. The initiation took place before some 2,000 persons at the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, on the occasion of the annual installation dinner of the Hialeah-Miami Springs Chamber of Commerce. During the colorful ceremony Mr. Herrell was presented with an eagle feather by members of the Indian tribe and was given a name which means "Brave Man Under Fire", and a scroll reading, "To the big man who watches over the pointed land. We hope he will be the next governor."

Mr. Herrell is a director of the Race Betterment Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan; a member of Hialeah-Miami Springs Lions Club and the Miami Springs American Legion Post #117. He and his wife attend the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Herrell is the former Evelyn J. Harrell who was born in Ludington, Michigan, January 23, 1915. She and Mr. Herrell were college sweethearts and were married at South Bend, Indiana, on January 5, 1935. They have a son and a daughter: William C. Herrell, Jr., born in Miami Springs in 1936, and Judy Kaye, born in Miami in 1948; a granddaughter, Mary Evelyn Herrell, born in Miami on May 9, 1960, and a grandson, William C. Herrell, III, born in July, 1961.

LINNIE KINSMAN BLACK, D.O.

Retired since 1954, Dr. Linnie K. Black was a practicing osteopathic physician in Miami for thirty-one years. Her husband, the late Dr. John Russel Black, was a medical doctor as well as a doctor of osteopathy.

Born in Cumberland, Wisconsin, June 15, 1885, Linnie Kinsman Black is a daughter of Ai Nelson Kinsman and Mattie M. Foster. Her mother was born in Mendota, Illinois, October 13, 1863; her father in Wisconsin November 19, 1854. He was a florist in Austin, Minnesota, from 1892 until his death in 1942, and was the foremost grower of roses and carnations in Minnesota. For several years he grew and shipped asperagus plumosus from Miami, where he also had a nursery.

Linnie Kinsman attended grammar school and high school in Austin, Minnesota, and Winona Normal School in Winona, Minnesota, from which she was graduated in 1905. She taught school in Minnesota for one year and then entered Madison College in Madison, Tennessee. While attending college she met her future husband, John Russel Black, who was born at Washburn, Illinois, May 7, 1886. They were married at Austin, Minnesota, on January 1, 1912, the 30th anniversary of her parents' wedding, and by the same minister.

After spending nine years in a sanitarium at Madison, Tennessee, as a nurse, Mrs. Black, with her husband, attended the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri. She was graduated in 1918 and began her practice as an osteopathic physician in Maryville, Tennessee, where she remained for five years. She and her husband came to Miami in 1923 and set up their practice there together. Her husband died August 11, 1955.

Having no children of her own, Dr. Black's interests now center about the family of her late brother, Calvin D. Kinsman, who took over his father's nursery business in Miami in 1924. His son, Dr. Calvin T. Kinsman (who also is an osteopathic physician), with his wife, Betty Russel Kinsman, and their children, Linda, Shirley and Deborah, share the home of Dr. Black.

Dr. Black is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Everglades Chapter, Miami; the Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Inc.; and the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Miami. She travels abroad extensively and when at home devotes herself to her church and philanthropic work.

DR. BERTHA FOSTER

As founder of the present Miami Conservatory of Music, a founder of the University of Miami and the first dean of its School of Music, and as founder-president of the Musicians Club of America, Dr. Bertha Foster has helped to enrich the lives of thousands in Miami and elsewhere in the United States. Possessed of a warm and striking personality and a keen wit, she is admired and loved by all who know her.

A daughter of William Alvin and Annie Barker Foster, Bertha Foster was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her father was an attorney in Indiana before moving to Florida, where he was a Judge and Mayor of South Miami. In his earlier life he had studied medicine and received the M.D. degree, and during World War I he served as a psychological examiner.

Bertha Foster studied music at the Cincinnati College of Music and also was a student of William Wolstenholme in London, England. In 1905 she taught music at the Lucy Cobb Institute in Athens, Georgia, and in 1907 she was a teacher of music at the State College for Women in Tallahassee, Florida. In 1909 she founded the School of Musical Art in Jacksonville, Florida, and was a director of the school. During World War I she served in France on an entertainment unit of the YMCA.

Coming to Miami in 1921, she founded the Miami Conservatory of Music that year. She was one of the original signers of the University of Miami charter in 1925. In 1926 she became Dean of the School of Music at that university and continued as such until 1943, when she became Dean Emeritus. In 1951 she was awarded the degree of Doctor of Music by the University of Miami.

From 1921 to 1943 Dr. Foster was organist and choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Miami and from 1943 to 1955 served in the same capacity at All Souls Episcopal Church, Miami Beach.

It was in 1939 that she founded the Musicians Club of America, located in Coral Gables, as a national home for retired musicians. Before she herself retires she hopes to see the home sufficiently well endowed to carry on its work for the years to come. This dream was partly realized in 1959, when the mortgages on the club-home and its other properties were burned.

In May of 1959 the mayors of Miami, Coral Gables and Miami Beach joined in proclaiming National Music Week as "Dr. Bertha Foster Music Week." During this week-long observance Dr. Foster received thousands of testimonial letters in recognition of her splendid contributions in the field of music and for her humanitarianism in founding the home for retired musicians. She was named the "Outstanding Woman of the Year" by the Women's Division of the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce. More than a dozen concerts, recitals and other events were held in her honor by different groups or organizations. The University of Miami sponsored a half-hour telecast over WTVJ and a radio program over Station WGBS as a tribute to Dr. Foster. At a testimonial supper at the Everglades Hotel on May 10th, the following tribute was paid her:

"Tonight we are paying homage to Dr. Bertha Foster for thirty years of distinguished service to the musical and cultural development of this community. Her achievements over this period have been many and of far-reaching significance . . . To those who know and love her, it is characteristic of Dr. Foster that she should think first of others, and it is for this endearing trait that we salute her tonight—a great lady."

At this supper a fund of $7,000 was raised for the benefit of the Musicians Club of America.

Dr. Foster is a member and former president of the Florida State Federation of Music Clubs; former president of the Florida State Music Teachers' Association; an honorary member of the Miami Music Club, the Coral Gables Music Club, the Jacksonville Musicale, and the honorary music sorority, Sigma Alpha Iota; also a member of Chi Omega college sorority. She is listed in Marquis' "Who's Who in the South" and Who's Who Among Women of the Southeast."

LANDELLE TRIVETTE

Among the most remarkable artists, and women, of our time—remarkable in more than one way—is Landelle Trivette, nationally known harpsichordist, who owns one of the rarest harpsichords in existence, an authentic Pleyel, over 200 years old, sister to the harpsichord that once belonged to George Washington, which is now in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C. Mme. Trivette also plays the piano, the organ, the lute and three old violas which she has in her possession. As a musician she composes, teaches, coaches, lectures, gives costume recitals and plays in Bach recitals.

Her talents are not limited to music. She has been a wood carver since she was nine yers old, having learned this art from her mother, and has done some sculpture also. She makes the tiny tools used in repairing the harpsichord, and the leather picks which are used to pluck the strings. She has written many beautiful lyric poems. After her husband died she wrote, "Music Holds Thee in My Heart." When commissioned by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to write a patriotic composition, she composed the "A. B. Victory March", which was considered the best patriotic march published during World War II. She was poet laureate of the Bartholomew School. Some of the cantatas which she composed have been published under these titles: "Jeptha's Daughter", "The New Year", "David's Harp" and "Easter".

Always athletic, she used to play tennis and do fancy figure skating, and still loves to swim. She is an early riser and either takes a swim at sunrise or goes for a five mile ride on her bicycle, accompanied by her Weimarner dog. She is solid and strong with supple fingers and the weight and measurements of a Miss America. And she is eighty-two!

Landelle Trivette (her maiden and professional name) was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 12, 1879. Her father, Rev. Robert Curtis Trivette, was a descendant of nobles in France and of scientists and philosophers of ancient Greece. He was born in 1858. Her mother, Mary Landell Trivette, born in 1860, was a descendant of Sir David Thompson, explorer of Canada and northwestern United States. He was knighted by Queen Victoria for his discovery of the mineral wealth in Canada. Mary Landelle Trivette was a highly talented woman who won national recognition for her murals and her wood carvings at the Chicago World's Fair and the Atlanta Exposition. Mme. Trivette is also a direct descendant of Elder Brewster, preacher of the Mayflower.

In Cincinnati Miss Trivette was graduated from the strict Bartholomew Episcopal School which was founded by President Taft's family and attended by three generations of Tafts. Her musical education was obtained at the College of Music at Cincinnati, where she was a scholarship honor student.

At the Church of the Good Shepard, Norwood, Ohio, (a church founded by her mother, who gave years of work to carve the altar, other chancel furniture and beams of the church) in October, 1901, Landelle Trivette married Julius Leonard Parke, who was born at New Harmony, Indiana, November 10, 1875. He was a direct descendant of Robert Owen, philanthropist of New Harmony fame, and son of Charles A. and Nina Owen Parke, both natives of Indiana. His father, a graduate of Yale and Heidelberg universities, was a bank president. Julius L. Parke had degrees from Yale, Columbia, and one year at Massachusetts Institute of Technoloy. He was a professor of Architecture at the University of Michigan and designed many Carnegie libraries throughout the country. At the University of Michigan he was also professor of ćello.

Three children were born of this marriage: Robert Mabie Parke, born at Louisville, Kentucky, July 29, 1902; Lorraine Trivette Parke, born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 20, 1907; and Julius Leonard Parke, born at Detroit, Michigan, July 24, 1909, after his father's death.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Parke went to Detroit to settle there and rear her children, supporting them and herself by her musical profession. She was one of the founders of the Detroit Institute of Musical Art and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Since that time she has given performances in all the leading colleges and institutes of this country. She played as many as seven return engagements in one city and was kept busy traveling all over the United States and Canada. Starting when he was five years old, her son Leonard traveled with his mother, giving violin concerts, and was hailed as a child wonder by the music masters. He afterwards played cello and viola da gamba in concerts with his mother.

The name Pleyel is to the harpsichord what Stradivarius is to the violin. Pleyel was the greatest of harpsichord makers and made all the instruments used in the royal courts of Europe. Mme. Trivette's instrument was used in the Court of Louis XV. Of rosewood inlaid with sandalwood, it is eight feet in length and weighs 1,000 pounds. It has two manuals and six pedals, which give great variety of dynamics and timbre and a volume sufficient to fill a large auditorium.

Mme. Trivette is a graceful and expert performer upon this unusual and intricate instrument. When she played it at the National Music Teachers Association Convention in Washington, D. C., at the Washington's Birthday Bicentennial in 1932, Deems Taylor, noted critic and composer, described her concert as transcending anything he had ever heard. Quaint and lovely are the melodies drawn from this instrument when she begins to play, and it needs no fertile imagination to be swung back to the days when the arts walked hand in hand with nobility. Music of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries comes to life, subtly aided by the authentic period costumes which Mme. Trivette wears for her concerts. Heirloom lace and jewels, handed down to her through her family, are used in these costumes. One piece of lace once belonged to Martha Washington.

In Florida Mme. Trivette has held concerts at Rollins College, Stetson University and Barry College, as well as a benefit concert in Miami for the Musicians Club of America. With the Philharmonic Orchestra in Miami she played the Bach Brandenburg Concerto—probably the first time in this country that it was played as it was written, using harpsichord and trumpet instead of piano and tenor saxophone.

On being asked if she ever had gone on a European tour, Mme. Trivette sobered, then replied, "How many times I prepared for a European concert tour! But it was either a birth or a death that postponed it—and finally a devasting automobile accident that

nearly demolished me. I knew then that I was not to go—ever." Following the accident, her doctor ordered her to Florida. She has had more than an average share of sorrow in her life. There was the early death of her husband, before the birth of her last child. Then her daughter, an outstanding harpist at fourteen, lost her life by influenza at twenty-one. Her son Leonard, who was being trained as a Commando in the United States Army in World War II, died of a back injury July 24, 1946. Out of these sorrows came her lovely song, "Music Holds Thee in My Heart."

"No love e'er taught my heart to know
Those heavenly flights when spirit wings
Until the magic of thy bow
Made melodies on mystic strings.
Viol and harpsichord entwine—
The lead is thine and then 'tis mine;
Thou leadest now from worlds afar;
Alone I play, and watch thy star.
And though I wait a thousand years
To journey on, from thee apart,
Sweet hope a rainbow makes of tears
And music holds thee in my heart."

Mme. Trivette's oldest son, Robert M. Parke, is an M.A. graduate of the University of Michigan and an authority on molybdenum and tungsten. He joined the General Electric Research Laboratory in 1952, and now serves as manager of the Materials Application and Evaluation Section. He is a widely known authority on refractory metals, transformations in steel and metal processing, and has served as a civilian advisor to the Army, Navy, and Office of Scientific Research and Development. For his helpful contribution in metallurgical research he was decorated by Secretary Forrestal and General Patton.

In an old Spanish home furnished with antiques and works of art, Mme. Trivette now resides, exercising the artistic pursuits that make up her life. In addition to carrying out local programs, she goes north every August and Christmas to play concerts. She has a rare collection of old music, including original manuscripts, published and unpublished. She is listed in Sigmund Spaeth's "Music and Dance in the Southeastern States", for which she has contributed an article on "A Rare Instrument."

CHARLES WARREN MURRAY

A noteworthy benefactor of the City of Miami in its formative years was Charles Warren Murray, who served as City Engineer form 1916 to 1921, and as Director of Public Service and Public Welfare from 1921 to 1923.

Son of Amos Washington Murray and Emma (Anderson) Murray, he was born at Fort Valley, Georgia, September 27, 1869. After his preliminary education in the public schools of Georgia, he continued study along academic lines at Mercer University; then transferred to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, where he completed the Civil Engineering course in three years and was graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering in the class of 1890.

He commenced work that same year as assistant engineer for the Ohio and West Virginia Extension, Norfolk and Western Railway, and held that position until 1892. During that time he had many experiences in the mountains of West Virginia, at one time risking his life to go to the aid of a man wounded in a fight between the Hatfields and the McCoys, whose feud extended over a period of many years.

Next came eight years of general engineering work, and in 1900, Mr. Murray accepted the position of division engineer for the Atlanta and Birmingham Railway, with offices in Montgomery, Alabama. Three years later he became City Engineer of Americus, Georgia, where he lived for four years, until he became a construction engineer in charge of waterworks and sewers, having contracts in many towns in South Georgia and Florence, South Carolina, working for several years with the J. B. McCrary Company of Atlanta.

In May of 1915, Mr. Murray moved his family to Miami, where he had come in 1914, to work with J. J. Quinn Construction Company. In 1916, he was appointed City Engineer for the City of Miami and held that position five years, after which he became Director of Public Service and Public Welfare for two years.

During these years, from 1916 through 1923, the City of Miami executed an extensive program of public improvements, including about eighty miles of sewers, as much paving, and the extension of the city docks. The present harbor line, giving the city sufficient space for beautiful Bayfront Park, was established according to plans made by Mr. Murray, who appeared before the United States Government Engineers to secure approval for the extension fill. During the 1926 hurricane, Bayfront Park acted as a wonderful buffer for downtown Miami, catching hundreds of boats which otherwise would have crashed into the hotels and other buildings along Bayfront Boulevard.

Mr. Murray's thorough knowledge of his profession and his careful attention to details won him recognition as an authority on engineering problems. Because of the perfect records he kept in the Engineering Department, the Department of Finance was able to collect millions of dollars for the City of Miami for sidewalks, sewers and other improvements, which would otherwise have been lost. He also built the municipal electric plant at Homestead, Florida, and did engineering work in Fort Pierce and Indrio.

His love for his adopted state and city led Mr. Murray to buy several park sites for the growing city, whose phenomenal future expansion he foresaw. He urged the widening of Flagler Street and the arcading of the entire business district from the railroad tracks to the bay, but property owners could not be persuaded to give up the ten or more feet on each side of the street.

Interested in keeping abreast with scientific progress, Mr. Murray was a member of the American Society of Engineers and the Florida Society of Engineers, the American Association for Municipal Improvements and the American Association of Port Authorities. He also was a member of the Miami Rotary Club, Miami Anglers, the Vanderbilt Alumni Association and Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

In 1897 in Cordele, Georgia, Charles Warren Murray married Mis Clara Irene Davis of that city, daughter of Mr. James Monroe Davis and Josephine Shipp Davis. Mrs. Murray and one daughter, Miss Mary Ruth Murray, live at 1326 Southwest First Street, Miami, in the home Mr. Murray built in 1919. The elder daughter, Emily, married Herbert O. Vance in 1925, and lives in Coral Gables.

Mr. Murray suffered a heart attack in 1926. Although

Charles Warren Murray

he was a partial invalid after that, he continued with his work for the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratories until his death in 1931. Mr. Murray was a great humanitarian and he helped many persons of all ages in various ways throughout his busy and unselfish life.

CHARLES E. BUKER

Charles E. Buker, president of The Hialeah-Miami Springs Bank, started his banking career in 1921 as a $40-a-month "runner" for an Atlanta bank. Today he heads the oldest state bank in Greater Miami—one which continually keeps pace with the busy area it serves. Located in the center of one of America's fastest-growing areas, the bank, oldest state institution and second oldest bank in Miami, has over 30,000 depositors, resources of $40,000,000 and a staff of 200.

The new banking house is a far cry from the small stucco building in which it started in 1925. Since then, it weathered the hurricane of 1926, collapse of the Florida boom, the bank holiday and depression, and twenty sleepy years in which the cities the bank serves had populations ranging from 700 to 4,500 persons. But in 1947 this sleepy life changed. One of the most fantastic building programs ever seen in Florida started in the Hialeah-Airport area. New homes started to spring up, Miami International Airport began to grow, and industry began flocking to the Hialeah area.

Out from Miami's First National Bank came Charles E. Buker, Miami resident since 1910, to assume control. He assembled an executive team which successfully handled the problems arising from the area's growth and still managed to retain the Hialeah-Miami Springs Bank's air of friendship.

Buker, whose family brought him here from Hempstead, New York, began his business career as a newsboy, delivering papers to early-day Miami residents. Educated in Miami schools, Georgia Tech, and the American Institute of Banking, he returned here in 1923 to accept a position with the Bank of Bay Biscayne.

He then went to the First National Bank, progressing from assistant cashier to become a director of the bank. It was here he hired the first women bank officers in the Greater Miami area, a policy he took with him to the Hialeah bank, which has eight woman officers.

At the Hialeah-Miami Springs Bank, Buker looked ahead. The bank's new building, opened in 1950, was designed for future years. Almost every year a new department or enlargement has been carried out in accordance with the long-range plan. Latest is the opening of an enlarged credit department on the second floor—written in the bank's plans over ten years ago.

Even the growth of the surrounding area was taken into consideration. Walk-up and drive-in windows line both sides and the rear of the building, accounting for over 40% of the bank's volume.

The consumer service department not only has an active loan division, but offers all commercial services. Over 18,000 personal checking accounts are serviced by the bank, which operates both a day and night shift to handle the new electronic accounting department.

An active executive training program is one of Buker's pet projects, with junior officers being sent to American Institute of Banking training schools each summer.

Three years ago, Charles E. Buker and a group of associates entered on another project. His group was selected to operate the Airport Bank of Miami—first independent bank at a United States airport. Drawing on the years of experience of the group, The Airport Bank of Miami, of which Mr. Buker is president, paid a dividend during its first year of operation.

Mr. Buker is married to the former Nell Hamlett of Atlanta. A son, Charles E. Buker, Jr., is a Miami attorney, and his daughter, Archlynn, is married to William A. Clot, president of the Peninsular Armature Works.

EMILY MURRAY VANCE

One of the few women who have had the honor of being chosen Florida's "Mother of the Year," Mrs. Herbert O. Vance of Coral Gables was the unanimous choice of the five-member state committee that selected her. A citation from the American Mothers Committee, which names the American Mother of the Year from among the state winners, was presented to Mrs. Vance by Governor LeRoy Collins on April 25, 1958.

State and National Mothers of the Year are chosen each year as symbols of ideal motherhood "to emphasize the importance of the role of mother in the home, the community, the nation and the world." To be chosen for this honor a mother must meet the following qualifications: She must be a successful mother, as evidenced by the character and achievements of her children. She must be an active member of a religious body. She must possess the traits of courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, kindnes, understanding, and must have homemaking ability. She must exemplify in her life and conduct the precepts of the Golden Rule. And she must have a sense of responsibility in civic affairs and be active in service for the public benefit.

That Mrs. Vance amply fulfills all of these qualifications is attested to by the enthusiastic testimony of her many friends who warmly congratulated her on receiving this honor.

Emily Murray was born in Cordele, Georgia, Fabuary 27, 1900, daughter of Charles Warren and Irene (Davis) Murray. Her father, who died in 1931, was born in Fort Valley, Georgia, September 27, 1867. His sketch precedes. Emily's mother was born at Cottage Mills, Georgia, November 23, 1874, and is still living, now residing in Miami.

Her family having moved to Miami in 1915, Emily completed her high school education at Miami High School in 1916, took a business course the following summer, and studied later two summers at Columbia University, New York City.

She did secretarial work for several years; then joined the staff of the Miami Metropolis, now the Miami News, working first as a society writer, then as a special feature writer. She was put in charge of WQAM's radio program and news, becoming the first program director of Miami's first radio station. Later she was society editor for the Miami Tribune and in 1924 she joined Steve Hannigan in starting the Miami Beach News Bureau, at the invitation of Mr. C. W. Chase who was associated with Carl Graham Fisher.

In 1928 Mrs. Vance joined the Everglades Chapter of the D.A.R. and served as their yearbook editor, historian, secretary and publicity chairman. She is a past Regent of the Coral Gables Chapter of the D.A.R.

She was organizing president of the Miami-Yulee Chapter of the U.D.C. in 1947, and served as Florida Division Secretary, also as First Vice-President and President of the Florida Division.

Emily M. Vance

From 1940 to 1946 she served as Public Information Chairman for the Dade County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and for more than ten years was on the Red Cross Board. She is a past president of the Florida Division. She has also served as a Gray Lady in the Army and Air Force hospitals.

Moving to Coral Gables in 1942, she became active in the Coral Gables Woman's Club, Garden Club, League of Women Voters, and Association for the United Nations.

Active also in PTA work, she was president of the Ponce de Leon High School PTA in 1948 and helped to raise $4,000 for band uniforms. She also served as president of Riverside PTA.

In 1952 she was made president of the Royal Poinciana Festival, serving until 1958. She served as chairman of the first Dade County Committee for Educational Television. As president of Sigma Kappa Sorority Alumnae, she headed a corporation to raise $25,000 for a chapter suite at the University of Miami.

She is a board member of the University of Miami Symphony Club; a charter member and director of the Historical Association of Southern Florida; a charter member of Chapter E, Florida P.E.O. Sisterhood; a Penwoman; a member of the Miami Panhellenic Association; and is active in St. Hilda's Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

On September 9, 1925, Emily Murray married Herbert O. Vance, whose sketch follows. Mr. and Mrs. Vance are the parents of three daughters: Emily Jo (Jo), Mary Herbert, and Eveline (Eve). All attended Miami schools and taught swimming at summer camps during their vacations. Jo, now Mrs. A. H. Massey, Jr., of Orange, Connecticut, earned a Master's degree in Bacteriology at the University of Tennessee. Mary Herbert, now Mrs. C. R. Powell, former bacteriologist at the Marine Laboratory of the University of Miami, received her B.S. degree from the University of Miami, her M.S. from the University of Texas, and is now getting her Ph.D. in Marine Microbiology at the University of Texas. Eve majored in Political Science at Duke University and taught in elementary school until her daughter, Terry Lynn, was born in 1957. She is the wife of Dr. B. Joe Wilder, former resident surgeon at the Veterans Hospital in Coral Gables, now practicing in Fernandiana Beach, Florida.

The large colonial home of the Vances on Santa Maria Street, Coral Gables, was always filled with young people when the girls were growing up. There Emily Murray Vance, Florida's vivacious and energetic Mother of the Year for 1958, is always the gracious hostess, lending her home for social events to the many groups with which she is affiliated.

HERBERT OSCAR VANCE

The late Herbert Oscar Vance of Coral Gables, who for many years was president of R. R. Kerr Company, one of the largest tomato growers in southeast Florida, was born in North Braddock, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1896, son of William John and Mary (Meyers) Vance.

His father was born in Upland, Pennsylvania, near Chester, March 1, 1854. He was a graduate of Sharon Academy, Sharon, Wisconsin, and first taught in a country school. Later, he was a steel mill worker, plate glass manufacturer, banker and lumberman. He took part in the supervision of the Braddock (Pennsylvania) Library, Carnegie's first; hired the first librarian and helped select the first books. He also was active in city politics. In 1910, he moved with his family to Valley Park, Missouri, where he was secretary and general manager of the Monongahela Light and Power Company, also secretary and treasurer of St. Louis Plate Glass Company. He died at Valley Park, Missouri. On December 23, 1880, he married Mary Meyers, who was born in Brinton, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1860.

Herbert O. Vance graduated from Kirkwood High School in Kirkwood, Md., and had two years at the University of Missouri. Enlisting in the United States Army at the University of Missouri, where a company was made up of the ROTC, he served two years overseas in World War I. He was a corporal in Battery F, 128th Field Artillery, 35th Division.

Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Vance spent a year in the oil fields in Texas, 1920-21. He had made his first visit to Miami in 1917 and returned in 1921, becoming associated with his brother-in-law, Guy Stoms, in the J. A. MacDonald Lumber Company and the Magic City Lumber Company, of which he was manager. He later entered the citrus and tomato growing business. For ten years preceding his death (April 25, 1960) he was associated with Tide Tomato Growers, Inc., with offices in Perrine and Fort Pierce. He also was secretary and treasurer of the Ideal Holding Company in Perrine and Fort Pierce.

Mr. Vance was a member of Harvey Seeds Post of the American Legion, a Mason and Shriner of Mahi Temple, a member of the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables, and the Presbyterian Church. He was married at Coconut Grove September 9, 1925, to Emily Josephine Murray, formerly of Cordele, Georgia, daughter of Charles Warren and Irene (Davis) Murray, both natives of Georgia. (Mrs. Vance's biography appears herewith.)

The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Vance are:

1. Emily Jo, Mrs. A. H. Massey, Jr., of Orange, Connecticut, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, who also has a Master's degree in Bacteriology.

2. Mary H., Mrs. Charley R. Powell, who has a Master's degree in Bacteriology and is now working for her Ph.D. at the University of Texas, Austin.

3. Eve, Mrs. B. Joe Wilder of Fernandina Beach. She is a graduate of Duke University.

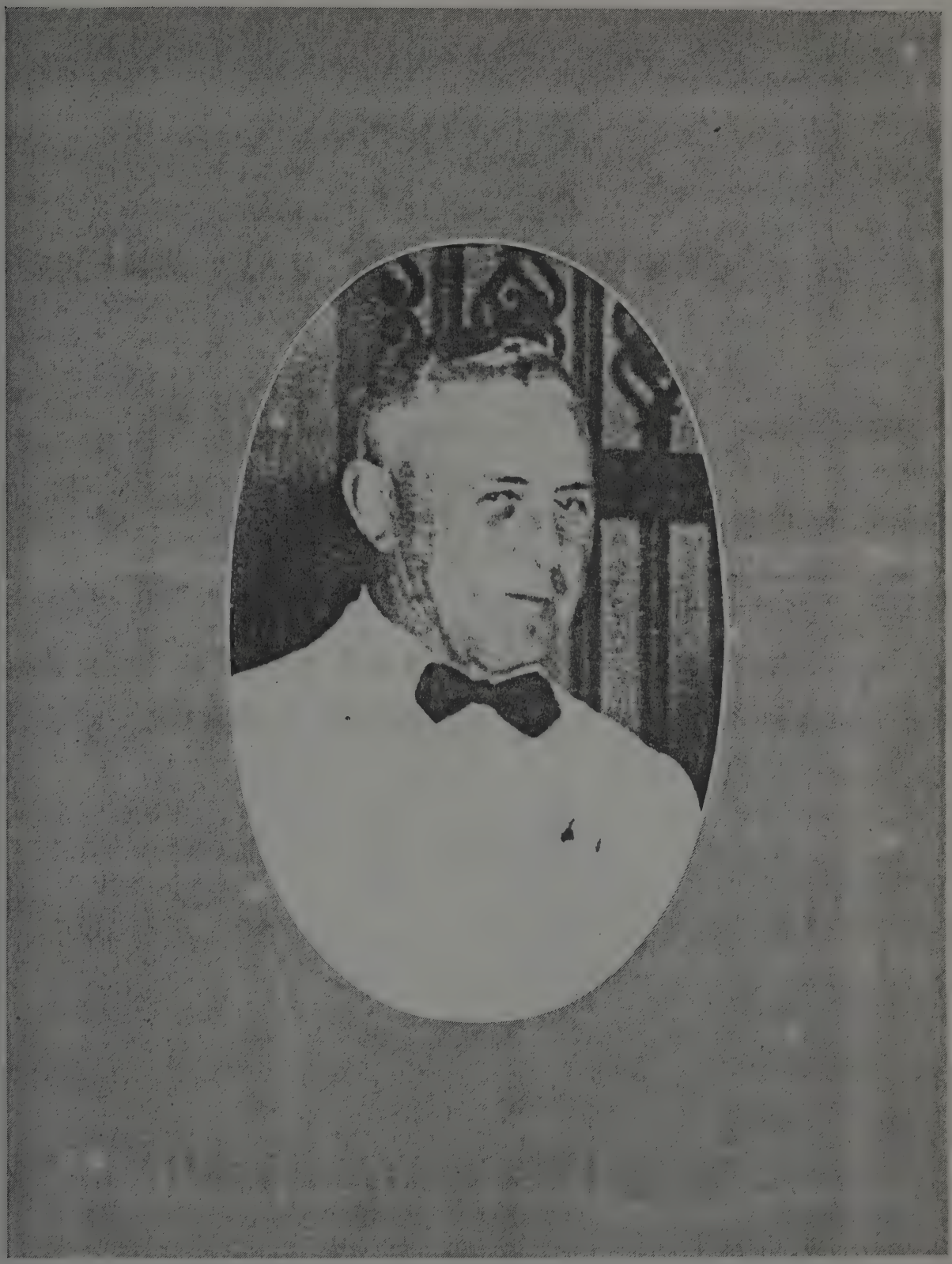
There are two grandchildren: Terry Lynn Wilder and Karen Sue Wilder.

RUSSELL ARTHUR SAYRE

Owner of two drug stores in Greater Miami, Russell Arthur Sayre has been a pharmacist in that city since 1935, having previously practiced his profession in Indianapolis.

He was born April 3, 1900, in Chrisman, Illinois, where both his parents were born also. His mother, Daisy Brothers Sayre, was born on November 4, 1876, and died in 1909. His father, William Stephenson Sayre, was born March 15, 1876, and is now living at his Florida home in Biscayne Gardens, Miami. He was a farmer, cabinet maker and retail hardware dealer.

Russell attended elementary school at Chrisman, Illionis, but was graduated from the eighth grade at Summerlin Institute in Bartow, Florida. He finished high school at Chrisman, Illinois, and then studied at the Indianapolis School of Pharmacy, now Butler University in Indianapolis, from which he was graduated in June 1926.



H. V. Vance

DECEASED 1960

After practicing as a pharmacist in Indianapolis for eleven years, Mr. Sayre with his wife and daughter moved to Florida and from September to June lived in Coral Gables. They then moved to Miami Shores, where they still live, and on December 18, 1935, Mr. Sayre bought the Miami Shores Drug Store. In 1951 he established Sayre's Pharmacy in Miami Springs.

He is a member of the Florida State Pharamaceutical Association, the Miami Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge and Baptist Church, and is a Mason of the Scottish Rite and Shrine.

In the Episcopal Church at Indianapolis on September 15, 1926, Mr. Sayre married Clara Taflinger, who was born at Paris, Illinois, November 16, 1901. They were high school sweethearts, although the schools they attended were thirteen miles apart. Clara's father, Jacob Harrison Taflinger, was born in Westfield, Illinois, February 11, 1861, and died May 4, 1933. Her mother, who was Indiana Isabel Johnson, was born in Vevay, Indiana, August 13, 1864, and died January 11, 1948.

The Sayres have one daughter, Sandra Lee, born August 13, 1929, in Indianapolis. She attended Bryan Elementary School in Miami Shores, Bryan Junior High School in North Miami, Edison High School in Miami and Stetson University, DeLand, for two years. In 1949, on her parents' wedding anniversary, she married Jackson L. Williams, son of Stephen and Edna Williams of Kissimmee. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and after marriage attended the University of Georgia at Athens, where he earned a veterinarian's degree, V.M.D. Sandra Lee with her husband and five children are now living on a 440-acre ranch near Ocala, Florida. The children are:

1. Franklyn Stephen, born October 15, 1951;
2. Russell Lee, born February 6, 1953;
3. Jackson Mark, born September 10, 1954;
4. Roscoe Henry, born May 29, 1958;
5. Donalyn, born November 17, 1959;

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre are members of the Beach Colony Club of Miami Beach and the Miami Shores Country Club.

VIOLET STEPHENS BARKER

A Miami pioneer and fourth generation native Floridian, Violet Stephens Barker, former newspaper woman, is well known in literary and artistic circles in Miami, where she has been a member of the Miami branch of the National League of American Pen Women since 1921. She is also prominent in Woman's Club work, having been a member of the Miami Woman's Club since 1923, and in the work of the American Legion Auxiliary as a charter member of the Miami Unit. She is the editor of two magazines, the Greater Miami Clubwoman and the Dade County Veteran, and a writer for the Florida Police Chief magazine.

Violet Stephens was born May 14, 1894, in Key West, Florida, where her mother, Marie Josephine Malone, was born April 18, 1875. The mother, who died in Miami December 17, 1954, was the eldest of ten children of a prominent Florida family. Her brother, William H. Malone, was a member of the Florida Legislature and later the Senate for sixteen years, and was a defeated candidate for the United States Congress. Violet's father, Robert Lee Stephens, was born in Leaksville, North Carolina, March 22, 1870, and died in Miami March 27, 1960. He was a painting contractor and a magazine distributor; a member of the Board of Trustees of Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami; a Knight of Pythias; and a charter member of Harvey W. Seeds Post #29 of the American Legion, Miami, in which he served on numerous committees and was historian of the Post for several years.

In 1904 the Stephens family moved to Miami from West Palm Beach, where they lived for two years. Violet Stephens was graduated from Miami Senior High School and attended Florida State College at Tallahassee and the University of Florida at Gainesville. She also studied Elocution, Voice and Piano at the Miami Conservatory of Music. For a time she was a member of the faculty of the Southside School and the Northside School, Miami, and did private tutoring.

Her career as a writer began in 1919 when she became Society Editor of the Miami Metropolis. When the Metropolis became the Miami Daily News in 1923, she continued with that newspaper for another two years as Editor of tthe Woman's Department. There was a period after this during which she did Public Relations work for the Miami Community Chest, writing "human interest" stories, and for the Miami Biltmore Hotel. Meanwhile she was writing poetry, and occasionally sold some.

The National League of American Pen Women is an organization of professional women in the fields of art, writing, and music. Violet Stephens joined this organization when she was Society Editor of the Miami Metropolis and has served as chairman of Programs, Publicity and Hospitality. She wrote a one-act drama that was presented in a local radio station and won first award prizes for poetry, drama, short stories and ceramics. She held the office of treasurer for seven years (1940-47) and was president for three years (1947-50). She was Convention Chairman for the League's Biennial Congress held in Miami and Miami Beach in May 1957, served as a director for several years, and is now (1960-61) Publicity Chairman. Possessing artistic as well as literary talent, she created decorations for numerous celebrity breakfasts and entertained Pen Women in her home at Coffees, Teas, and workshop meetings.

Much of her literary and artistic work has been done under the auspices or through the medium of the Miami Woman's Club. During her early years in this organization she was active in Publicity and Program Committee work. In 1948-49 she won the Vivian Laramore Rader Poetry Award. She was chairman of the Poetry Division of the Woman's Club in 1949-50 and from 1957 to 1959, vice chairman in 1953-54, and is still a member of that division. She was chairman of the Fine Arts Department in 1950-51 and again in 1951-52, and wrote and presented programs in art, poetry, literature and drama during that time. She has also served as chairman of the Literature Division, chairman of the Press Book, a member of the Public Speaking, Drama, and Ballet Divisions, of the Finance and Special Events Committees, in the orientation of new members, as hostess at breakfasts for Artists and Writers, created the decorations ("On Miami Shores") for a birthday

dinner, and wrote a skit depicting the organization and early years of the club, which is the outgrowth of the pioneer group which called itself the Married Ladies Club. In the Drama Division she authored and produced several plays, the most prominent of which were: "With a Gavel in Her Hand" (1953), and "No Harm Trying" (1959).

Mrs. Barker has also been a member of the British-American Poetry Society for about fifteen years and has won several prizes for poetry in this group, which meets in the home of members, usually Mrs. Cleland Davis in Coral Gables. She also values her membership in the Laramore-Rader Poetry Group, composed of graduates of Florida's Poet Laureate, Vivian Laramore Rader.

The American Legion Auxilliary being composed of wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of members of the American Legion, Mrs. Barker is eligible for membership on three counts. First, through her father, whose connection with the Legion has already been mentioned. Secondly, through her husband, Edwin James Barker, who also served in World War I and is a member of Post #29. He was a member of the First Marine Aviation Force, took boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina, later trained at Pensacola and Miami, and served in France and Belgium as gunnery sergeant until after the Armistice in 1918. Two squadrons of this Marine outfit were sent to Port au Prince, Haiti, soon after the Armistice and established an aviation base there, where they were stationed for one year. Mr. Barker was chaplain of the Miami Post and served on several committees. He is a member of the Forty-and-Eight, as was Mr. Stephens also. Finally, Mrs. Barker has a son in the Legion through his service in the Korean War—Jack Kimball Barker, who served as Publicity Director for the 1960 National Convention of the American Legion at Miami Beach. He, too, is a member of the Harvey W. Seeds Post of Miami.

Having joined the American Legion Auxiliary of Post #29, Miami, as charter member, Mrs. Barker has held the offices of historian, first vice president, and president (1928), and has served as a member and chairman of numerous committees. At the Department of Florida Convention of the Auxiliary at Jacksonville in 1929, she was elected president of the Tenth District (formerly the Fifth District), covering Key West, to Cocoa. During that year she organized five units— Key West, Miami Beach, North Miami, Belle Glade and Pahokee—and presided at four district conferences. She has served as State Committee Chairman of Publicity, Child Welfare and Radio, and has held the state offices of vice president, chaplain, secretary and treasurer. She was a delegate from Miami Unit #29 to the State Conventions at Jacksonville, Miami Beach, West Palm Beach, Tampa and Sarasota; State Conferences at Miami, Hollywood, Ocala, Orlando, and St. Petersburg; and a delegate to the National Conventions at St. Paul, Coral Gables, St. Louis, Cleveland and New York.

The Auxiliary's Eight-and-Forty Society is an organization composed of women who have done outstanding work in the Legion Auxiliary and are honored with an invitation to join. Dade County Salon des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes was organized in January 1926 in the home of Mrs. Barker in Miami, who naturally was a charter member and has held the offices of Demi Chapeau Premier (first vice president) and Chapeau (president) in the local group, and that of Demi Chapeau Premier in the Eight-and-Forty Salon, Departmental du Floride. (The use of French terms in the organization's name and offices, patterned after the Forty-and-Eight, stems from French associations of World War I.) Mrs. Barker was a delegate to the same conventions of the Eight-and-Forty as those of the American Legion Auxiliary. For many years the sole activity of the Eight-and-Forty was Crippled Children's work, but for the last few years it has been Tubercular Prevention in children.

In August 1929 Mrs. Barker organized in her home in Miami the Dade County Past Presidents Parley of the American Legion Auxiliary, and served as its president in 1937-39. Its members are Dade County women who have served the American Legion Auxiliary as president of any local, district, state or national unit.

Since her childhood Violet Stephens Barker has been an active member of the Central Baptist Church of Miami, which prior to 1931 was known as the First Baptist Church. She has been a substitute Sunday School teacher, an active member of the Esther class, which she served as secretary, vice president and president, and was formerly a member of the choir. She has written skits on religious themes and directed programs numerous times during the years; also has written historical sketches of the church, edited a weekly publication, directed publicity for the church for several years and directed publicity for two conventions. She has served as Program Chairman and Circle Chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union off and on for many years, and as Banquet, Program and Decoration Chairman numerous times. Her parents also were members of this church, and so are her husband and her two sons.

To be a member of Miami Pioneers, one must have come to Miami no later than 1905. Mrs. Barker has served this organization as Program Chairman. It has its own home, located on the Miami River.

She was a member of the Shenandoah Garden Club for many years and helped organize this club, which she served as Publicity Chairman and Program Chairman, Historian and Vice President. She took several courses in flower arrangement and won some prizes.

Mrs. Barker served as vice president of the John Harvey Kellogg Health Club in 1956-59 and as president in 1959-61.

Back in the 1920s and 30s Mrs. Barker was an active member of the Fort Dallas Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. While her sons were students in the local schools, she was active in the PTA of both the Shenandoah Elementary School and Miami Senior High School, both of which she has served as president. Through the years she has been active in women's Democratic organizations and has served in Public Relations and as hostess at the campaign headquarters.

Violet Stephens was married at the First Baptist Church in Miami on April 19, 1922, to Edwin James Barker,who was born February 10, 1893, in Janesville, Wisconsin, son of Edwin Herbert and Nellie (Loudon) Barker, both natives of Janesville, Wisconsin, where his father was born in January 1864 and his mother in June 1869. He was a student of Janesville High School and the University of Wisconsin in Madison. World War I interrupted his automobile business in

Detroit and, following his return to the United States after his military service, he settled in Miami and established a business in automotive sales and service. He joined James Carnell Masonic Lodge and was baptized and married in the church where he met his bride. He later was associated in sales promotion of Miami Parts and Springs Company, from which he retired in 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker, who still live in the home they built in 1925 at 1852 S.W. Tenth Street in the Shenandoah section of Miami, are the parents of two sons. Edwin Stephen Barker, born in Miami December 6, 1925, was graduated from Miami Senior High School and attended the University of Miami. In high school he was a member of the National Honor Society, the Band and Orchestra, and the Thespians. He was secretary of the DeMolay Order, John B. Orr Chapter, and was awarded the highest national honor, the degree of Chevalier. In Junior High School he was a member of the Safety Patrol. During World War II he was a member of the United States Navy V-12 and of the Navy Band.

His business career has been in the line of Art, Display and Lighting. He was with the Art Department of the Surf Club, Miami Beach; the Display Department of Burdine's, Miami; designed the lighting for the Miami Opera for two years and the lighting for the Ring Theatre at the University of Miami. He was Technical Director of the Norton Gallery Playhouse at West Palm Beach one year; was with the Display Department of Macy's and Stern's, New York City; and is now associated with Stensgaard's, Chicago, as Account Executive and Director of the Art Department. His most recent and important work was the Permanent Florida Exhibition in the RCA building in New York, which he designed. This display is a project of the Florida Development Commission which awarded the job to the Chicago Stensgaard firm. Edwin S. Barker is a member of Miami Pioneer Descendants and of the West Indies Sailing Club.

Jack Kimball Barker, born in Miami May 21, 1930, was a clarinetist in the Band and a member of the baseball team at the Shenandoah Junior High School. At Miami Senior High School, from which he was graduated in June, 1947, he was active in the Photographers Club, the Hi-Y Club, the Thespians, the Glee Club, and was Cheer Leader. At the University of Miami he did photography for the sports department of the annual, "Ibis," and was a member of the Ski Club and of Sigma Alpha Tau fraternity. He also attended George Washington University, Washington, D.C. In 1951-52 he served in the United States Navy as Public Information Publicist on the staff of Rear Admiral G. H. Fort, Commandant of the Potomac River Naval Command, Washington, D.C., and took part in Navy cruises to Panama and Bermuda.

For a short time he was a collector for the Florida Power and Light Company. From 1954 to 1959 he was with National Airlines as Public Relations Director for the Southern States, and at the present time (1961) he is with the Woody Kepner Associates of Miami in Public Relations. Through the years he has been a free lance photographer and writer for Life magazine, Popular Mechanics, Rudder, and Popular Photography. He is a member of Miami Pioneer Descendants, the Surf Club of Miami Beach, Florida Public Relations Association, Miami Industrial Editors Associations, Aircraft Industry Editors Association, and Sigma Alpha Tau fraternity (Aviation).

On September 27, 1958, at Central Baptist Church in Miami, Jack Kimball Barker married Teresa Claire Kopec. After a honeymoon in England, France, Italy, and Switzerland, they made their home in the Hyde Park section of Miami. They now have a daughter, Carolyn Lee, a sixth generation Floridian, born July 6, 1960, at Coral Gables.

GEORGE EASTON WHITTEN

Chairman of the Board of Burdine's, one of the largest department stores in Florida, George Easton Whitten is now nearing the half century mark in years of service to that firm, where he has spent his entire business career, starting in 1913 as clerk and bookkeeper.

A native Floridian, he was born in Palatka, February 9, 1896, son of Thomas Finley and Louise Jane (Kelly) Whitten. His father was born September 6, 1859, in Hillsboro, Illinois, and died in Miami in July 1946. He had been with the United States Customs for many years prior to his retirement. Louise Kelly Whitten was born October 8, 1862, in Irving, Illinois, and died on October 8, 1926.

The family having moved to Miami in his early years, George E. Whitten graduated from Miami High School and attended Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, where he completed a course in Business Administration in 1913. Returning to Miami, he entered Burdine's as a clerk and bookkeeper.

This firm was founded in 1898 by William M. Burdine who was its active head until his death in 1911. In that year, it was incorporated as W. M. Burdine's Sons with R. B. Burdine as president, W. M. Burdine 2nd as vice-president and R. Freeman Burdine as secretary and treasurer. When R. B. Burdine died in 1936, William M. Burdine 2nd became president. By that time there was a branch store in Miami Beach and since then stores were established in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, in both of which cities Burdine's, with its "Sunshine Fashions", is generally recognized as the largest and most popular store. In 1956 a branch store was opened in the 163rd Street Shopping Center. Another branch is planned to open in Dadeland Shopping Center in the fall of 1962.

Becoming familiar with every aspect of the business as he rose steadily from subordinate to higher posts, Mr. Whitten proved his fitness for leadership and in 1925 became vice president of the firm. He was executive vice president in 1929 and held that position until 1943, when Mr. Burdine became chairman of the board and Mr. Whitten president and chief executive officer. He became chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Burdine's in 1957. Mr. Whitten plans to retire on August 1, 1961, after more than forty-eight years with the firm.

He is a director of the First National Bank of Miami, a trustee of the University of Miami, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Miami. He holds membership in the LaGorce Country Club, the Indian Creek Country Club, the Surf Club, and the Miami Club.

During World I Mr. Whitten served in the United States Navy, entering April 7, 1917, and remained in

until April 6, 1921, when he had the rank of Lieutenant junior grade. He was a member of the Dade County Selective Service Board No. 8 during World War II.

In 1945-46 he served the community as president of the Orange Bowl Committee. He is listed in "Who's" Who in America" and his biography appears in a previous Florida history.

George E. Whitten was married in Miami, Florida, on June 3, 1920, to Charlotte Grace Campbell, daughter of David and Margaret Campbell of Hamilton, Ontario. They have a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Whitten Stubblefield, born April 7, 1940, in Jacksonville, Florida.

The Whittens have a summer home at Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania.

JAMES MIDDLETON COX

A man of considerable stature was James Middleton Cox, founder of The Miami News, former Congressman and ex-Governor of Ohio, and one-time Democratic nominee for President of the United States. Combining the careers of newspaperman and statesman, he was always an outstanding American. Under his leadership the Miami News won the Pulitzer Gold Medal award for the most meritorious public service by any American newspaper in the year 1938.

Son of Gilbert and Eliza A. Cox, he was born on a farm near Jacksonburg in southwestern Ohio on March 31, 1870. He worked on the farm as a boy, served as janitor of the local schoolhouse and as sexton of the neighborhood church. At the age of sixteen he passed a teacher's examination and taught school for several terms. His long career as a journalist began when he joined a brother-in-law, John Q. Baker, who was editor of a small newspaper in Middletown, Ohio. Thereafter he became connected with the Cincinnati Enquirer as a writer; went to Washington, D.C., as secretary to an Ohio congressman, Paul Sorg; and in 1898, with borrowed capital, bought the Dayton Daily News and made it one of the most respected journals of the Midwest. In 1905 he bought the Springfield Press-Republic and formed the News League of Ohio.

Entering politics in 1908, he won a seat in Congress and served in the 61st and 62nd Congress (1909 to 1913) as Representative from the Third Ohio District. He was elected Governor of Ohio in 1913, 1917 and 1919 and served three two-year terms. In the first of these terms as Governor he created the Workmen's Compensation Act which still serves as model law in this country. During all three terms he sponsored drastic changes in Ohio. He modernized the state government, instituted prison reforms and overhauled the state judiciary and rural school system. Before 1920 he had become a national figure with a reputation as a strong and progressive governor of Ohio.

At the National Convention in 1920 he was nominated by the Democratic party as their candidate for President of the United States, and ran against Warren G. Harding. His running mate for the office of Vice President was Franklin D. Roosevelt. In this campaign, which centered about the League of Nations, Cox took the standard from a sick President Wilson and carried it aggressively through the campaign. A generation later, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House, Cox wrote his life-long friend that he had no regrets for the losing battle they had made for the League. The arguments which he advanced in 1920 for the League of Nations became in substance those which eventually inspired the creation of the United Nations.

In 1933 Mr. Cox was vice chairman of the American delegation to the World Monetary and Economic Conference in London and was president of its Monetary Commission.

Continuing to build up his newspaper business, in 1923 Mr. Cox bought the Miami Metropolis, Miami's first newspaper, and changed the name to The Miami News. He built the News Tower in 1925. Also in 1923, he bought the Canton News (Canton, Ohio) and sold this in 1930. In 1928 he bought the Springfield (Ohio) Sun; in 1939, the Atlanta Journal; in 1948, the Dayton (Ohio) Journal Herald; and, finally, in 1950, the Atlanta Constitution. He also pioneered in radio and television. In Dayton, Ohio, he operated WHIO and WHIO-TV; in Atlanta, WSB and WSB-TV; and in Miami he was a principal in the ownership and operation of radio station WIOD.

During his early years in Miami Mr. Cox recognized the gathering of gangster elements in the city and warned the public of this danger through his newspaper. The following story is told in his memoirs, "A Journey Through My Years", published in 1946. One day a well dressed gentleman walked into his office and laid down a certified check for $500,000, stating that he represented clients who wanted to present this as first payment on the purchase of the Miami Daily News for $5,000,000 in cash. As the property was not worth that much at that time, Mr. Cox had no doubt in his mind that Capone interests were behind the offer. He told the man that he looked like a gentleman, and wondered if he was proud of his clients; adding that no amount of money would tempt him, because it would not be simply disposing of the newspaper but selling out the community, which was in sore need of protection. The man seemed embarrassed, expressed regret that he had been drawn into the offer and departed. Mr. Cox never saw or heard of him afterwards.

In 1893 he married Mary Simpson Harding of Cincinnati, and in 1917 he married Margaretta Blair of Chicago. Of the first marriage three children were born: Helen, James, Jr. and John. Of the second marriage there are two daughters: Anne Cox Chambers of Atlanta, Georgia, and Barbara Cox Anthony of Honolulu.

Mr. Cox maintained a home in Miami Beach and another, called "Trailsend", at Dayton, Ohio. It was at "Trailsend" on July 15, 1957, that he passed away at the age of 87. He was survived by his wife, his daughters Anne and Barbara, his two sons and five grandchildren. A son-in-law, Daniel J. Mahoney, is now publisher of the Miami News and James M. Cox, Jr. is president of the company.

James Middleton Cox is listed in "Who's Who in America." He was a member of the Episcopal Church.

After his death the Miami City Commission in a resolution expressed appreciation for his many contributions to the community in which he was "a leading force in campaigns for good government and elimination of undesirable elements in the city's history" and "therefore contributed mightily to the preservation of the dignity and the good name of the City of Miami."

ISIDOR COHEN

The distinction of being one of the first merchants to settle in Miami goes to Isidor Cohen, who was also a realtor, an outstanding civic leader, and author of a book entitled "Historical Sketches and Sidelights of Miami, Florida," which was published in 1925. Writing in 1921, the historian E. V. Blackman characterized Mr. Cohen as "A man of great business capacity and of the highest principles of integrity and honor." In his own little book Mr. Cohen paints an honest, unvarnished and often hilarious picture of life as it really was in the pioneer days of Miami. His friendly spirit of good fellowship and his keen sense of humor seep through the pages of his writings, and his generous, laudatory appraisal of numerous contemporaries is an indication of his own character. The book is freely quoted in this sketch, directly and indirectly.

Born in Russia June 1, 1870, son of Lazarus and Pearl (Gettel) Cohen, Isidor Cohen came to America with his parents in 1883 and attended public school in New York City. When he was twenty-one, in 1891, he moved to Savannah, Georgia, where he entered the mercantile business, and while there became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

On February 6, 1896, he arrived at the junction of Biscayne Bay and the Miami River by small steamboat from Fort Lauderdale, then the terminus of the Florida East Coast Railroad; having left his merchandise in Lemon City because there were no docking facilities in Miami.

After a discouraging interview with Mrs. Julia Tuttle, owner of property on the north side of the river, he settled on the south side next to a saw mill operated by a Key West man named Cobb, who kindly let him use part of his land and agreed to furnish the material to build a small store. Another kind man, named Clayton, agreed to build the store, which was finished in four days.

The story Mr. Cohen tells in his diary of his hardships and amusing experiences in getting his merchandise moved from Lemon City to his store by boat—the incapacitated captains and subsequent dumping of cargo and men (including himself) into the bay; the rescue by a gang of Nassau negroes and their pay-off the next day, in which Mr. Cohen did his first shrewd stroke of business in Miami—is better than a movie or TV comedy.

Late in March, 1896, Mr Cohen moved to the north side of the river, where he rented a new store built by banker W. M. Brown. One day about a month later the entire population of about 300 persons turned out to meet the first passenger train to arrive in Miami, with Henry M. Flagler and the other three of the railroad's Big Four aboard.

In his diary Mr. Cohen brings to life the birth of the new city; the first rumors of its being incorporated with the "railroad crowd" in power; the development of civic groups, taking sides in the rival factions; the naming of the city—the railroad partisans wanted to call it "Flagler," but the "Antis," with whom Cohen sided, wanted "Miami," an Indian name meaning "sweet water."

He tells of the mosquito and other insect nuisances of the early days; the tent dwellers, waiting for homes to be built; the inaccessibility of the ocean, except to the more daring who crossed the bay in rowboats and pushed through the mangroves to take a dip in the surf, hunt bears, or collect turtle eggs.

Equally inaccessible were the Everglades, from which the colorful Seminole Indians emerged to trade, coming down the Miami River in canoes laden with raccoon, otter, mink and alligator hides, egrets and other rare plumes. Mr. Cohen sold the first umbrella ever retailed in Miami to a Seminole Indian, Charlie Tigertail, who also bought a suit of clothes, a derby hat and a red bandana and wore the complete outfit back to the Everglades, using the umbrella as a walking stick.

He tells of the rapid growth of business and of the devastating fire of Christmas Day, 1896, which wiped out the newly built heart of the business district. He speaks at length about the amusements of the early days, the first of which was watching the arrival and departure of the one daily passenger train, and watching the trading Indians. He tells of the first minstrel show, the bicycle races, the baseball games—one in particular which was played to decide the outcome of a mayoralty race. The spectacular performance at the bat of one Judge G. A. Worley won the election for his backer, Frank Wharton.

The pioneers entered into political campaigns with the same zest with which they played baseball, and thoroughly enjoyed them. Mr. Cohen gives a humorous accounty of an incident during a local campaign when the respected but timid E. A. Waddel was forecfully placed in the chairman's sea, despite his protests. The victim, pointing an accusing finger at Mr. Cohen, cried, "You are the one that's responsible for this confounded meeting! Come here and preside!" Obligingly, Mr. Cohen did. Deep water for Miami Harbor was the keynote of every speech at that meeting.

In 1907 and 1909 the town found itself in the throes of exciting "dry and wet" campaigns. In both elections the "drys" lost, despite the aggressive campaigning of the WCTU, who invited Carrie Nation to speak on their behalf. The story of an incident involving a judge, in which the militant Carrie not only spoke but acted, is another of Cohen's side-splitting tales.

In the closing chapter of his book, writing in 1925, Mr. Cohen looks back through the years and says:

> "Miami has undergone an indescribable change, not only in its physical aspect but also in the manners, habits and pursuits of its citizenship. The pioneers loved leisure and thrilling amusement, and were fond of discussing politics, theology, evolution and philosophy, and at opportune times abusing the railroad corporation; whereas the new settlers are absorbed, almost exclusively, in real estate deals and building operations . . .
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> "In spite of the sharp contrasts pointed out in these pages, the surviving pioneers are as deeply attached to Miami at this period as they were in the early stages of its development, when its inhabitants knew one another intimately"

He goes on to comment on an apparent change in climatic conditions. It seems that during the first few years of its settlement Miami had more severe winters. Regarding the changes in the fauna of the area, he writes:

"There was an abundance of snakes and wild cats, and the rivers and creeks harbored alligators. These have disappeared as the town and country developed; as did the flying roaches, red ants, horseflies and other insects which plagued the early pioneers—even the pesky mosquito is gradually disappearing."

After discussing the future industrialization of the city, which he advocated for the benefit of its permanent residents, especially the middle class, he closes with a

eulogy of his beloved city. "As a winter resort, Miami has no peer," he said, and expatiated on the subject.

Mr. Cohen was so successful in business that he sold his store in 1911 and retired with the idea of enjoying his leisure. He opened another store in Jacksonville but did not stay there long. He could not be happy anywhere but in Miami. When he returned to Miami he entered the real estate business and operated this successfully until his second retirement, about 1941.

As indicated by his own story, Mr. Cohen was up front in practically every activity or organization in the young and fast-growing city of Miami. He was president of the Mercantile Association from 1902 to 1906; treasurer and a trustee of the Board of Trade, 1906-07; secretary of that board 1908 through 1911, and president in 1912. In 1908 he also was president of the Dade County Fair Association. In 1910 he was a member of the Dade County Civic Association and its State Executive Committee. He was a member of the charter board that drew up the charter for the commission-manager form of government for Miami in 1921; a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee; secretary of the Executive Board of the first Community Chest, and secretary of the Miami Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was a charter member of Biscayne Bay Masonic Lodge #124 and Elks Lodge #948; an honorary member of Company L. Second Regiment of Infantry of the National Guard of Florida; and was one of the organizers of Temple Beth David, Miami's pioneer synagogue.

When Miami celebrated its 54th birthday, in July, 1950, Isidor Cohen, its foremost citizen of many years was chosen to cut the city's birthday cake. This was his last public appearance. He died January 25, 1951.

On September 1, 1904, in New York City, Isidor Cohen married Ida (Hirsch) Schneidman, daughter of Morris and Clara Herbert. Mrs. Cohen had been married previously to Jacob Schneidman and has a son, Murray, by this marriage. Ida and Isidor Cohen had two children: Claire Cohen Weintraub and Edward Cohen.

Mrs. Isidor Cohen, working side by side with her husband through the years, has devoted her energies to all movements tending to the welfare of the general community, with increasing emphasis upon the Jewish community as it grew in size. She worked for the Lighthouse for the Blind, the Community Chest, the Children's Home, and other welfare organizations. She was one of the organizers and treasurer of the Women's School Improvement Association. She helped found and was superintendent of religious classes in Congregation Beth David. In 1940 she founded the Jewish Home for the Aged and served as its first president. She is a member of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and the Miami Woman's Club.

On April 8, 1956, Mrs. Cohen was honored by the Greater Miami Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish Home for the Aged at the annual luncheon, held in the Eden Roc Hotel. The highlight of the event was a tableau in five scenes, showing Mrs. Cohen's life as a pioneer. Her daughter, Mrs. Weintraub, was the narrator, and her son, Eddie Cohen, directed the presentation. Mrs. Baron de-Hirsch Meyer, a close friend of the Cohen family, portrayed Mrs. Cohen in the tableau, which was entitled "I Remember Mama." The writer of the song by that name, Henry Tobias, who is the hotel's program director, assisted by singing his own theme song, which he dedicated to Mrs. Cohen. Mrs. Sol Silverman, president of the Auxiliary, presented Mrs. Cohen with a portrait of herself. Rabbi Irving Lehrman of Temple Emmanuel put into words what was in all hearts when he said, addressing the guest of honor: "This is an offering of thanks given for what you have meant to this city . . . You are a great woman . . . It's not what one can take out of a community but what one puts into it that matters . . . And that is why you are great, Mrs. Cohen . . . You've pioneered in every area of human service." "I've grown younger today," said Mrs. Cohen in her response, but warned that she might cry any minute.

Her daughter, Claire, is the wife of Sydney L. Weintraub, a Miami attorney. They have one son, Albert Laurence. Mrs. Weintraub has been head of the Mothers' March for Dimes for Dade County, president of the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs, president of the Museum of Science and Natural History, head of Home and Community Services for the Dade County Defense Council, "Woman of the Year" for Dade County, a member of the Woman's Advisory Committee of the National Foundation, a delegate to the last two National Democratic Conventions, and is a recognized outstanding civic leader. She has an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, from the University of Miami.

HERMAN BENNETT FULTZ

It seems reasonable to assume that the motto a man lives by is an indication of his character. Herman Bennett Fultz's favorite was, "There's no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit." This was his creed. He had the motto framed and hung in his Florida home at Coral Gables and in his summer home at Cloudland, Georgia. Mr. Fultz called both Florida and Georgia "home", and well he might, having played an important part in the historical development of Georgia as well as having been a prominent business man and civic leader in Florida.

A native of Canada, he came to Florida in 1916 and became an American citizen in Miami on April 24, 1922. He was born in Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, October 1, 1893, son of Francis Scott Flutz (born in Sackville March 7, 1867, died July 1, 1945) and Florence Emma Preston, also deceased.

After graduating from school in Halifax, Herman went with his parents to Winnipeg, Canada, where he was employed by Parish and Heimbecker, Ltd., grain merchants, for five years; starting in as an office boy and working up to bookkeeper. While working days in Winnipeg he studied accounting and business administration in evening school.

Attracted to Florida by some influence, romantic or practical, or perhaps a mixture of both, he came to Fort Lauderdale and started working for the Marshall Seed Company there during the winters and working in Virginia and West Virginia in the summer months. Early in 1921 he joined Hector Supply Company of Miami as bookkeeper; was made secretary-treasurer in 1924; and after thirty-two years of service, retired as executive vice-president in 1953.

Hector Supply Company is one of Florida's oldest and largest wholesale distributors of all types of garden and agricultural supplies—seeds, feeds, fertilizer, insecticides and agricultural implements. It has branches in Homestead, Fort Lauderdale, Belle Glade and West Palm Beach.

During these years Mr. Fultz had other business connections; such as in the growing, packing and

shipping of winter vegetables on a large scale in the Belle Glade, Homestead and Fort Pierce areas. He was a partner for many years in the Keesee Packing Company and the T & F Farms, both of Belle Glade; and a director of the Florida Dairies of Miami. Prominent in business organizations, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Fertilizer Association and served as president of the Florida Seed Dealers Association and president of the Florida Seedsmen Association.

The abilities and experience of Mr. Fultz were upon occasion drafted for public service. In 1941 he was named to the State Defense Council's Advisory Committee on Agriculture by Governor Spessard Holland. Food conservation was one of his special interests, and his duty on the Committee was to advise on war-time food. Shortly after Governor Millard Caldwell was inaugurated in 1945, he appointed Mr. Fultz to the State Road Board, representing the Fourth District, which consisted of Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and six smaller counties. Although at first he hesitated to accept the appointment because of his heavy business responsibilities, once he had accepted he made a real business of this job and thoroughly enjoyed it.

One of his first efforts as a member of the Road Board was to try to get a 36th Street Causeway from Miami to Miami Beach started, although this project got bogged down later by stiff opposition from some Miami Beach property owners. His next and biggest undertaking was to spearhead the drive that eventually made 27th Avenue a four-lane highway. This proposed four-lane highway with a central parkway was the start of the long projected superhighway from Miami to Jacksonville. He also planned and promoted Miami's first "cloverleaf", which was the start of the expressway system then.

The route for the first seventy-two miles (Miami to Jupiter) was selected after more than a year of exhaustive study to determine the right-of-way best calculated to serve the motoring public, be the least expensive, provide the soundest roadbed and cause the least property damage. An article in the Miami Herald of July 22, 1947, said:

"Deciding on the right-of-way called for more than a study of the terrain to be traversed. It is to Mr. Fultz's credit that the delicate public relations involved have been so ably conducted."

It was a fight to get property owners along the route to cooperate. Forceful articles and editorials on the subject were published by the Miami Herald in 1947 and 1948. The eventual accomplishment, in which Mr. Fultz played an important part, is now history.

In addition to the above, he was instrumental in obtaining and widening Northeast 79th Street; the replacing of thirty-eight wooden bridges on Tamiami Trail; and helped bring about many other highway improvements in South Florida, so badly needed in those years.

One of his greatest achievements was the new bridge over Baker's Haulover, which was named for him. Connecting the shore road, A1A, with Miami Beach, it replaced a span built in the mid-twenties that had been buffeted by destructive hurricane winds and water. The resolution of the State Road Department to name the new bridge for Mr. Fultz, offered by Courtney Campbell of Clearwater and seconded by F. Elgin Bayless of Tallahassee, came as a complete surprise to Mr. Fultz. It read as follows:

"Whereas, Herman B. Fultz of Miami, as member of the State Road Board from the Fourth District for the years of 1945 through 1948, has rendered meritorious service and by thoughtful and diligent attention to his duties as such member has loyally supported the cause of road improvement and worked continuously for great benefits to his district and the entire State of Florida; and, whereas, the Baker's Haulover Bridge on State Road A1A in Dade County is one of the outstanding projects which Mr. Fultz was especially helpful in bringing into realization; now, therefore, be it resolved that the Baker's Haulover Bridge be, and it is hereby designated, the Herman B. Fultz Bridge, and that appropriate markers be prepared and installed thereon showing such designation."

The bridge was opened December 28, 1948, with Mr. Fultz cutting the ribbon.

Mr. Fultz plunged into and contributed to many civic and charitable affairs, such as War Bond Drives, which he helped to organize, the Community Chest, and the Red Cross. Also he was interested in Boy Scout activities and while a member of the State Road Board he secured a camping site for the Boy Scouts on West Summerland Key, located halfway between Homestead and Key West. He was a Mason of the Scottish Rite and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami, and an active member of the Granada Presbyterian Church, Coral Gables, the Globe Trotters Club of Miami and the Florida Historical Society. He also had been accepted into the Alabama Historical Society, being quite at home in Alabama as well as in Georgia, and in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

His activities in Georgia were almost as extensive as those in Florida. In the early thirties, on a 3,000-acre ranch on Lookout Mountain in northwest Georgia, he began raising purebred Hereford cattle, starting more as a hobby than a business venture. This hobby grew into a big cattle and farming business and his prize cattle won dozens of blue ribbons before the ranch was sold in 1954. About nine miles south of the ranch, at Cloudland, was his twenty-acre estate and large, three-story summer home, "Ben-Mar", where he entertained Governors of Georgia, Florida and Tennessee and many other prominent guests.

He was vice president of the Cloudland Home Owners Association and did much for the northwest section of Georgia in getting roads built and parks established. He was credited with the idea and stimulus which resulted in opening roads which saved many miles on the route to Tennessee.

His claim to a role in the historical development of Georgia is based principally on the part he played in the return of Dade County, Georgia, to the Union. It seems that, before the Civil War, Dade County seceded from the Union before the State of Georgia formally seceded. After the war, since it was not part of the Georgia secession, that county did not consider itself back in the Union. Mr. Fultz caught this technicality and brought it to the attention of the Governor of Georgia, with the result that Dade County was formally brought back into the Union, with much fanfare, in the year 1945! The ceremony was attended by the Governors of Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

Mr. Fultz knew everyone and was well known in that section of Georgia, where he was considered an excellent business man. He was distinguished, liked and respected by everyone, and was welcomed equally into the homes of the leaders and those of the mountain people. He had many warm friends in the little wayside antique shops. They appreciated his fine collection of antiques, which included books, guns and pistols. Some of the guns were very old and rare. His collection of dueling pistols, always in pairs, was of great interest to collectors and dealers. Many of these were kept in "The Lodge", a cottage on top of Lookout Mountain. There, too, Mr. Fultz kept his many blue ribbon rosettes and photos of his prize-winning Herefords. A believer in slogans, he had hundreds of cards printed bearing such gems of wisdom as, "What the mouth hath spoken, twenty oxen cannot pull back."

On June 26, 1915, at West Palm Beach, Herman Bennett Fultz married Zula Leona Merriam, daughter of Lauren G. and Leona (Mead) Merriam. They had two children:

1. Leona Mary, now Mrs. Russell E. Midgley of San Francisco, California, born in Fort Lauderdale October 1, 1916;

2. Bennettt Merriam Fultz, born in Miami September 26, 1919. He married Louise Drew of Atlanta. They now live in Melbourne, Florida, and have three children:

1) Bennett Drew ("Beedy"), born December 14, 1941, in Georgia;

2) Elizabeth Drew, born January 12, 1943, in Georgia;

3) Bonnie Louise, born May 30, 1949, in Birmingham, Alabama.

The first Mrs. Herman B. Fultz died and Mr. Fultz later married Mrs. Lena Hogan Hamilton, a long-time resident of Miami. His widow now resides in Coral Gables, where she is active in civic, welfare, social and club affairs.

Herman Bennett Fultz died in Miami May 13, 1958, and was buried in Summerville, Georgia, near his summer home.

JOHN SHIVELY KNIGHT

Recognized by all as one of America's outstanding newspaper editors and publishers, John Shively Knight of the Miami Herald is a study in contrasts. A hard-working editor, he dresses like an investment broker. An almost austere reserve covers his softheartedness and a diplomat's suavity conceals the toughness of his mind. No two of his papers are alike. His weekly "Editor's Notebook" draws more mail than any other feature in his four newspapers and is often reprinted in other papers.

Son of Charles Landon and Clara (Scheifly) Knight, he was born in Bluefield, West Virginia, October 26, 1894. His father, who was born in Georgia, owned the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal by 1915, having been its advertising manager since 1900. He came to Akron a typical southern Democrat but changed to Bull Moose in 1912 and in 1920 was elected to Congress as a Republican.

John S. Knight attended Tome School, Maryland, 1911 to 1914 and Cornell University from 1914 to 1917. As a boy he sold papers on the street and during vacations worked in all departments of the Akron Beacon Journal. In 1920 he went to work as a reporter for the Beacon Journal and five years later he was managing editor. It was not a paternalistic appointment—he had mastered his job. When his father died in 1933, he became president and editor of the Akron Beacon Journal.

On November 30, 1937, he purchased the Miami Herald. He also bought the Miami Tribune and merged it with the Herald. On May 1, 1940, he purchased the Detroit Free Press; in 1944, the Chicago Daily News, which he sold in 1958; in 1954, the Charlotte (North Carolina) Observer, and in 1959 the Charlotte News. Unlike his father, he has no political connections.

He served nine years as a director of the Associated Press and was its first vice president in 1956. He is a director of the Charlotte Observer and the Charlotte News: a trustee of Cornell University and the University of Miami. In 1940 he established the Knight Memorial Fund which commemorates his father by helping worthy students.

In 1945 Mr. Knight received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Akron University; in 1946, a similar degree from Northwestern University, and that same year was awarded a medal for distinctive achievement in newspaper publishing by Syracuse University School of Journalism. In 1946, also, he received the Citation of Merit from the Poor Richard Club and the Brotherhood of Children Award. In 1947 he received the Frank M. Hawks Memorial Trophy; in 1949, the Honor Award for distinguished service in journalism from the University of Missouri; and in 1954, the LaPrensa Award.

He is a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and a past president of the same; a former honorary president of Sigma Delta Chi, the national journalistic fraternity, and of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity; a member of the Episcopal Church at Akron, Ohio; the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Forty-and-Eight Society.

In World War I he served, from 1917 to 1919, in the Motor Transport Corps, 113th Infantry, and received his Second Lieutenant commission on the battlefield in France, where he fought in the Alsace-Lorraine and the Argonne campaigns. Shortly before the Armistice he shifted to the fledgling Air Corps, in which he served until discharged June 26, 1919. In World War II he was drafted to serve as chief American liaison officer with the censorship office in London and worked through the London blitz until his job was completed. Later he covered the Japanese surrender aboard the "Missouri" and entered Japan with the first Occupation troops.

Mr. Knight is a member of the Portage Country Club, Akron, Ohio; the Tin Whistles, Pinehurst, North Carolina; the Union Club, Cleveland; the Detroit Athletic, Detroit Club, Detroit Economic, Detroit Country and the Grosse Pointe Club at Detroit; the Burning Tree Club, Washington, D. C.; Old Elm Club, Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Glenview Golf Club, Glenview, Illinois; the Bath Club and the Indian Creek Country Club, Miami. He appears in "Who's Who in America" for 1960.

WINIFRED BUSH HILL

Daughter of Franklin Coleman Bush and Isabel Brown Bush, Winifred Bush Hill was born in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, June 25, 1907. She graduated

from Miami High School, attended the English Classical School at Tampa and Miss Harris' School for Girls in Miami. She also attended Johns Hopkins University and the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Baltimore, from which she was graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree. She taught piano at the University of Miami and privately for six years.

At China, Maine, on July 16, 1927, Winifred Bush married Adoniram Judson Hill, who was born in Trenton, Tennessee, October 18, 1903, son of Warren Robert and Mary Dee Hill; his father born in 1880, his mother in 1884.

A. Judson Hill has been an attorney in Miami since 1929. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and served as a Commander in the United States Navy during World War II from 1940 to 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill have two sons: Franklin Judson Hill, born May 28, 1930; and Geoffrey Harwood Hill, born January 18, 1937; both born in Miami.

Mrs. Hill is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, national musical fraternity; past president of the Miami Music Club; vice-president of the Pioneers' Descendants Club; president of the Diggers' Garden Club; a member of the D. A. R., the Junior League of Miami, the Coral Gables Country Club, the Coral Reef Yacht Club, the Episcopal Church, and the Cancer Association of the University of Miami Women.

Modestly she calls herself a homemaker. She is also an accomplished musician and a patron of the arts.

FRANKLIN COLEMAN BUSH
ISABEL BROWN BUSH

When Miami was in its infancy it had the good fortune to have as residents this couple of musical artists of the highest professional rank who, at a very early date in the city's history, founded the Miami Conservatory of Music.

Franklin Coleman Bush was born near the shores of Lake Champlain at Alburg, Vermont, in November, 1869. Both his parents were musicians, his father being a good theorist and his mother a pianist. From them he received his first instruction in music. His studies were continued with the famous piano virtuoso and composer, W. C. E. Seeboeck, a pupil of Rubenstein and Brahms, and with Arthur Friedheim, Liszt's great pupil. After graduating from the Chicago College of Music, Mr. Bush became Mr. Seeboeck's assistant in his piano classes and substituted for him in many concerts. He appeared in the largest cities in the United States and Canada and met with unanimous praise by press and critics.

Not satisfied with anything less than perfection, Mr. Bush went to Berlin and Leipzig, Germany, and studied piano under Felix Dreyschock of the Stern Conservatorium and theory with O. B. Boise. On returning to America he toured the country for several months, giving concerts, and met with pronounced success.

For several years Mr. Bush was Director of Music at Keinwood Institute, Chicago, and then at Waynesburg College, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bush also was on the musical faculty of the college. The severe northern winters were unfavorable to the health of Mrs. Bush, and so the couple resigned from their position in Waynesburg and came to Miami, with no intention of pursuing their professional work there. Their first year was occupied with outdoor activities, and Mr. Bush planted extensive orange, grapefruit and lime groves. However, they gave concerts frequently and played before the State Horticultural Society meetings.

So many requests for lessons were received that, in 1903, Mr. Bush opened the Miami Piano and Violin School. In less than six months the studio was outgrown and Mr. Bush purchased the property on Twelfth or Flagler Street for larger quarters. Voice, Dramatic Art and Language departments were added and the name changed to the Miami Conservatory of Music, according to the April 8, 1906, issue of the Daily Miami Metropolis. (This Conservatory passed out of existence in 1913. The present Conservatory was founded by Miss Bertha Foster in 1921.) Another addition, a Musical Kindergarten, was regarded by Director Bush as one of the most important departments of the Conservatory.

The Jacksonville Times-Union of February 10, 1905, published the following comment:

"Few cities the size of Miami can boast of a Conservatory of Music which is in every department equal to the Conservatories in the cities of the North. The entire corps of teachers is among the best that can be found. The citizens of Miami are proud of this institution."

The first graduating piano recital of the new Conservatory was given on April 24, 1906, by Miss Eva Yarborough. The front-page report of the event by the Daily Miami Metropolis spoke of it in glowing words and said it was "a source of great pride to the master, Professor Franklin Coleman Bush, and Miss Yarborough's friends, who have awaited her public appearance with interest." It said, further: "Professor and Mrs. Bush and their assistant teachers are of the professional ranks, and all who graduate under them have the sure foundation for successful careers."

By that time the Conservatory had outgrown its quarters for the second time and a new building was planned which would accommodate boarding as well as day students. Many northern pupils were already enrolled and several came from Palm Beach and other points in the county for weekly lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush were also in charge of the musical education at the Florida Adirondack School for Boys at Coconut Grove. With George Merrick Mr. Bush was a co-founder of Coconut Grove and Coral Gables. He was president of Miami's Bush and Safford Piano Company. Also, as agent for the Steinway Piano, he brought into Florida its first Steinway Grand piano, which is now on display at the Stephen Foster Museum at Crystal Springs, Florida. It was presented to the museum by Bush's daughter, Mrs. A. Judson Hill of Miami.

Isabel Brown Bush was born at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, in October, 1860. She received her first instruction in music from Gustav Bach, one time concert master with the Damrosch Orchestra of New York, and from Madame Zillioux, a graduate of the Paris Conservatory of Music. She studied piano with Arthur Friedheim, violin with Bernard Listemann, and theory with Lewis Falk and Borowski, and under these masters graduated from the Chicago College of Music. Later she finished her studies in Berlin

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under the best masters of the Stern Conservatorium. She held letters of commendation from prominent musicians of America and Europe. In her public work in Chicago and the West she was very successful. She was a most enthusiastic teacher and her pupils advanced rapidly.

Isabel Brown Bush died October 3, 1918, at the age of thirty-seven. In 1919 Mr. Bush was married to Dorothea Steele of Chicago, member of a well-known newspaper family. Franklin Coleman Bush died May 18, 1938, at the age of sixty-nine.

HAROLD WESLEY DORN

Harold Dorn and his brother, Robert, first came to South Miami, then named Larkins, in December, 1910. The town already had a railroad, with a station, a post office and two stores, and some 50 to 75 inhabitants. Its founder, W. A. Larkins, had already lived there a dozen years with his family, was postmaster and ran a store. The brothers immediately started raising tomatoes out on Snapper Creek Glade some two miles west of town.

Harold Wesley Dorn was born in Elkhart, Indiana, June 22, 1886. His father, Peter Wesley Dorn, born in Middleburg, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1850, owned and operated a dry goods and department store in Elkhart for many years. Harold's mother was Mary Elizabeth Huyck, born in Adrian, Michigan, February 8, 1852. The family moved to Chicago when the boys were small. Harold Dorn graduated from Calumet High School in Chicago in 1903 and had nearly two years of study at the University of Chicago.

The brothers had arrived in Miami on a bright October 20, 1910, just after a late hurricane, more notable for rainfall than wind. The "Magic City" by the census of that year had a population of 5,600, with about as many more people scattered through a long Dade County, extending then from the St. Lucie River to the upper Keys. The main interest of most Dade Countians was agriculture, much more than now, with real estate and tourism following closely.

Dade County was already the largest tomato-growing section of Florida and continues so until today. Winter and spring tomato fields stretched from Little River and Arch Creek, the principal sections, down around the young city, south as far as Perrine and Tom Peters' big glade. Homestead, ten years newer than Miami, was just starting. There were packing houses at the main centers, including one at Larkins, and tomatoes were shipped by rail cars or express in the old forty-pound six-basket carrier crates to many markets through the winter and spring, mostly to the large cities of the North.

In fruit, Dade County's principal product was grapefruit. The main groves were soutwest of Miami, tributary to it and Coconut Grove, with smaller acreage all the way from the new Redland section up to the Bryan groves just below Fort Lauderdale. Broward County had not yet been carved out of Dade. There was already a good production from perhaps a total of 1,000 acres, steadily increasing. Orange production was comparatively very small at any time. The warmer winters gave Dade County an earlier production of grapefruit than up-state, at its best prices, and growers were making money.

In the tropical fruits, there were seedling avocado trees scattered in many places, from house lots to small groves. In addition, there were a few blocks of the new Trapp and Pollock avocados, largest being the Bliss grove, just above Buena Vista station east of the railroad. At Miami Beach, so far only a name, the Collins and Pancoast family had started planting what was to become the largest grove in the County, mostly in budded Trapp trees, produced by George Cellon, pioneer nurseryman.

There were scattered mango trees, too, in most sections. These were still nearly all producing the old seedling fruit, known as the turpentine, the Red 11 and the peach mangoes. All were small, juicy, sweet and full of fibre. The peach had the least color, but also the least fibre. The others were colorful on the trees, but the favorite quip was that the best place to eat them was in the bathtub. The future of the mango as a commercial fruit was bound up in the new Haden variety, just starting on its career, and the first "break-through" into superior size, color and quality.

In November, 1896, Captain John J. Haden, just retired from the United States Army and stationed in Wyoming, had heard about the new city of Miami, had come to Florida with his wife, Florence, and after traveling about the state had bought a tract of land on the ridge above Biscayne Bay a mile south of the old Coconut Grove settlement. From the start he was much interested in tropical fruits, especially mangoes. In West Palm Beach there was growing a tree of the Mulgoba variety, planted there in 1889 by Dr. Elbridge Gale as a direct import from India. This fruit was a great advance over the small seedlings of the South Florida coast, in size, in color and especially in fine flavor and freedom from fibre. Captain Haden had made the trip to West Palm Beach one summer when the Mulgoba had a good crop, shortly before his death in 1903, and had brought home some fruit and planted the seed on his land, overlooking the Bay.

In the summer of 1910 these Mulgoba seedlings had produced a good crop in some variety of size and color, as the Indian mangoes do not come true to seed. The fruit of one tree was larger than the Mulgoba, with brilliant color and notable flavor. Mrs. Haden and the horticulturists who came to admire it named it the Haden. She gave some budwood from this tree to Edward Simmonds, head of the Brickell Avenue Plant Introduction Garden, who in turn divided it with George Cellon, the leading nurseryman here.

In the early summer of 1911, when their first winter's tomato farming was finished, Harold and Robert Dorn investigated the local avocado and mango situation. They soon found these two most interesting local men who qualified as authorities on tropical fruits and were sponsoring the new Haden mango. Edward Simmonds was an Englishman, a product of the famous Kew Gardens, and in charge of the original Brickell Avenue Garden, a few blocks south of the Miami River. There the imports of plants from all over the tropical world through the United States Department of Agriculture were established and propagated. These introductions of new varieties of mangoes, avocados and other fruits was even then under the general direction of Dr. David Fairchild, who spent most of his time searching the tropical world for new products.

The other authority was George B. Cellon, of French ancestry and a native of Gainesville, Florida. Close to his grove and home, west of Buena Vista on the Allapattah Road, now 36th Street, he operated the largest nursery for avocados and mangoes in Florida. This nursery had been started by him in 1901, and it was due to George Cellon that the first two standard va-

Harold Wesley Dorn

Mabel W Dorn

rieties of avocados, Pollock and Trapp, were selected and propagated. These two were already being grown by a few of the most progressive growers of Dade County, in addition to the common seedling trees.

George Cellon was similarly pioneering and improving quality of local mangoes by selected new Indian imports. When the Dorn brothers first visited him, he had already grown and sold some nursery stock of the Mulgoba mango, the earliest import from India, and was then engaged in propagating the first Haden mangoes. He and his assistant, Del Drawdy, were almost the only ones who could produce planting stock true to variety by the same budding method which was already used in grapefruit and orange nurseries. On the Haden, Cellon produced some 2,000 budded nursery trees from several sticks of budwood within three years, a feat of horticultural magic that has hardly been appreciated yet.

The parents of the Dorn brothers were still living in Chicago in the summer of 1911, at the family home in Beverly Hills which the sons had left the previous October. Now they decided to sell the house there and move down to Larkins, encouraged by the favorable reports on Dade County which their sons were writing to them. From the proceeds of the sale the boys purchased a first 140 acres of pine land on the old Larkins Road, now Sunset Drive, a mile west of the railroad. Fruit-growing appeared to have a substantial advantage over raising vegetables. Ten acres on the south side of Sunset were selected as the family home, and there a two-story concrete house was shortly built. This is still there, at the corner of Southwest 69th Street.

The Dorns bought other land to the west, including a homestead at the northeast corner of Palmetto Road. Upon his marriage to Mabel Frances White in 1913, Harold Dorn built a home on this corner, where Mr. and Mrs. Dorn lived from 1914 until the land was taken for the Palmetto Expressway in 1960. Their four children were all born and raised there. Both these houses were on ten acres of land and both were planted to fruit trees, heavily avocados and mangoes. The other tracts of both subdivisions were sold to friends and groves planted. In a period between the 1912 and 1925 boom, Harold and Robert Dorn planted some 250 acres of grove for various owners in this area, mostly grapefruit, avocado and mango trees.

In the same period between 1912 and 1914, Harold and Robert Dorn had acquired two tracts of land at Larkins Station. They started to ship local vegetables and fruits in 1913 and at the time of the outbreak of the first World War in Europe, in the summer of 1914, they built a packing house on the Larkins sidetrack. In this, for many years, they packed and shipped local vegetables, mostly tomatoes, also pepper, eggplant and squash, plus the local fruits. Up to 1925, grapefruit was the most important of these, picked in the nearby grove section from the Trail south to Perrine. The volume of avocados was rather small in 1914 but new acreage, both of their own planting and other growers, enlarged this volume from year to year. Mangoes had an even slower start and there was some damage to both fruits from the freeze of February, 1917. Recovery from this was rapid, and the volume of both fruits and vegetables bought, packed and sold increased in the years from 1918 to the 1925 boom.

In the fall of 1924, with a fast-growing number of new settlers in the county and the general increase of wealth in all states, a real estate boom developed in Dade County which carried everyone along with it. Both planted groves and unimproved land were bought and sold with a startling increase in prices through the year 1925. Harold Dorn was in the real estate business with salesmen and many land transactions. The entire county was involved in this madness, and agriculture was half forgotten. Real estate prices advanced entirely out of reason, but in 1926 it all collapsed. The Dorns, like others, salvaged what they could from the wreckage.

Early in 1926 the citizens of Larkins decided to incorporate as the City of South Miami. Harold Dorn was a member of the first City Council, continuing for two more terms.

On September 18, 1926, Miami and surrounding sections were victims of the worst hurricane in Dade's history. The result of depression and storm, plus the general depression throughout the United States in the early thirties, brought down land values here to even less than their true value, but revived interest in agriculture. People were still eating and farmers and grove owners were still growing on a larger scale. The development of long-distance trucks added their factor to earlier shipments by rail cars and express. Production of both fruits and vegetables increased throughout the State. Grapefruit in Dade County never recovered its importance after the boom but all vegetable lines, avocados and mangoes continued to expand.

In this period between 1920 and 1960, Harold Dorn bought and sold not only an increased volume of local fruits but also vegetables from the entire South Florida section, extending from Lake Okeechobee south through the big Pompano area to Homestead, with a number of spring tomato deals in such sections as Wauchula, Palmetto, and even in the newly developing tomato sections in East and South Georgia. This business was started and continued in its early years as Dorn Brothers & Company. In the 1920's this was changed to H. W. Dorn & Company and since 1933 it has been the Dorn Fruit & Vegetable Company. Just recently the central property at South Miami has been sold and the old packing house was abandoned in the summer of 1960.

Harold's wife, Mabel, in the twenties, took the world of ornamental plants and trees in South Florida as her province and became an authority on their characteristics and cultivation. She has written three books on this subject, besides retaining an unfailing interest for over thirty years in the encouragement of the increasing number of garden clubs in Dade County. A separate account of her activities follows.

MABEL FRANCES WHITE DORN

"When Mabel and Harold Dorn came from Chicago to settle in the high pineland of South Florida, the scrub palmettos, the limestone rock and the sand seemed unpromising materials out of which to build a garden such as they were familiar with in the North. Mabel tried hard, but she soon realized that there could be at best only a threadbare garden and, after all, wasn't it a stupid thing to attempt when there was the wealth of the tropical world to choose from? And so, she began to put out all sorts of tropical plants about their house. And they learned to like the flavors of new tropical fruits and to enjoy the gorgeous beauty of the coconut palms and the flowering trees and shrubs."

So wrote Dr. David Fairchild in his foreword to Mabel Dorn's book, "Tropical Gardening for South

Florida," published in 1952. She had previously written "Under the Coconuts," "Oh, My Garden," and "Book of Twelve," in reverse order. Her first book was published in the 1930's. Although her subject is technical, her treatment of it is far from being a dry, scientific dissertation. Like her husband in his writing on tropical fruits, she has a gift for expression and makes you feel the warm glow of her love of flowers and trees and all growing things.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, March 15, 1889, she is the daughter of Frank Herbert White, a native of Bangor, Maine, and Carrie Sassaman of Chicago. Her family was closely identified with Chicago, where her father was a grain trader on the Chicago Board of Trade. She graduated from Calumet High School and from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

At her mother's home in Beverly Hills, Chicago, on May 19, 1913, Mabel Frances White married Harold Wesley Dorn, who after three years in Larkins (later South Miami) had returned to claim her as his bride.

Her first question on arriving in South Florida was "Where are the flowers?" She expected to see them everywhere. Quoting further from her latest book: "The gaudy foreign-looking foliage plants here and there, masquerading as flowers, irked me to the depths of my being. There was no rest in them, nor anything else about them to invite the soul. I tried to be polite about them when people pridefully showed me their thrifty specimens grown from cuttings, but all these variegated crotons and acalyphas did for me was to make me desperately homesick for something else . . .

"It was on a ten-acre clearing cut from the forest primeval that we built our bungalow of the native Caribbean pine, open to the southeast breeze. Our house was set well back from the road, and we hoped to have a lawn and shade trees some day, but had no idea how to go about it. Nobody else knew anything either, other than planting Australian pines and red hibiscus along the road. It simply wasn't done. Lawns were practically unknown, or confined to city lots, and considered highly unnecessary at best in this pioneer country.

"Although the woods were all about us, nary a tree had been left in our clearing to break the intensity of the tropic sun, which beat mercilessly down on the roof and in through the screened porches. There was not a spear of green anywhere, for not even weeds grow in newly-cleared land. The glare was terrific . . . The longing for shade in those early days was such an absorbing passion with me that the mere flicker of a velvet-bean leaf up a trellis was an event giving food for thought. . . .

"I soon learned that the difference was far greater than I had imagined. Everything was different—the soil, the climate, even the planting seasons. The very plant material was as unknown to newcomers from the north as it was generally unobtainable. Moreover, it was almost impossible to get floricultural information, because in this new country most of the people were as new as myself. The little bit that was offered was, for the most part, of a negative character. It seemed to give old settlers a certain amount of joy in telling newcomers what wouldn't grow here.

"Craving green and a semblance of beauty more than anything else, I struggled with the rocky soil, assisted by willing Nassaus with their grub-hoes, picks, and dynamite . . . I studied seed catalogs as if my life depended upon it and experimented with the flowers I had grown up with, planting them wherever and whenever my floral spirit dictated, regardless of season. I could not understand why everything seemed to be so topsy-turvy from the criterion of my limited northern experience. When it was wet enough to plant nasturtiums, for example, in summer, it was too hot, and they wilted. When it was cool enough in the fall, the sand was too dry to raise them without incessant watering, which feat was well-nigh impossible with buckets of water hauled from a hand-pump.

"My best gardening efforts that first year in new soil resulted in a pathetic, pindling row of asters in the dry sand and rocks in front of the house. I pondered at length on the contrariness of Old Mother Nature in this reputed Land of Flowers.

"It was one day in June in the fourth year of my futile struggling against odds in this strange country that a small tree was sent me from the Department of Agriculture. I was intrigued by the description on its large metal tag—Spathodea Campanulata, a tall ornamental tree from West Africa, bearing huge trusses of flame-colored tulips. I put it in a glass of water to spend the night. Next day, by merest chance, I planted my eight-inch tree in a dynamited hole at the southeast corner of the house. I could not have selected a more protected spot for this tender tree if I had known then as much about it as I do today.

"The little tree grew rapidly and with utter abandon, actually thriving in the rocky, sandy soil under the hot summer sun and pounding rains, with but very little attention aside from my amazement at its phenomenal development. I have always felt greatly indebted to that beautiful plant immigrant from Africa, which made me tree-conscious, and from which I learned so many lessons in tropical horticulture.

"Moreover, this little tree while developing its own roots carried mine also deep into Florida's rocky soil . . . No longer was I straddling like a giant Atlas, with one foot in Chicago and the other in South Florida. This country, if not my native land, was my new home, and one with vital new interests and infinite possibilities for beauty. With the blooming of my African Spathodea . . . I sensed that I could learn to love these new plants from the tropics as much as the familiar ones from the temperate zone, for which I pined . . . gradually I had stumbler on this vital fact. I no longer lived in the north but in South Florida, and nearer the equator than Cairo, Egypt. What I needed horticulturally, therefore, was nothing the temperate zone could give me. I knew that I would have to look for my flowers to the unknown tropical trees, shrubs and vines that somehow seemed to belong here once they were established in the garden. From that moment my tropical quest began . . ."

There were no local nurseries, except for fruit trees. Reasoners, at Oneco in Manatee County, was the horticultural Mecca of those days. From them Mrs. Dorn ordered everything recommended for South Florida. There were no books to study, either; only first-hand experience with people and plants.

Mrs. Dorn expresses a debt of gratitude to Dr. John C. Gifford, who was Professor of Tropical Forestry at the University of Miami. He taught her that the tip of South Florida, with Lake Okeechobee as the northern limit, is tropical. He advocated planting tropical tree-gardens on pineland in close formation, emulating the pine forest that once covered the land, thus affording protection from the destructive forces of the earth. In South Florida there is one for each season: the tropic sun of mid-summer, the hurricane winds of autumn,

the frosts and occasional freezes of winter, and the droughts of spring.

Speaking of hurricanes, it was the hurricane of September, 1926, that awakened South Florida to consciousness of its trees. Edward Simmonds of the Plant Introduction Garden maintained for years that we should plant trees that bend before the wind. These will whip the ground under stress and snap back. Branches may be twisted off, every leaf may blow off, or the whole tree may be uprooted, but the tree itself remains intact and takes but a short time to come back. Examples are the palms, citrus and ficus (fig) trees, and the Australian pines when properly planted in deep holes. The pinnate leaves of the Royal Poinciana and Jacaranda allow the wind to whistle through, whereas trees of heavy foliage may be bowled over.

"It is interesting to note," writes Mrs. Dorn, "that the very things which we in our ignorance cursed—the leaching sand, omnipresent rock and alkaline soil—are really blessings in disguise for tree growth . . . The sand affords immediate drainage during the rainy season, with no . . . stagnant water or root rot. The porous rock conserves moisture in dry weather and furnishes an anchorage for the roots of trees in high wind. The very alkalinity of the soil which is often deplored . . . proves to be an asset rather than a liability, because most tropical plants require an alkaline soil. Last but not least, the much maligned sterility of pineland is mostly on the surface . . . as it has been amply demonstrated that there is plenty of nourishment in our pinelands for the support of timber trees. In going after it the tree acts as its own plough, digging what minerals it needs for sustenance from the lower strata of the soil."

Mrs. Dorn's early hobby of raising chickens, although not undertaken for that purpose, proved a valuable aid in her struggle to raise plants and vegetables. She writes: . . . "the chickens, all unknown to me, were busy soil building . . . when my pedigreed Leghorns were shelling out eggs, they were also producing quantities of the best possible fertilizer for tropical plants on new soil." It wasn't long before the wire covering the chicken pens was laced through with masses of the lovely lavender-blue blossoms of the vigorous Solanum Wendlandi, known as Paradise Vine. At the same time there were flaming dwarf poincianas in a mass of gorgeous bloom on one side of the house and a yellow Allamanda flourishing in the hot sun on the other side.

Mabel Dorn's book on tropical gardening leaves nothing to the imagination. All phases of the science and art are covered—how, when, where and what to plant; watering, feeding, pruning, pests, cuttings, transplanting; many pages of listings of various flowering trees, shrubs, vines and other plants under their botanical names, giving the popular name where there is one, and a description of each, with separate listings in color groups, and, finally, a chapter on tropical fruits.

Through the years since she arrived as a bride in the sandy wasteland of her South Florida home, this woman has acquired a wealth of knowledge of the true nature of this land, of what will grow here and how to make it grow, and through her writings has passed on to others the benefits of her hard-won knowledge and experience.

Like the strains of a theme-song, woven into the pages of her books, are selections from the poems of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, author of "The Everglades," "Road to the Sun," "Hurricane" and Florida stories published in the Saturday Evening Post, who in years gone by had a daily column called "The Galley" in the Miami Herald. In this, to quote Mrs. Dorn, "for four years she sang in prose and poetry of this new land which she loved." Quoting further: . . . "Every morning there was a new regional poem to head her column, written on the spur of the moment, and each morning all over South Florida people drank their coffee in tune with what MSD had to say that day.

"Even before I knew her she was describing in verse the same ideas I was struggling to express with plants in Dade County's rocky soil—all about the different seasons, our gorgeous tropic colors, and the joy of gardening. Later, it was such fun working with her, for everyone needs someone with whom to share one's dreams.

"Aside from and beyond the stimulation of her poems and ideas, it was Marjory herself who aided and abetted all of my horticultural activities, encouraging me in the early days of the South Florida Garden Club, interesting Dr. Ashe to give us a permanent meeting-place at the University, and assisting me in getting out the 'Book of Twelve' . . .

"Again, Marjory helped us to win fifth prize in a National Better Homing campaign sponsored by President Hoover. She took care of all publicity and later wrote up our community effort with such enthusiasm, featuring our Plant Exchange, that we won the award.

"It was Marjory who, throughout the years, besought, cajoled and entreated me to get all my notes together, even to the back of the last envelope. She kept the vision of writing a book ever before me, always insisting that I could, if I only would. As I assemble these pages, therefore, I am using some of her old regional poems, in order that others may enjoy them today when tropical gardening has become so important to all of us in this region."

Mrs. Dorn was the founder of the South Florida Garden Club, oldest of the garden study clubs in the county, which she served as president in its first three years, from 1926 to 1929. Twenty-five years later she was again its president, from 1954 to 1956. She holds honorary memberships in the Miami Garden Club, the South Miami Garden Club and the West End Garden Club. She is also an honorary member of the Coco Plum Woman's Club of South Miami, one of the oldest in Dade County. In 1950 Mrs. Dorn received the Barbour Lathrop medal from the Fairchild Tropical Garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Dorn are the parents of three sons and a daughter, all born in Miami. They are: Harold Lewis Dorn, Alice W. Dorn, Philip W. Dorn and Kenneth W. Dorn. There are six grandchildren.

In May, 1960, the Dorns were forced to give up the old home in which they had lived for forty-six years, at the northeast corner of Sunset Drive and Palmetto Road, because of the Palmetto Expressway. They now live about three blocks west at 7950 Sunset Drive.

LENNA R. WINSLOW
EMILIE POHL WINSLOW

That inventors are among the greatest benefactors of society is a fact that is not likely to be questioned by anyone. Such a one was Lenna R. Winslow, inventor of the Winslow Automatic Voting Machine.

He was born in Kokomo, Indiana, October 3, 1868. His father, Dr. William Lane Winslow, a dentist and

Emilie Pohl Winslow

L. R. Winslow

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preacher and one-time Mayor of Hutchinson, Kansas, was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, February 10, 1832; and his mother, Lindamira McLeland Winslow, was born in Henry County, Indiana, June 18, 1833.

Because of a serious illness, young Winslow's education was informal. His family early noted his gift for inventing things of a mechanical nature and encouraged him along these lines. The cash register having been invented while he was still a semi-invalid, he studied its mechanics carefully with the idea of adapting the principle of mechanical precision to a voting machine, which he felt was badly needed. Although up to that time efforts to produce a satisfactory machine had failed, he felt that with proper study he could succeed. And he did.

On March 3, 1903, the Winslow Automatic Voting Machine was officially approved in Ohio. On March 15, 1904, it was approved in Illinois and later in Michigan. This machine was first manufactured in Mr. Winslow's own plant in Cleveland and later in Toledo. It was declared to be the only voting machine patented which was capable of immediate adjustment for all the various classes of voting carried on in the United States, and at the same time could be used to vote a straight ticket by a single operation. It was the only machine at that time permitting cumulative voting and registering such votes mechanically. It had no weights, springs, or retracting devices which might go out of order, and had a combination locking and registering device which prevented tampering with the recorded votes. The exit of the voter from the compartment through a turnstile automatically replaced all operated parts in the machine, leaving it ready for the next voter. The machine is still in use, although the patent has been sold and resold.

Another important invention of Mr. Winslow's was one patented on May 24, 1932, after he moved to Florida for his health. It is described in his "Letters Patent" as "a new and useful improvement in elevators", and was of great service in this field. It featured the continuous rotation of cages, thereby saving time and space.

During World War I Mr. Winslow helped to raise millions of dollars in Toledo for the Liberty Loan drives.

On July 20, 1905, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Emilie Pohl, daughter of Louis and Caroline (Czolby) Pohl, who was born in Cleveland in 1883. Both her parents were born in Marienweddes, Germany, and both were naturalized American citizens in 1880. Her father was a wood carver in Germany and after coming to America did fine woodwork for the Pullman Company. He died May 1, 1933; her mother died in 1941. Emilie Pohl was a member of a large family. Her oldest brother was a teacher in Lutheran schools for forty-five years and her youngest brother was the pastor of a Lutheran church. Emilie was educated in Cleveland's schools and attended Toledo University.

While living in Toledo Mrs. Winslow was very active in women's organizations and in welfare work, as she has been and still is in her Florida home city of Miami. In 1921 she was secretary of the Lucas County WCTU and was general chairman for the WCTU State Convention held in Toledo that year. At that time she had long been active in the Toledo Woman's Club and in the League of Women Voters, in which she had served on the Legislative Committee. She was one of few Toledo women to hold the three certificates issued by the Red Cross for completing courses offered at the teaching center, and also has a certificate issued by the Toledo Chapter of the American Red Cross, bearing Woodrow Wilson's signature among others, "in recognition of service faithfully performed in behalf of the nation and her men at arms."

Since December 1954 Mrs. Winslow has been a life member of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union. She holds a certificate as a contributing member of the Crime Commission of Greater Miami, dated December 1953; a Citation for Distinguished Service from the Dade County unit of the American Cancer Society, commending her for having "through meritorious assistance and cooperation made an outstanding contribution in the fight to conquer cancer in 1956"; and a Certificate of Appreciation, dated October 15, 1959, from the Women's Division of the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce, of which she is a member, "for Civic Leadership and outstanding Service to the Community." She is also a member of the Humane Society, the Mental Health Society of Greater Miami, the Miami Music Club, the Globe Trotters Club, and the Rader Memorial Methodist Church in Miami.

Mr. Winslow was a member of the Christian Church. Having taken up his residence in Miami in 1925, he died there October 5, 1943.

RODDEY B. BURDINE, SR.
and
RODDEY B. BURDINE, JR.

The late Roddey B. Burdine, Sr., was ten years old when he came to Miami with his father, William M. Burdine, who had been a Lieutenant in the Confederate Army. The family came to Miami from Bartow, Florida, in 1898. Besides Roddey there were two other sons: R. F. (Freeman), and William. In October, 1898, W. M. Burdine opened a small "Gents Furnishings" store on what is now South Miami Avenue, between Flagler and First Streets. This business, which operated under the name of W. M. Burdine and Son, is now Burdine's, the largest department store in Florida, with branches in Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Miami Beach and at 163rd Street Center.

Upon graduating from Miami High School, Roddey entered his father's store and quickly mastered the business of a dry-goods merchant. When his father died, in 1911, Roddey became head of Burdine's. The Miami News, reporting at that time, said that he "inherited the vision, ability and faith in Miami which had been his father's."

In 1912, at the age of twenty-four, he completed the remarkable undertaking of the erection and stocking of what was then the largest building south of Jacksonville, the Burdine Building on Flagler Street, between Miami and First Avenues. Within a few years Burdine's had expanded to such an extent that an annex much larger than the original structure was required to house the greatly enlarged department store.

Writing in 1925, Isidor Cohen said: "The Burdine Building as it now stands is five stories high and extends through the block from Flagler Street to Southeast First

Roddey B. Burdine

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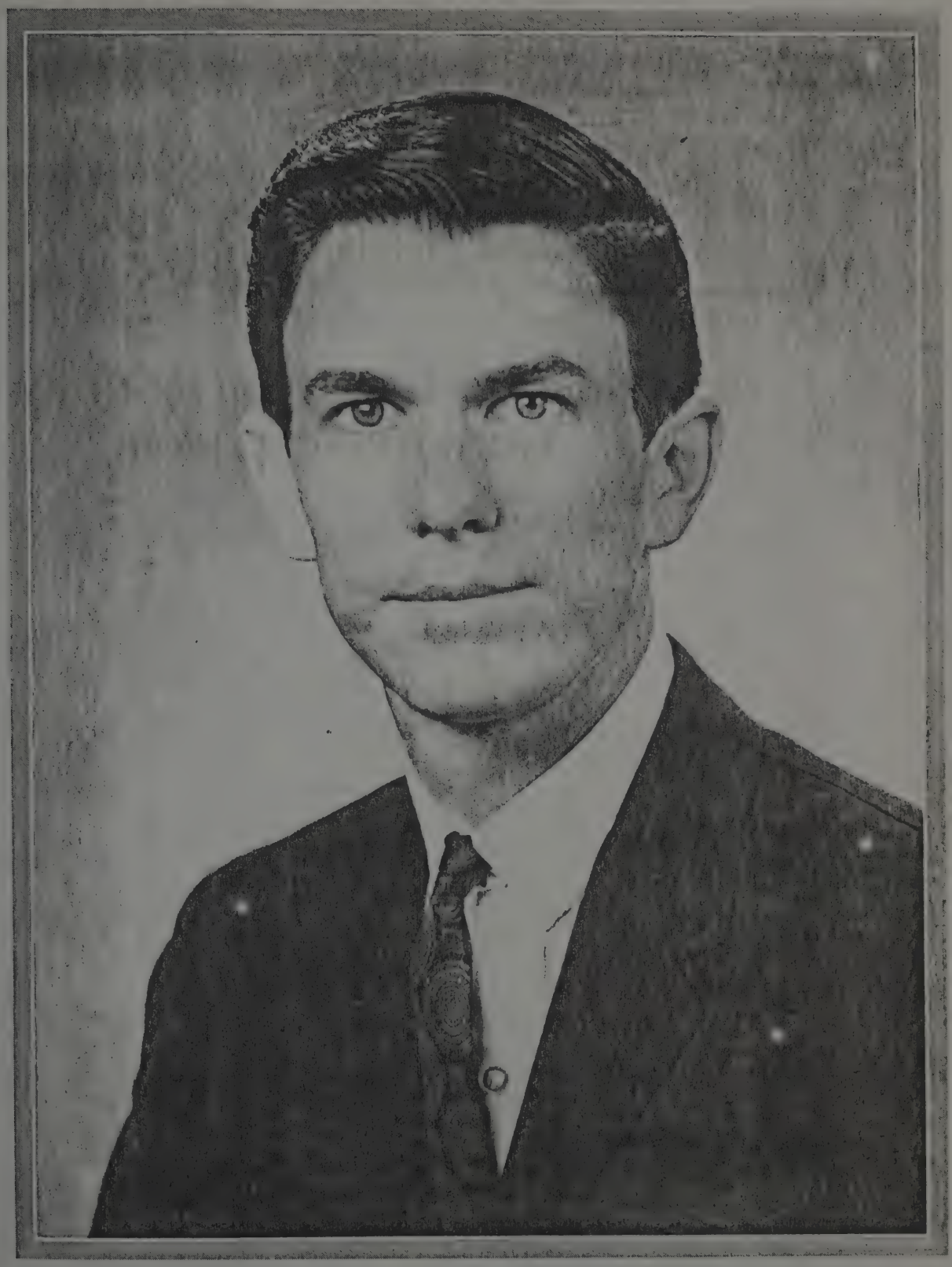


Rodney G. Gunline, Jr.

Street with a frontage of fifty feet on Flagler Street, 250 feet on First Street, and 240 feet on Miami Avenue. Its combined floor space aggregates 151,000 square feet. This colossal structure houses a modern emporium which compares favorably in magnitude and variety of departments with those of the most notable in the important cities of the country, and is a revelation to visitors from the metropolises of the nation. This mammoth department store has added materially to the prestige of Miami in its important contribution to making this city the shopping center of innumerable towns and agricultural communities within an extensive and rapidly settling territory." Since then the store has undergone further expansion, now occupying a building across Miami Avenue, the two buildings connected by a bridge over the Avenue.

Roddey Burdine was called "a prince of a good fellow" and came to be known as "the merchant prince." He never failed to respond to the call of civic duty and was prominently identified with diverse movements, especially in the inauguration of Miami's new municipal government and in the launching and successful consummation of the Community Chest enterprise, in both of which movements he rendered distinguished service. When, in 1937, a stadium was dedicated in Miami, it was named the Burdine Stadium in honor of Roddey Burdine, Sr., who had assisted in its development. Since then it has been renamed the Orange Bowl Stadium.

In the financing of his tremendous department store project, Roddey Burdine was ably assisted by his brother, Freeman, who was a lawyer. Brother William was a member of the firm and after the death of Roddey. in February, 1936, William served as President until 1943. He then became Chairman of the Board and G. E. Whitten, who had been Roddey Burdine's assistant, and had continued in an executive capacity, moved into the presidency. In 1956 Mr. Whitten became Chairman of the Board and A. H. Daniels is now President.

Roddey Burdine married, as his second wife, Lillian Chatham, now Mrs. C. S. O'Brien of Sun Valley, Idaho. Their only son, Roddey B. Burdine, Jr., was born December 14, 1935, two months before his father died. Three years later Mrs. Burdine married Dr. O'Brien, a professor at the University of Iowa, and young Roddey was taken North with his mother. When it came time to go to college, Roddey, Jr., chose the University of Miami so that he could work in the store part time. However, the following year he decided he would rather go to a smaller school where he could get a more personalized education, and transferred to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He continued to work at Burdine's during vacations.

With college and a six months stint in the Air Force out of the way, young Roddey returned to Miami, took up bachelor quarters, and began his retail training in earnest. Having inherited stock from his father, he already had a monetary interest in the business. When he was placed on the permanent payroll, it was the first time a Burdine had taken an active part in the store for several years. Senior employess who had worked with his father took him under their wing. It was decided to bring him up through the merchandising ranks. Since then he has had experience in all departments, learning all phases of the business. In all his activities, his ability and warmth of personality have won him many devoted friends.

A member of the Air Force Reserve, he was recently recalled to active duty and is stationed in Homestead, Florida. At Coe College he joined the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His hobbies are all forms of water sports—fishing, swimming, skin diving, boating—and he also enjoys skiing in Sun Valley on a vacation.

Through his father's first marriage, Roddey Burdine, Jr., has two older half sisters. Zada Burdine is the wife of Ernest Phipps, manager of Burdine's Fort Lauderdale store. Pat Burdine lives in New York City.

JOHN WILLIAM WATSON, SR.

"One of the pivots upon which the history of Miami and Dade County rests," as he was called in an early History of Dade County (Hollingsworth, 1936), John William Watson, Sr., came to Miami from Kissimmee in 1905. Son of John W. and Janet (McCubbin) Watson, natives of Nottaway County, Virginia, he was born at Newberg, North Carolina, October 31, 1858. His father was of English ancestry and served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

His parents having moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, when he was a young boy, John W. attended Lovejoy Academy in Raleigh and then spent two years in Louisiana and Texas. Returning to Raleigh when he was eighteen, he worked as a clerk for three years; then moved on to Georgia and Florida, locating first at Cedar Key. From there he migrated to Kissimmee, where he settled down and became a hardware merchant.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Watson served as Mayor of Kissimmee for two terms, was president of the City Council and Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. In 1896 he was elected to represent Osceola County in the State Legislature and served six consecutive terms. He was Speaker of the House in 1901.

In 1895, while on a visit to Miami, he decided to open a hardware store there, and operated that as well as his Kissimmee store until 1905, when he moved his family to Miami and established his permanent residence there.

Continuing his activity in government affairs, he was elected to the House of Representatives from Dade County in 1905 and then was elected to the State Senate. The time he spent in both houses of the Legislature from both counties totaled thirty-five years. In July, 1912, he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mayor S. Rodman Smith of Miami, who resigned on account of ill health. Mr. Watson was re-elected Mayor in 1913 and successfully campaigned for another term as Mayor in 1917. In 1920 he campaigned unsuccessfully against Park Trammell for Governor.

In 1882 Mr. Watson married Miss Emma Cora Chafer in Cedar Key. Their first son, Robert, was born there in 1883. Their second child, Janet, was born in 1885 in Kissimmee, where the third child, John W. Watson, Jr., was born in 1894. The daughter, Janet, married W. W. Charles in Miami in 1907. Their son, William Charles, born in 1911, is a prominent Miami lawyer. Their daughter, Janet, is the wife of John Otts, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. After the death of her first husband, Mr. Charles, Janet Watson married a Jacksonville dentist, Dr. Woodfin Carson, who died in 1955. Janet then returned to Miami.

Emma Chafer Watson died in 1920. Years later, on November 10, 1932, Mr. Watson, Sr., married his second wife, Annabel Stephens Hartman, widow of D. L. Hartman, Florida's "Strawberry King." A well known

short story writer who studied journalism and music in Paris, Annabel Stephens Watson is a devout patron of the arts. In recognition of her distinguished achievements Governor David Sholtz made her a Colonel on his official staff.

John W. Watson, Sr., died in Jacksonville February 7, 1942. He was a member of the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. Watson Park, on the Rickenbacker Causeway, was named in his honor.

JOHN WILLIAM WATSON, JR.

Following in the footsteps of his father, John W. Watson, Jr. has helped make Miami history by serving as City Attorney for more than thirty years.

Born in Kissimmee November 20, 1894, he was ten or eleven years old when his father moved the family to Miami in 1905, and continued his education in the public schools of Dade County. He graduated from Law School at the University of Florida and started practicing law in 1920. His innate ability proved his worth to the community, and on February 4, 1924, he was appointed City Attorney of Miami, which position he held continuously until 1952. Appointed again, he served from 1953 to 1955, and at the present writing (1961) is once more holding that office. He also served as City Manager of Miami in 1951-52.

The following is a partial list of Mr. Watson's activities in the past as City Attorney: Assisting in securing Bayfront Park, the municipal docks, terminals and yacht basins, and the increased water supply from Hialeah; validation of municipal bonds for these projects; preparation and working out legal questions for acquiring lands for five bridges in the city; all legal questions pertaining to acquiring the land for the construction of Biscayne Boulevard and its permanent paving, as well as the paving of 500 miles of other streets in Miami; handling all legal details involved in the annexation of Coconut Grove, Buena Vista, Silver Bluff, Lemon City and Little River; the preparation of various charter amendments covering numerous subjects, such as power to purchase lands for aviation purposes, power to zone the city for residential and business districts; and in pursuance of such powers the preparation of numerous laws governing these subjects.

Mr. Watson is a Mason and Shriner, a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and a veteran of World War I, during which he served in the United States Navy for twenty-seven months. He was an officer in command of submarine chaser US 226, the first vessel of its type to be sent overseas for combat during World War I. Assigned to the southwest coast patrol of the English channel, his ship was first based at Weymouth, England; later, when joined by sister ships, at Plymouth; and cooperated with the British fleet in the German submarine blockade. Lieutenant Watson's division was credited with sinking the U-55, a distinction which came only after actual evidence that the submarine had been sunk could be produced.

John W. Watson, Jr. married Alice Elizabeth Paulk in Miami on October 25, 1928. Born in Alapaha, Georgia, in 1909, Mrs. Watson died in Miami April 1, 1935. She was a daughter of Dr. George Alonzo Paulk, a Miami Ear-Nose-and-Throat specialist, who died in 1952, and his wife, Doris Kemp Paulk. A sister of Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Ernest Felix, was the pioneer television star on a Miami station known professionally as Jackie Pierce.

The children of John W. Watson, Jr. and Alice Paulk Watson are John W. Watson, III, whose biography appears in this volume, and Doris Patricia Watson Daly, born in 1932. Pat, as she is known, graduated cum laude from the University of Miami, where she majored in Education. She belonged to the Kappa Delta Pi honorary Education sorority, the Alpha Lambda Delta honorary scholastic fraternity, and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. In February 1954 she married John Pendleton Daly, CPA and Regional State Auditor for Dade County. He also is a University of Miami graduate and is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Daly belong to the Coral Gables Country Club and are patrons of the Museum of Science and Natural History. They attend the Congregational Church.

As a tribute to John W. Watson, Jr. for his years of service to the city, the Miami city commissioners, in a special dedication service in February 1961, named the city's new law and communication building the Watson Building.

Besides his other hobbies, which include hunting, Mr. Watson has a race horse, "Lady Liz" (named for his first granddaughter), which was a winner on the tracks for four years during the middle fifties.

JOHN WILLIAM WATSON, III

The third generation to bear the family name, John William Watson III is continuing the famiy tradition as a member of the legal profession. Although his eminent grandfather was not formally a lawyer, his many years of experience in the law-making bodies of the State Government practically gave him an honorary degree.

Born in Miami May 19, 1930, John W. Watson III attended Coral Gables Elementary School, graduated from Ponce de Leon High School and from the University of Florida, where he received his academic degree in 1951 and his LL.B. from the Law School in 1955. Meanwhile he served in the United States Army in the Korean War. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, the Florida Bar Association, the University Club, Coral Gables Country Club, and Plymouth Congregational Church. Currently he and his father share the same law office in the Pan American Bank Building in Miami.

In Miami on April 6, 1951, he married Marilyn Beach, daughter of Helen (Ricketts) and Walton M. Beach. Mrs. Watson was born July 13, 1931, in Coshocton, Ohio, which was also the birthplace of her father, born August 4, 1911. Her mother was born in Bristol, Connecticut, October 22, 1911. Mr. Watson met his future bride while both were attending the Ponce de Leon High School and it was while she was attending Florida State University that they were married. After the wedding he left for active duty with the 712th anti-aircraft battery of the National Guard. Mrs. Watson belonged to the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority in college. The couple have two daughters, born in Miami: Helen Elizabeth, born February 3, 1953, and Janet Marilyn, born September 10, 1957.

Like his father, John W. the Third enjoys hunting on the Watson ranch near Orlando. His other hobby is fishing.

KATHRYN SLAUGHTER WITTICHEN

Fortified by a long line of Colonial and Confederate ancestry, Kathryn Slaughter Wittichen of Coral Gables is a leader among women, a worthy daughter of her heritage, and the epitome of all the gracious attributes that we associate with Southern womanhood. The entire South may well take pride in this patrician who is a daughter of Mississippi by birth and a Floridian by adoption. Original in her ideas and manner of expressing them, she challenges attention and awakens thought. She is an authority on art, literature and music and for many years has contributed toward the cultural development of Greater Miami.

Her roots go back to Virginia, where her father's ancestors were among the first settlers, having come to America in the early 1600's. Descendants of Duke John Slaughter of Gloucester County, England, John and William Slaughter, the progenitors of the family in America, played important roles in the early development of the Colonies and the States. Among other distinguished antecedents are Judge Samuel McDowell of Virginia, the first United States Judge, appointed by President George Washington; Governor Gabriel Stout McDowell of Kentucky; and Dr. Ephraim McDowell, pioneer surgeon, whose bust is in the Kentucky State Capitol. Dr. McDowell performed the first successful abdominal surgery in world history. Mrs. Wittichen's grandfather, William Harrison Slaughter, who married Elizabeth Ann McDowell, served in the First Mississippi Cavalry Regiment of the Confederate Army as bodyguard to General Wirt Adams.

Kathryn Slaughter was born January 2, 1896, in Rankin County, Mississippi, which was also the birthplace of her parents, John Newton Slaughter, born September 12, 1863, and Jeffie Lawrence Slaughter, born March 4, 1877. Kathryn earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Port Gibson College, Mississippi, and supplemented her education with special courses at Mississippi Woman's College. She became a teacher of mathematics and spent seven years in the field of education. She also studied music for several years and achieved success as a public speaker and lecturer.

In 1925 Kathryn Slaughter came to Coral Gables, Florida. On August 16, 1927, she married Murray Forbes Wittichen, who was born in Catonsville, Maryland, July 25, 1887, son of Florian Otto Wittichen and Kate Ramsey Forbes of distinguished Virginia ancestry. His mother was one of the founders of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and the Children's Hospital at Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. Wittichen's natural qualities of leadership soon won her a position of eminence in her new community. She was president of the Miami Woman's Club from 1936 to 1939. During her administration the club received the Florida Federation award for the highest rating of any club in the state from the standpoint of varied activities, accomplishments, community service and cooperation with the State and General federations. During her presidency, also, the club's building became a cultural center through its use by the public for fine arts and other activities; and the mortgage was burned, leaving the club free of all indebtedness. Mrs. Wittichen is now a life member.

Like her mother, who rendered aid to the Choctaws, she has been especially interested in Indian welfare and has accomplished much good work among the Seminoles, both publicly and in personal pursuits. She served as Indian Welfare Chairman for the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs (of which she was later Recording Secretary), as Zone Chairman of Group Seven, Division of Indian Welfare of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and as Director of the State Seminole Association. She also served as Chairman for American Indians under the local chapter of the D.A.R.

Mrs. Wittichen is a life member of First Families of Virginia, and was a charter member of Daughters of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida. She was the fifty-first woman in Florida to become a member of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. She served a term of three years as State President, 1939-41. In addition to her service in the Miami Everglades Chapter of the D.A.R. as Regent, she has served the Florida D.A.R. in many capacities. But her first love and greatest service among patriotic organizations goes to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

In 1952-54 she was President of the Florida Division of the U.D.C. During those two years she won the Tucker Buchanan Banner for outstanding historical work and the Wittichen Cup, which replaced the Eckhardt Cup, for the best report for Divisions in Florida's category of membership. Under her leadership Florida was the first Division to meet its Memorial Building Fund quota (Headquarters, Museum and Library for the U.D.C. in Richmond, Virginia), which it oversubscribed by more than $6,000. Working closely with the District Directors, she organized seven new chapters in one year, the best record of any Division in the National U.D.C. in more than twenty-five years. She also was responsible for erecting and dedicating Florida's beautiful monument in the Vicksburg National Cemetery, Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Division presidents elected her president of their National Council for 1953-54. In June, 1954, she called a special meeting at Jacksonville at which plans were laid for the first General Convention of Children of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Wittichen served the General Organization of the U.D.C. as a member of several committees and completed the research, compiling and writing of a section of the history of twenty-four memorials. This history was published in 1955. Elected Second Vice-President-General, she served with distinction in this office from 1955 to 1957, demonstrating her vision, keen business ability and genius for organization and promotion.

In November, 1957, she was elected President-General of the U.D.C. and served three years. During her first year as President-General depleted funds were restored and a debt on the Memorial Building in Richmond, Virginia, was paid off. This was approximately $30,000. During her term the building was beautifully furnished—thousands of books of history and out-of-print editions were added to the library.

During her last year in this office there was created, as a result of her recommendation and efforts in money raising, a Jefferson Davis Memorial Chapel in the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. This state institution, founded in 1838, was the only medical college able to keep its doors open during the War Between the States. It is the college from which Dr. Simon Baruch was graduated in 1862, and many others who gave of themselves to the cause of the Confederacy.

The Chapel, located on the 17th floor of the college building, seats thirty-two persons, and cost approximately $42,000. This Chapel is used twenty-four hours a day and many young graduates are married there. Mrs. Wittichen herself planned and supervised every

step in the Chapel's development. As one commentator said, "after Mrs. Wittichen's forty-three years of community and organization work, this Jefferson Davis Memorial Chapel is a magnificent way to say 'Amen' to a glorious record of service."

Mrs. Wittichen gave a Memorial to her father, and the Florida Division president, Mrs. Herbert O. Vance, gave $1,000 (the largest single contribution) in honor of Mrs. Wittichen. Among several plaques in the Chapel is one, erected by the college and the Missouri Division, which bears the following inscription:

"A Tribute to Kathryn Slaughter Wittichen, President-General, United Daughters of the Confederacy, whose efforts and leadership made possible this sanctuary for prayer and meditation. Dedicated November 12, 1960."

In 1960 a beautiful tablet to Horace Lawson Hunley was presented and dedicated by Mrs. Wittichen in the Submarine Library in Groton, Connecticut. (The Hunley, a Confederate submarine, financed by Horace L. Hunley, was the first in history to sink an enemy warship in combat—the Union Housatonic, in February, 1864). It was during the planning for the tablet that Naval officials agreed to name a vessel for Horace L. Hunley. It is the first polaris submarine tender—U.S.S. Hunley (AS 31), keel laid November 16, 1959, launched September 28, 1961, scheduled completion 1962. In full capacity it will service ten polaris submarines.

In addition to those already mentioned, Mrs. Wittichen has held many other positions of leadership, administration and trust. She served on the Board of Directors of the Dade County Tuberculosis Association. In 1941 she organized the Red Cross Volunteer Services, heading 20,000 women during World War II, and served on the National Red Cross Committee for Women's Services. In 1952-53 she was Chairman of the Dade County Red Cross Chapter. She has written and produced pageants for the Red Cross, the Orange Bowl Festival and the Royal Poinciana Festival. She is a member of the National League of American Pen Women, the Navy Historical Foundation, the Florida Historical Society, Miami Music Club, and Sigma Alpha Iota sorority. She has been active in the Y.W.C.A. and for many years a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #47 of Jackson, Mississippi. Before coming to Florida she was active also in organization work among young people in the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Wittichen inspires loyalty and cooperation in her associates and admiration in her public. She exemplifies efficiency and business judgment behind the scenes. She is a woman of many talents, not the least of which is a talent for human relationships.

Her biography appears in "The Women of Florida" (1940) and in "Who"s Who of American Women."

ETHAN VERNOR BLACKMAN

A minister who became a journalist, the Reverend Ethan Vernor Blackman was the founding editor and publisher of the Florida East Coast Railroad's magazine, "The Florida Homeseeker," which brought many early residents to Miami. The Reverend Blackman distinguished himself also as a lecturer and author on the subject of horticulture and, more notably, as an historian. His scholarly history entitled "Miami and Dade County, Florida," is a valuable contribution to Floridiana. "Affectionately dedicated to Henry M. Flagler, Florida's Great Benefactor," it was published in 1921 by Victor Rainbolt in Washington, D.C., and is now a collector's item.

Ethan Vernor Blackman was born at North Pitcher, New York, June 19, 1840. He attended and was graduated from a junior college in Courtland, New York, where he met his first wife, Elpha Monroe. During the Civil War he served two years in the Union Army.

When he entered the Southern District of the Methodist Conference, Mr. Blackman was stationed at Reddick in Marion County, Florida. He was then sent in succession to Waldo, Eustis and Daytona, remaining at the latter place for two years. He served also as minister at the City Point, Georgiana and Melbourne churches before he left the ministry to take up journalism. Thereafter he remained an active lay minister wherever he went.

Mr. Blackman was correspondent for the Jacksonville Times-Union for many years, and while residing at Rockledge was co-owner of the Cocoa and Rockledge News. He moved to Miami in 1896 and in 1898 began publishing "The Florida Homeseeker," which was a success from the start. Although the magazine was printed in St. Augustine, its mailing envelopes were addressed in Miami by Mr. Blackman's daughter, Fleda (Mrs. David Lewis Hughes, Sr.) who remembers addressing envelopes to subscribers in China, Japan, South America and other foreign countries. After her marriage in 1904 she could not continue this work, and without her assistance the magazine "folded up."

Mr. Blackman was the first Secretary of the Miami Board of Trade, the forerunner of the present Miami Chamber of Commerce. He was the first man in Dade County to organize and hold a County Fair to promote the interests of those engaged in agriculture and horticulture in Dade County. This fair was held in and around the Royal Palm Hotel swimming pool in 1897. Two years later Henry Flagler gave Mr. Blackman and his associate, J. C. Baile, a tent for the fair and permitted it to be located in Royal Palm Park. By 1900 Flagler built a fair building on the bay, south of the present site of the Public Library. This was used for the fair for four years. A County Agent was finally put in charge, relieving Mr. Blackman of the responsibility.

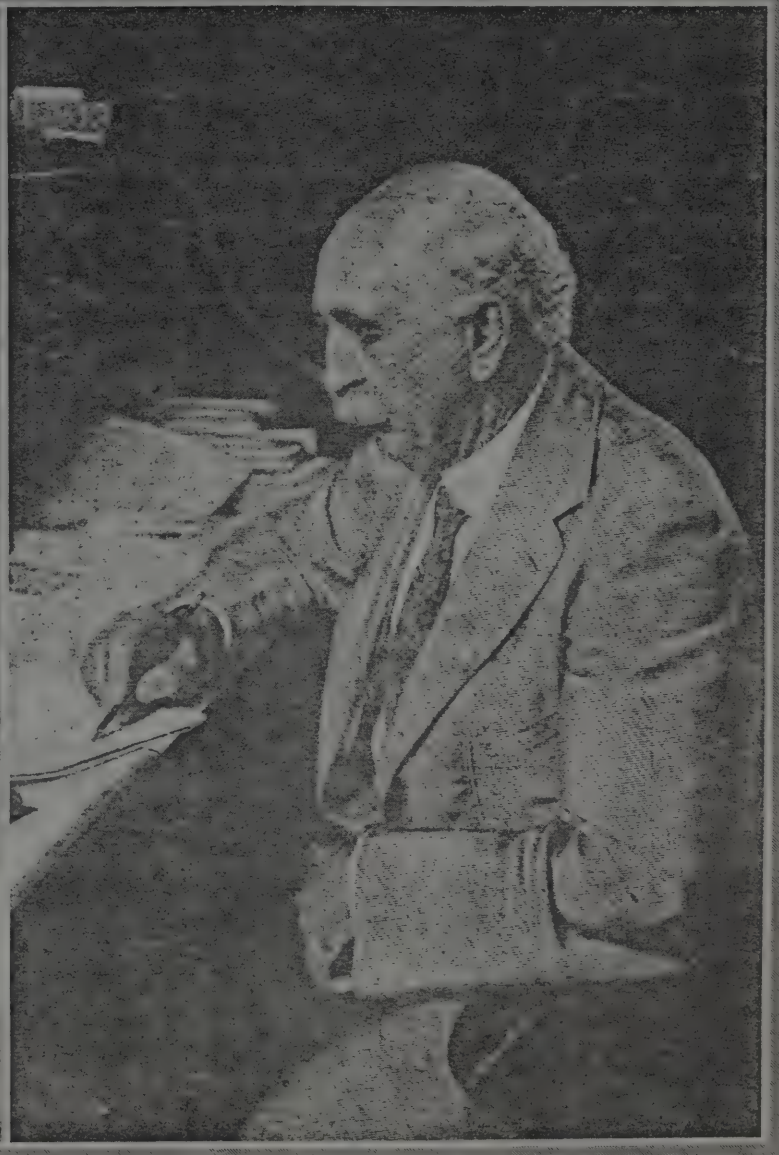
It was Reverend Blackman who established Miami's First Methodist Church, which is now the White Temple Church. Through him, also, Mr. Flagler donated lots to both the Southern Methodist Church and the Baptist Church in Miami.

After the death of his first wife, whom he married on December 4, 1881, Reverend Blackman married Miss Evelyn Baker. He died in Miami in 1924, survived by his wife and daughter, Fleda, child of his first wife.

FLEDA VERNA BLACKMAN HUGHES

The daughter of a distinguished pioneer of Miami, Fleda Verna Blackman Hughes is a woman of many talents and accomplishments, including business executive ability. An idea of her personality may be gained by quoting a Miami Herald article of November 8, 1959, which called her "The Mama of the Hughes Seed Store" and said in part: "Although she stands only a little over five feet in height, her size is the only diminutive factor about Mrs. Hughes. Her firm step and positive outlook would do credit to a

Flora V. Hughes



E. V. Blackman

person half her age. Always looking ahead, Mrs. Hughes says she has never spent one bored moment."

Fleda Verna Blackman was born in Kirksville, Missouri, on March 8, 1883, daughter of Elpha (Monroe) and the Reverend Ethan Vernor Blackman (see sketch). Her early education was received in a number of schools, depending on her father's location. She was fourteen when she and her sister, Eva Belle, left their home in Rockledge, Florida, to join their father in Miami on June 2, 1897. Mrs. Blackman followed a month later.

In Miami Fleda continued her education, attending the public school, and spent unforgettable days riding her bicycle through the village streets, joining other young pleasure seekers in picnics, and swimming in the surf and bay. She recalls that she and her sister used to dive under the yachts anchored in Biscayne Bay.

From the school of experience, while assisting her father as he gathered and wrote news for the journals he represented, she learned how to write. From Miami teachers she learned art and music, in both of which she attained professional status.

Perhaps her first important business experience was what she gained as a teenager helping her father by addressing the envelopes to subscribers of "The Florida Homeseeker," a journal owned by the Florida East Coast Railroad which Mr. Blackman began editing and publishing in 1898. She recalls that the journal was sent to the far corners of the world and that it brought many new residents to Dade County. She later helped her father prepare articles for this journal for the Jacksonville Times-Union, for which he was correspondent for some years. Fleda wrote for that paper at the age of eighteen.

The business career which she has continued to the present time with the Hughes Seed Company began after her marriage in 1904 to David Lewis Hughes who, with his brother, W. D. Hughes, founded the company in 1898. Hughes Seed Company is one of the oldest concerns on the southeast coast of Florida to engage in the wholesale and retail seed and farm supplies business. Over a decade ago it was reputed to be the largest pet supply company in the state. One of Mrs. Hughes' earliest activities in the business was promoting the sale of packages of seeds bearing the store's name. W. D. Hughes left the business in 1912. After the death of her husband in 1927, Mrs. Hughes took over the management of the business, whose guiding spirit she had been long before that. She has been treasurer of the company since 1950.

Sharing her father's interest in horticulture, Mrs. Hughes contributed articles to the garden page of the Miami News for twenty-five years. At one time she sang in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Miami. For six years she was night organist for the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church and played for their entertainments and weddings. She was the first woman in Miami to appear on television, in a program that was telecast from the McAllister Hotel.

Mrs. Hughes is a member of the Miami Pioneers, past president of the Fifty Year Club of Miami, past president of the Miami Soroptimist Club and a former member of the Miami Woman's Club.

Married in Miami in 1904 to David Lewis Hughes, she is the mother of five children, three of whom are living. Her first child, Helen Fleda Hughes, born in 1905, died at the age of eight years. Her second child and oldest son, David L. Hughes, born in 1910, was associated with his father in the seed business and is living in Coral Gables. Her son, John William Hughes, born in 1916, died January 7, 1944, of wounds received in action in Italy during World War II. The Purple Heart was sent to his mother. The last two children were twins, Jeane and Joyce, born April 22, 1919. The son, Jeane Blackman Hughes, is now president of Hughes Seed Company. Joyce, now Mrs. Richard Mann, is assistant treasurer and secretary of the firm. Jeane B. Hughes married Miss Barbara Elizabeth Simmons of Key West and they have two children: Harry W. Hughes, born March 31, 1948, and Barbara Jeane Hughes, born November 24, 1949. Jeane and his wife, "Bobbie," are both members of the Descendants of Pioneers.

SAMUEL STEPHEN McCAHILL

Born in Warren County, Iowa, April 9, 1882, Samuel Stephen McCahill was one of nine children (eight boys and a girl) of Matthew McCahill and Catherine Donovan McCahill, both of whom were born in Ireland.

He attended the University of California and the University of Southern California, where he received an LLB. degree in 1906; Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; and Yale Law School, where he received his Master of Law degree cum laude in 1908. He was admitted to the California bar in 1906, to the Pennsylvania bar in 1919, to the Florida bar in 1925 and to the practice of law before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1934; and practiced law in California, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in Miami, Florida, from 1925 until his death, which occurred on August 9, 1957.

In the First World War Mr. McCahill served in the United States Army, 1917 to 1919, as a First Lieutenant at Kelly Field, Texas, and March Field, California. As a member of the officers Reserve Corps, he was a Captain in the Air Service from 1919 to 1923 and a Major in the same service from 1923 to 1933. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

On January 1, 1916, Samuel Stephen McCahill married Elva Myrtle Ames, whose sketch follows. Sam, born on an Iowa farm, and Elva, born on a California farm, had a natural love for the land, its development, trees and flowers. After their children were grown, they moved from their residence in the City of Miami to the southwest part of the county and developed a 100-acre tract of native pine, palmetto and scrub. This development includes a shopping center, residences, and a twenty-five-acre lake on the south shore of which is the family residence. The homesite carries the name, Fort Lonesome. Years before the McCahills purchased the property there existed among the pines near the center of the tract part of the foundation of old Fort Lonesome. Old Floridians in the area claimed it to have been built in the early days. In clearing they retained many of the native trees on the property and have added many rare flowering and fruit-bearing trees. This natural interest, combined with the pooling of their talents, time and gardening knowledge, converted the southern wilderness into a garden worthy of the name. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCahill held membership for years in Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

The McCahills' belief and confidence in the future of Florida was evidenced by their purchasing Florida

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real estate as an investment. Other real estate investments in the county included acreage and commercial properties.

Mr. McCahill's legal knowledge, his special understanding of real estate problems and his keen desire for proper development of this area caused him to accept the position and serve for a number of years as chairman of the Dade County Board of Adjustment.

Mr. McCahill was well known for his work with veterans on insurance and legal matters. He served on the Americanism Commission of the national organization of the American Legion, as well as actively participating in the Americanism program on the state and local levels. He assisted in the early years of the "I am an American Day" programs, and stressed the importance of the development of good citizenship by promoting the American Legion school awards in the schools throughout our state and rendering assistance to the Boys' State program. In his Commander's message to the legionnaires of the Department of Florida in May, 1943, he stated:

"The principles set forth in the Preamble to our Constitution have stood the test of time and still shine as beacon lights of conduct for all true Americans. Service in time of war earned for us the right to belong to the American Legion. Service to our country in time of peace has provided the solid foundation upon which our organization has builded."

Mr. McCahill held the following offices in the American Legion: Commander, Wilkinsburg-Edgewood (captain John M. Clark Post); Commander, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Commander, District Department of Pennsylvania; Commander, Harvey W. Seeds Post, Miami, Florida; Commander, Fifth District, Department of Florida; Commander, State Department of Florida; National Executive Committeeman. He helped to organize the Forty-and Eight Society in Dade County. Sam and Elva McCahill worked side by side as a team in their many endeavors. Mrs. McCahill served as unit president of the American Legion Auxiliary in both Pennsylvania and Florida and continued her service in the Legion Auxiliary as Department President and National Executive Committeewoman.

Sam McCahill was also a member of Central Baptist Church, Miami; the Scottish Rite Masons; Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; Durant Lodge #268, F. & A. M., Berkeley, California; a past patron of Fort Dallas Chapter #17, O.E.S.; a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and of the Coral Gables Country Club.

A public-minded citizen, he gave of his energy, ability and funds to assist in civic ventures as far as his health, time and finances permitted. His friends always spoke of his gentle manner, which was courageous without being aggressive.

ELVA AMES McCAHILL

A prominent club woman, political and social service worker, Elva Ames McCahill, widow of the late Samuel Stephen McCahill, whose sketch precedes, was born in Oakdale, California, on November 26, 1896; the third of eight children of James Buchanan Ames, a farmer, and Sarah Ellen MacDaniel, a school teacher. Her father was born in Dover, Maine, May 21, 1857. He was a direct descendant of Phineas Ames, who served in Colonel Sparhawk's regiment in the Revolutionary War. Her mother's parents crossed the plains from Missouri in a covered wagon during the gold rush.

Elva Ames was educated in elementary school in Oakdale, high school in Berkeley, California, and at the University of California, from which she was graduated in 1917 with a major in Jurisprudence and minors in French and Spanish. All but one of her brothers and sisters took college degrees in California.

On January 1, 1916, at Berkeley, California, she married Samuel Stephen McCahill, who was then ten years out of law school. It is interesting to note that both Mr. and Mrs. McCahill were born on movable holidays, the only two movable holidays on the calendar in America. Mrs. McCahill came into the world on Thanksgiving Day in 1896, and thereafter her mother always referred to that holiday as "Elva's Day." Mr. McCahill was a newborn babe on the morning of April 9, 1882, which was Easter Sunday.

The McCahills' first child was born in Berkeley, California; the next two in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. From there they came to Miami, Florida, in 1925, and their fourth and last daughter was born there in 1926.

In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mrs McCahill was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and she has been a member of the Auxiliary for forty-one years. She is a past president of Wilkinsburg-Edgewood unit of Pennsylvania, Captain John M. Clark Post, and the Harvey W. Seeds Unit of Miami; was president of the Department of Florida in 1932, and served as National Executive Committeewoman. She is, of course, a member of the Eight-and-Forty Society of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Equally active in other women's organizations, she was president of the Miami branch of the American Association of University Women in 1928; president of the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs in 1932-34, and is now chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Federation and a member of the Board of Trustees of Miami Woman's Club, of which she is a Perpetual member. She is one of the organizers of the Dade County Girl Scout Council; one of the organizers and was first president of the Miami Chapter of International Psi Psi Psi (mothers of Delta Delta Delta girls); and served six years on the Miami YWCA Board. At the Central Baptist Church in Miami, of which she is a member, she taught a Sunday School class of high school girls.

The McCahills believe that the first responsibility of every citizen is to assist in securing able, honest and well qualified leaders for office in government. Mrs. McCahill served as co-chairman with Mrs. Carl E. Dunaway for the Woman's Division in the gubernatorial campaign of Governor Spessard L. Holland and Governor Millard Caldwell. She served on the District Welfare Board under Governor Holland and Governor Caldwell. When elected, Governor Holland appointed her a Colonel on his staff. She again served in electing Spessard Holland as United States Senator. All of her political service has been on a voluntary basis.

In addition to organizations already named, Mrs. McCahill is also a member of the University Women's Club, Inc., and the Washington Club, both of Washington, D.C.; Zonta International; the Mayaimi Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; The Fort Dallas Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Musicians Club of America; Miami Bookfellows; South Florida Garden Club; Fairchild Tropical Gardens; and Coral Gables Country Club.

The McCahills raised four daughters:

1. Elva McCahill Burke (Mrs. Franklyn Emmett

Burke, Jr.), born April 21, 1918, at Berkeley, California. She has two children: John Ames Kingston Burke, born April 12, 1951, and Barbara Anne Lynne Burke, born May 12, 1953.

2. Mary McCahill McCall (Mrs. Samuel Leverte McCall), born February 7, 1920, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has had six children, five of whom are living:
   1) Samuel Leverte McCall, Jr., born June 18, 1940.
   2) Mary Charlotte, born April 22, 1944.
   3) Curtis Ames, born April 4, 1949, died January 25, 1958.
   4) Virginia Louise, born July 22, 1951.
   5) Edward Carlyle, born September 1, 1955.
   6) Nelle Elizabeth, born May 13, 1958.

3. Mattie McCahill Bailey (Mrs. Raleigh Eugene Bailey), born July 6, 1921, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has four children:
   1) Raleigh Eugene Bailey, Jr., born March 7, 1943.
   2) Samuel Stephen, born January 11, 1948.
   3) Patricia Murphy, born March 2, 1953.
   4) Matthew McCahill, born February 4, 1955.

4. Roberta McCahill McKenry (Mrs. Carl E. B. McKenry, Jr.), born March 14, 1926, at Miami, Florida. She has four children:
   1) Carl Ernest Brown McKenry, III, born May 22, 1953.
   2) Carol Jean, born July 3, 1955.
   3) Robert Ames, born January 26, 1957.
   4) Mary Catherine, born September 30, 1960.

(See sketch of Carl E. B. McKenry, Jr.)

Mrs. McCahill is also a business woman, president of family corporations (two Florida corporations), and trustee of estate properties, including investment and development.

She served as a translator of French and Spanish for the United States Government in the Miami Censorship office for two years during World War II. Although she had majored in Jurisprudence in college, she never did practice law. This knowledge, however, resulted in her being placed always on legislative and by-laws committees. "Never," she complains good-naturedly, "do they ask me to prepare a tea table." A glimpse of her beautiful home, however, reveals that she has a gift for homemaking. It is a place where her children and grandchildren love to come.

CARL ERNEST BROWN McKENRY, JR.

A member of the law firm of McCahill and McKenry in Boca Raton, Carl E. B. McKenry, Jr., is also assistant professor of Management and Business Law at the University of Miami.

He was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, June 26, 1926, son of Carl E. B. McKenry, Sr., a native of Pocahontas, Virginia, and Carol (Wilson) McKenry, who was born in Orange, New Jersey. His father served as a Captain in the United States Army in World War I and was a graduate of Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia. He was a practicing attorney in Lynchburg, Virginia, until his death in 1960.

Carl McKenry, Jr., graduated from E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Virginia, and after two years (1945-46) at the Virginia Military Institute entered the University of Miami, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in February, 1949, and his Bachelor of Laws degree in June, 1954.

He was with Pan American World Airways for eight years. At the time that he left Pan American he was Assistant to the Division Attorney for the Latin American Division of Pan American World Airways.

After receiving his law degree he continued with the study of law in the graduate school and became a member of the teaching faculty of the university in 1956.

On February 2, 1952, in Miami, Carl McKenry, Jr., married Roberta Ames McCahill, daughter of Elva (Ames) and Samuel Stephen McCahill. She was born in Miami, March 14, 1926, graduated from Miami High School in 1943 and from the University of Miami in 1947 with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. Mrs. McKenry was with the foreign service of the Department of State of the United States from 1948 to 1951; and was stationed in Budapest, Hungary, and Paris, France. She was a member of the U. S. delegation in 1950-1951 to the Conference on General Agreements on Trade and Tariffs at Torquay, England.

Mrs. McKenry also attended the University of Miami Law School and graduated with her husband in 1954. Upon graduation she and her father (see sketch of Samuel Stephen McCahill) formed the law firm of McCahill and McKenry with offices in Miami. After the death of her father, the firm of McCahill and McKenry, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. McKenry, was moved to Boca Raton, where they also have their home.

The McKenrys now have four children:
1. Carl E. B. III, born May 22, 1953.
2. Carol Jean, born July 3, 1955.
3. Robert Ames, born January 26, 1957.
4. Mary Catherine, born September 30, 1960.

Mr. McKenry is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the South Palm Beach County Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Inter-American Bar Association; of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity, and Sigma Alpha Tau aviation fraternity. Flying is one of his hobbies. He is also a member of the Boca Raton Aviation Association, Elks Lodge #2166 and the First Methodist Church of Boca Raton. From 1947 until 1959 he was in the United States Naval Reserve.

Mrs. McKenry is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the South Palm Beach County Bar Association, and the Florida Bar; of Kappa Beta Pi legal sorority; Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority; an organizing member of the Estahakee Chapter of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; a charter member of the Soroptimist Club of Boca Raton; a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Palm Beach County Home Nursing Service; and a member of the First Methodist Church of Boca Raton.

FREDERICK MITCHELL HUDSON

The venerable statesman and distinguished lawyer who served twelve years in the State Senate, representing the East Coast's 13th District, and introduced the bills which created St. Lucie, Palm Beach and Broward counties, Frederick Mitchell Hudson, at the age of ninety, still heads the Miami law firm of Hudson, McNutt, Campbell and Isom.

He was born February 2, 1871, in Jefferson County, Arkansas, son of James Asbury and Mary Rhoda (Warren) Hudson. His father, a farmer and a capitalist who served in the Arkansas Legislature in 1860 and 1879, was born in Elbert County, Georgia, January 28, 1817, and died September 15, 1902. James Hudson was the son of Charles, son of David, who came from Louisa

County, Virginia, shortly after the Revolution. His paternal grandmother was Lucy McGehee, whose Scotch ancestor was Thomas Mackgehee. His mother was descended from the Leonard family of England. According to published genealogies, the ancestors of both Mr. Hudson's parents were sureties for Magna Charta in 1215. Mary R. Warren was born September 5, 1827, and died August 30, 1918. She married James A. Hudson on October 28, 1869.

Frederick Mitchell Hudson received his common school education at the local schools nearest his father's farm in Jefferson County, Arkansas, where he grew up. From 1885 to 1887 he attened Hendrix College at Altus, now at Conway, Arkansas, and spent the next five years at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, where he received the A.B. degree in 1890 and the LL.B. degree in 1892. During his years in college he won a scholarship in Latin and the new Shakespeare Society prize; was president of the Y.M.C.A., business manager of "The Southern Collegian," and a Commencement orator.

From 1892 to 1900 Mr. Hudson practiced law in his native county at Pine Bluff. During this period he served as City Attorney for three years (1895-98) and was on the Board of Trustees of Merrill Institute, a philanthropic corporation.

Because of impaired health, Mr. Hudson moved to Florida in 1900. He was married then and had two children. His parents had had a winter home on the Indian River since 1890, and he was familiar with the area. During the next five years he was engaged in growing pineapples, and, on recovering his health, sought admission to the Florida bar.

In 1904 he was elected to represent the 13th District (Brevard and Dade counties) in the State Senate. Eight counties now occupy the area originally covered by Brevard and Dade counties. Senator Hudson was reelected in 1908 and again in 1912. In 1905 he introduced the bill which divided Brevard County and created St. Lucie County. In 1909 he introduced the bill which created Palm Beach County out of Dade, and in 1915 the bill creating Broward County.

In 1909 he became the first Dade County man to be elected president of the Florida State Senate, and held that office two years.

The 1911 issue of "Makers of America" declared that Senator Hudson's election to the Florida Senate, when he was only thirty-three years of age and after he had been a resident of Florida only a few years, was a remarkable achievement in itself. His qualifications for leadership made him one of the most influential members of the Senate, and the value of his contributions to the efficient and enlightened conduct of the State's business was widely recognized.

Among his many humanitarian achievements was the part he played in the passing of the State's first child labor law. He also drew and introduced the first juvenile court bill, which passed during a later session in practically the same form, sponsored by Senator Glenn Terrell. His work as special counsel for the Florida Railroad Commission (1911 to 1914), handling litigation in all State and Federal courts, was conceded as invaluable, according to the 1915 Legislative Blue Book of Florida, which makes the following comment on Senator Hudson:

"He never deals in personalities or resorts to unfair methods to advance the principles for which he stands, always standing for what he conceives to be the right, whether this is with the majority or with the minority . . . He has always stood for the moral side of every question, believing in the uplift and betterment of his fellow man."

After the legislative session of 1905, Senator Hudson moved to Miami and opened his law office there. He practices in all State courts and in various Federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States. He has appeared as counsel in many important cases and gained a reputation as one of the ablest lawyers in the State.

Mr. Hudson's original firm was Hudson and Boggs, later Hudson, Wolfe and Cason. Then from 1925 to 1955 the name of Hudson and Cason was stamped on court records, State and Federal, from lower courts to the highest.

For many years, ending in 1955, the members of the firm, including from time to time F. M. Hudson, Fred W. Cason, Garland M. McNutt, Park H. Campbell, Rudolph Isom and J. Mark Wilson, served Dade County as advisers to the successive Boards of County Commissioners. By their guidance and counsel they assisted those far-seeing officials in securing lasting benefits for Miami and Dade County.

Among those outstanding accomplishments was securing the donation by the Matheson family of Crandon Park, free of cost to the taxpayers; the county's acquisition of Vizcaya from the Deering interest, again without cost to the taxpayers; and, notably, the development of the International Airport on a self-liquidation basis, and therefore free of cost to taxpayers.

In recognition of the services rendered by Hudson and Cason, and the member of that firm who was most directly occupied with the legal aspects of the great project, the existing airport bears the name, "Mark Wilcox Field."

In 1934 Mr. Hudson was appointed by the United States District Court to act as Master in the case of Florida Power and Light Company versus the City of Miami, a case involving millions of dollars and entailing months of labor. The Master was empowered to make findings of law and fact to decide the case. His report was confirmed by the District Court, the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States. It is regarded as one of Mr. Hudson's outstanding performances.

Always a Democrat in politics, Mr. Hudson was for years a member of the high councils of his party in this state and in 1916 was a candidate for the office of Governor of Florida.

During World War I he acted as City Attorney of Miami, substituting for his partner and nephew, Fred W. Cason, who was serving in the armed forces overseas. Beyond the age of military duty, Mr. Hudson served in various civil capacities, as four-minute speaker and Fuel Administrator, and was active in the Home Guards.

He was a trustee of the Miami Special Tax School District. Interested in education and agriculture, he has done much to promote their progress in the state.

Mr. Hudson's professional memberships include the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Dade County Bar Association (past president), the American Judicature Society, and the American Law Institute.

Showing a more-than-ordinary interest in history, he is a member of the Florida Historical Society, the Historical Society of Southern Florida (past president), the Arkansas Historical Society and the Virginia Historical Society.

He belongs to the Miami Pioneers and to the Ancient

and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the oldest military organization in the country, to which he is eligible by virtue of his descent from Brian Pendleton, who was a member in 1646.

Mr. Hudson is a member of Trinity Methodist Church of Miami and a past president of the Rotary Club of Miami. After serving fifty years as a director of the Florida Children's Home Society, he was made an honorary member. He was also a director of the Florida Robert E. Lee Memorial Foundation. He retains his membership in the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, and was formerly a member of the Miami Country Club and the Flagler Country Club. Well known for his wit and humor as a public speaker, he has been much in demand as toastmaster at bar association banquets and similar occasions.

At Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on October 27, 1896, Frederick Mitchell Hudson married Nora Bell Andrews, daughter of William Wright and Martha Isabel (Adams) Andrews. The three children, seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are all named in her biography, which follows.

NORA BELL ANDREWS HUDSON

The late Mrs. Frederick Mitchell Hudson was a worthy companion of her distinguished husband: a woman of quality and merit, a talented musician and composer, an ardent member of patriotic societies, and a leader in Y.W.C.A. work.

Nora Bell Andrews was born in Washington, Arkansas, August 12, 1873, the tenth child of William Wright Andrews and Martha Isabel (Adams) Andrews. Her father, who died in her infancy, was born in East Haddam, Connecticut, January 17, 1819. Her mother was born in Humphreys County, Tennessee, October 8, 1832, and died in 1899. After her mother's second marriage, in 1879, the family moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Nora was educated at Millersburg College, Kentucky, where she received a degree in Music in 1890 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1892. In the fall of 1892 she entered the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where (she writes in her biography) "I was most fortunate to have as instructors Carl Faelten in Piano, William L. Whitney in Voice, Benjamin Cutler in Theory and Harmony, and George W. Chadwick in Counterpoint." While in college she was awarded two medals in Piano and at the Conservatory she won a scholarship in Harmony.

In college she was affiliated with Upsilon Phi, a literary society, and in later years was made an honorary member of Sigma Chi chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, the National musical fraternity—an honor which she highly appreciated.

On October 27, 1896, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Nora Bell Andrews married Frederick Mitchell Hudson, then City Attorney of Pine Bluff. With their first two children, they moved to Florida in 1900 and made their home on the Indian River in the Fort Pierce area until 1905, when they moved to Miami.

Mrs. Hudson's chief interest, outside her home and family, was music. She held positions as choir director, organist and contralto soloist in Massachusetts, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida, and also taught Piano, Voice and Harmony in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida. In Kentucky and Tennessee she taught in colleges. She also has a number of original compositions to her credit. She wrote the music to "Florida, My Florida," the music to "Mammy's Honey Baby," the music to "Peace Be to This House," and the music to Psalm 127, "God's Temple." She also composed the salute to the flag of the local Red Cross:

> "We salute the flag of the Red Cross: Born on a battlefield but never in combat; emblem of comfort and aid to the distressed of every nation, in perils of war and disasters in peace."

The patriotic societies engaging her support were: Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, and United Daughters of the Confederacy. She served as State Vice-President of the D.F.P.A.; State Historian of the D.A.R. and Regent (President) of the Everglades Chapter, Miami; Vice-President and Honorary President of the Florida State Chapter of the U.D.C. and President of the Southern Cross Chapter, Miami. In her biography she writes:

> "My ancestors through whom I am eligible to D.F.P.A. and D.A.R. are, first, William Andrews, the schoolmaster, who came from Newtown (now Cambridge, Massachusetts) with Thomas Hooker and was one of the Original Proprietors of Hartford, Connecticut, in 1635. The thirty acres granted him is now embraced in beautiful Bushnell Park. I had the privilege last summer (1942) of reading his name, carved with the other Founders on a monument in the burying ground of old Center Church in Hartford. Joseph Andrews, my patriot ancestor, was born in East Haddam, Connecticut, November 3, 1752."

Through her mother, Mrs. Hudson was a descendant of the John Adams family of Maryland and Virginia. She writes:

> "On my maternal side, Sylvester Adams, my great-grandfather and Revolutionary ancestor, was born in Halifax County, Virginia, in 1760, moving early in the nineteenth century to Humphreys County, Tennessee, taking my grandfather, Samuel Adams, and other members of his family with him. There my mother was born but moved with her father to Arkansas in 1835. My grandfather held many positions of trust there and in 1844, after the territory became a state, he was acting governor." [Samuel Adams was President of the Arkansas Senate, and when the Governor resigned, he became Acting Governor.] "At the time of his sudden death, he was State Treasurer."

Mrs. Hudson's story continues:

> "I cannot refrain from making some mention of my father's interesting career. Persuaded by sailors to join them on their vessel on Long Island Sound, when only thirteen years old, he was promptly abandoned when the ship reached New Orleans. Landing a job as 'handy man' in a wholesale establishment, he was fortunate in meeting Mr. Mirick of Washington, Arkansas, who was so impressed by young William's wit and unbounded energy that he took him home with him and gave him work in his store. Later Mr. B. L. Brittin employed him, making him in a few years a full partner in the store, later turning over the entire management of the establishment to him. By dint of hard work and fortunate real estate investments, he accumulated a sizeable fortune for those days, but the greatest legacy he left his children was an honorable name and the love and respect of his fellow citizens."

It was while Mrs. Hudson was Regent of the Everglades Chapter of the D.A.R. that old Fort Dallas, one

of the few historic South Florida landmarks still standing, was moved to its present location and restored. Established as an Army post in 1838, the barracks overlooked Biscayne Bay at the mouth of the Miami River, on the north side. The building belonged to the planation of Richard Fitzpatrick, who had purchased the land from heirs of John Eagan, holder of the original grant from Spain in 1808. In February of 1838 troops were sent to the Fort to protect early settlers from attacks by the Seminole Indians. The barracks were used as a military post until June, 1858, when the Fort was abandoned. Eventually the land was sold for a hotel site. It was then that the Everglades Chapter of the D.A.R. and the Miami Woman's Club joined forces to preserve this landbark. In 1929 the City of Miami granted the D.A.R. the use of the Fort as headquarters. The privilege was extended after the Everglades Chapter, with the help of the Miami Woman's Club, raised sufficient funds to have the building razed and reconstructed, brick by brick, at its present site in Lummus Park. The D.A.R. maintains it as the only museum of Revolutionary relics in the area. The Chapter placed a marker on the original site of the Fort, now occupied by the Robert Clay hotel, as well as on the reconstructed Fort in its new location.

During World War I Mrs. Hudson was very active as a musical entertainer for the boys in the service. She was a member of the Miami Music Club and the League of American Pen Women, and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Y.W.C.A. since it was organized in Miami, until the time of her death. Her church membership was in Trinity Methodist Church of Miami, where she was closely identified with different organizations of that body.

The children of Frederick Mitchell and Nora Andrews Hudson are:

1. Martha, now Mrs. Raleigh W. VanBrunt, born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, February 27, 1899. Her daughters are Martha, born April 15, 1919, and Roberta, born October 10, 1921. Martha married James Hudson Smart and they now have three children: Martha, James Hudson and Roberta. Roberta married Charles H. Cheney and they have three children: Mary Jo, Edward Raleigh ("Ned"), and Thomas Hudson.

2. James Andrews Hudson, born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, September 24, 1900. He married Bessie Blackburn in Miami in 1925. They have three children: Elizabeth Blackburn Hudson, born January 6, 1930; Frederick Mitchell Hudson II, born January 27, 1934; Emilie Andrews Hudson, born November 26, 1935. Elizabeth married Thomas H. Lamb. Their three children are: Elizabeth ("Beth"), June Andrews and Emilie Hudson. Frederick married Anne Britton. Emilie married Robert Avery Kimbrough. They have one son, James Edwin. James A. Hudson teaches History at Miami Edison High School.

3. Mary Warren Hudson, born in Miami October 3, 1907, who married Lewis Leary of New York on March 7, 1932. Mr. Leary, now on the faculty of Columbia University, formerly taught English at the University of Miami. He was the first editor of "Tequesta," the publication of the Historical Society of Southern Florida. Mary Warren Hudson graduated from the Florida State College for Women. She received a Master's degree in Library Science at Columbia University and for five years was connected with the Teachers' College Library there. Mr. and Mrs. Leary have two daughters, Carolyn Warren and Martha Hudson. Carolyn married William N. Bartholet.

Nora Hudson died in Miami October 6, 1955. Her passing was mourned by her family and her many friends, but most of all by her devoted husband.

RUBY JANE SHULER HANCOCK

Owner and operator of the JH Ranch in Okeechobee, Ruby Jane Shuler Hancock taught History and English in the local high school for a number of years and has written numerous published articles pertaining to Florida's history.

Born in Georgia March 7, 1909. she is a daughter of Edward Leander and Laura (Collins) Shuler, both born in Union County, Georgia; her father on March 15, 1888, her mother on January 29, 1892. She is a descendant of pre-Revolutionary stock on both sides of her family. Her father, now deceased, was a Baptist minister and veteran school principal both in Georgia and Florida. Many of his pupils became outstanding citizens. He was a scholar of the old school, with eighteen subjects, including Latin, Mathematics, etc., on his teacher's certificate; a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Hancock's mother is also a veteran teacher of Jacksonville, Florida.

Ruby Jane Shuler was educated at Gessie Tift College, Forsyth, Georgia, and Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee, now Florida State University. Earlier she attended schools in Atlanta, Georgia. The venerable Dr. M. D. Collins of Atlanta, long-time State Superintendent of Schools, is her uncle.

Mrs. Hancock is an officer of the State Historical Society and the Association of Southern Florida Historical group, and a member of the National Writers' Club. She is Chairman of the American Cancer Society and has worked with polio groups, Crippled Children, etc. The Okeechobee County Hospital is her main interest at present. She served ten years on the Florida State Democratic Committee and was always appointed on the managing committees for candidates' campaigns. Enjoying politics as a hobby, she has attended inaugurations and national conventions. She is a member of Women's clubs, the Garden Club, and the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee. Travel is her principal hobby. She has been all over the North and South American continents and is now on a trip around the world.

On August 28, 1928, at Winter Haven, Florida, Ruby Jane Shuler married James Thomas Hancock of the pioneer Hancock family of Florida's territorial days. They have two daughters:

1. Susan Hancock Findley, whose husband is a Professor of Chemical Engineering at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. Susan is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, and Emory University, Atlanta. She studied in Europe and teaches History at Auburn University.

2. Carol Hancock Hoge of Staunton, Virginia, is also a graduate of Agnes Scott College and of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York.

Both daughters are Alpha Delta Pi sisters and have traveled the world.

NATHAN FRIEDMAN

An optometrist, practicing in Miami Springs since 1950, Nathan Friedman has innovated visual training techniques which he has developed over the last nine years.

Son of Abraham and Sarah Minnie Friedman, both natives of Sczuczin, Poland, he was born in Rochester, New York. His father was a cantor in Temple Emanuel and Temple Beth David of Miami and in leading synagogues in New York. He is a cantor at Temple Israel in New York City at present.

After his preliminary education, Nathan attended the University of Miami for two years, Columbia University one year, and the Illinois College of Optometry for three years.

He was married in Jerusalem, Israel, in 1947, to Luba Jeffcoat, who was born in Bialystok, Poland, and was the only survivor of her family, victims of the Hitler regime. The Friedmans have a son, Irwin, born in Mount Vernon, New York, in 1950, and a daughter, Roberta, born in Miami in 1953.

Dr. Friedman is a member of the Optimist Club of Miami Springs, the Hialeah-Miami Springs Chamber of Commerce, Moose Lodge #1074, B'nai B'rith and Temple Tifereth Jacob.

His hobby or avocation is the writing of poetry, and he has had printed two small booklets of his poems. His poetry reveals a delicate sensitivity to beauty in all its forms, including the beauty of sorrow. It also reveals the author as a philosopher—one who looks upon life in all its phases and muses over it; sometimes in rapt admiration, sometimes in brooding sadness, sometimes with a delightful touch of humor, sometimes mildly moralizing.

Most of his poems sing of the beauties of nature. The following stanzas, each from a different poem, are typical.

"The sea is calm, the heaven lies
In quiet slumber there:
The sofest winds of ocean blow
Enchantment through the air."

"A lily dances on the dunes
With just a shrub and bramble by
And lifts across the hills of sand
The breath of an enchanted sigh."

'The day is soft with velvet air,
A quiet's on the noon,
Yet restless rustling leaves forebode
A storm approaching soon."

"The lingering twilight holds my heart
Within a vast, a heavenly suspense,
Where stir the whispers of a haunting realm,
Divinely sweet, half distant to the sense."

"A tree holds out its leafless arms
Against a cold, grey sky;
The frost brings shivers to its limbs,
The winds a piercing cry."

Those who know the man characterize him as a kind and gentle soul who does much good. The following poem, then, might be said to express his predominant philosophy.

Kindness

"Who shall be the first and who the last
In kindness we bestow?
How shall we portion goodness out?
To just a few we know?

"Are there degrees of kindness then
For strangers and for intimates?
Is there a time for kindness too?
When just the heart elates?

"Shall we be kind to friends alone
Who share our condiments?
What of the starving millions then
Across the continents?

"A kindness favoring a few
With hand of charity
Is not a kindness. Where's its heart,
Its plain humanity?

"A kindness is a sweep of love,
A warming tenderness
That flows the heart all goodly urge
At depths of happiness."

His poem entitled "Son" gives a glimpse into his happy home life when his son was a small child:

"He leaps so gayly in my arms
When I reach home at night
We both go toppling to the floor
Through laughter and delight.

"He babbles brooks of broken words
That gush delightfully;
I hug the mite and swing him round
In mounting gayety.

"His laughter crashes in my heart
With such impact of joy
The cares that weighed so heavily
All shatter and destroy.

"My heart just has no chance at all
To fill with thoughts of care,
My little son yelps deep delight
Through every corner there."

A departure from his usual happy or sweetly sad mood and a sharp contrast in subject is his "Cities," a powerful poem which shows deep thought and paints a stark picture of modern life in a mad world.

"The furnace spouts
Its lurid flame,
Men choke its mouth
With coal again.
Each shovel heap
So gnaws their veins,
It draws their blood
And leaves their pains,
And steel leaps from the flaming breath
In lumps of molten sweat.

"The hammers bang,
The rivets scream,
An edifice
Leaps beam on beam,
A cry of death,
A falling shape,
The hammers pound,
The chisels scrape,
The edifice in wondrous form
Within the clamor born.

"The structure stands
The height of dreams,
Its belly full
Of shouts and screams,
Of hate and pride,
A laughter soft,
A grim despair
Of thought aloft,
This human pulse the elegance
Which shaped the stone's magnificence.

"The cities flood
Themselves with light,
A host of stars
Upon the night;
A culture born,
A home of art,
A music made
To lift the heart,
Then they make guns, all sense defied,
The structures totter horrified.

"A crash of stone
At cannon cry,
The towering heights
Lost from the sky,
The gay of heart,
The grim, the sure,
The poorest rich,
The richest poor,
Beneath the steel that scraped the sky
In dusty silence lie."

GEORGE HUBERT COOPER

Although he is a highly successful farmer, business man and civic leader, George H. Cooper of Princeton, Florida, is best known as "The Will Rogers of the Redlands." Because of his fine sense of humor and ability to make people laugh, he is much in demand as an after-dinner speaker and master of ceremonies. And since a good, wholesome laugh is the best medicine for many of the ills that plague mankind, George Cooper has probably done more good than he realizes.

Born April 8, 1903, in Smyrna, Maine, he is a son of John Edward and Georgia (Huson) Cooper. His father, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, was a Certified Public Accountant. George graduated from high school at Presque Isle, Maine, and from the University of Maine in 1924 with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering. His first work was as a chemical engineer for Converse Company of Malden, Massachusetts.

He came to Miami in 1925 with the intention of selling real estate, but the boom was beginning to wane. With two other young men who, like himself, were at loose ends, he went to the Redlands of Dade County and made his start in the agricultural business by planting twenty acres of tomatoes at Princeton. Just after the second picking, the hurricane of 1926 blew him out of business. But George Cooper was not easily discouraged. Determined to stay in that region, he kept farming, raising avocados and limes as well as vegetables. The result was Cooper Farms, a large-scale farming enterprise which he still owns and operates. He also owns and operates Glade and Grove Supply Company, a farm supply business which he organized in 1938, with its main office at Princeton and branch offices at Homestead, Fort Pierce and Alachua.

Speaking at a Miami Jaycee meeting in 1947, George Cooper said:

> "I feel it is my duty to do all I can in my own feeble way to stem the tide—to halt the thundering herd of lawyers, bookmakers, merchants and flag-pole sitters who are intent on moving to the country. I am convinced that this 'back-to-the-land' movement is merely mass hypnotism induced by an unbalanced diet of seed catalogs and too much fresh air . . . Those of you who read the Sunday agricultural section must remember that it is still possible to lose money on a farm. I know of a poor fellow . . . who lost over a hundred thousand dollars through floods, frost and blight in one season—and three hundred dollars of it was his own money!"

He went on,

> "In addition to this, I think it is unethical, especially for professional men, to abandon their rackets and invade our territory . . . You never see a large group of farmers suddenly decide to become doctors, so why should every doctor in town suddenly decide that he would like to plant beans?"

Seriously, he advised anyone wishing to become a farmer in South Florida to hire himself out for a year or so to a first-rate grower. This would give him a better idea of what his problems would be and how to solve them. "I do think everyone figuring on earning his living growing winter vegetables should think hard and long before investing his savings," he said. "Any kind of business is helped by new blood. Old-timers quit or die off and must be replaced. But it gives the area a black eye when a lot of people come down here, put their money into farming, and then lose their shirts." Nevertheless, he would never advise anybody to stay away from the soil if he truly had his mind set upon it. "We have a good many GIs who are making a good showing," he said. "They have learned fast, are hard workers and are making good farmers and good citizens. It doesn't take long to learn down here that farming is not a hit-and-miss business where luck plays a big part. On the contrary, success depends more on the use of scientific methods than in any other business I know of. The fellow who fails to keep up with what the experiment stations are doing soon loses out."

Mr. Cooper is a past director and current member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, and in December of 1953 received that organization's Distinguished Service Award, presented at their tenth annual convention in Miami. He is vice-president of the Dade County Growers Cooperative Marketing Association; a member and past director of the Florida Retail Farm Equipment Dealers' Association; member, director and past president of the Florida Seedmen's Association; a past member of the Executive Committee of Florida Agricultural Council; past member of the Board of Directors of Florida Avocado and Lime

George H. Cooper

Council; a member of the Agricultural Committee of Florida State Chamber of Commerce; past vice-president of the Agricultural Division of the Miami Chamber of Commerce; a member and past vice-president of Florida Horticultural Society; and a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Active also in numerous civic and general welfare organizations, Mr. Cooper is a twenty-year member and past president of the Redland District Lions Club; was a School Trustee in the Redland School District in 1940 and served on the Advisory Committee for Dade County School Superintendent; was a member and chairman of the Public Information Committee of the Metropolitan Charter Board for Dade County; a member of Dade County Coordinating Commission; Dade County Development Committee; a member of the Executive Committee, Government Research Council of Miami, Dade County Chamber of Commerce; past director and current member of Redland Chamber of Commerce. Formerly a director of South Dade Farmers Bank at Homestead, he is now a director of South Miami Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He served as a Division Chairman of the Community Chest and is a member of the American Red Cross; a past Council member of Boy Scout Troop #69; a director of the Historical Association of Southern Florida; an associate member and past president of Gyro International; a member of the Executive Committee of Miami Council of the Navy League of the United States, the civilian arm of the Navy; a member of the Acona; the Rod and Reel Club; Kings Bay Yacht and Country Club, of which he is a director; and a charter member and past director of Redland District Golf and Country Club. He has been a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemistry fraternity, since 1922; is a life member of the national journalistic fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, and a charter member of the Miami chapter of this fraternity. His church is the Episcopal.

In Miami on March 24, 1932, George Hubert Cooper married Virginia May Sickle, a native of Ohio, daughter of George Alfred and Nora (Brannan) Sickle. At the time of her marriage, Mrs. Cooper's father was a Redlands farmer. The Coopers have two children:

1. Barbara Ann, born February 22, 1934, now Mrs. Walter Hanck. She is a Florida State University graduate of 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree; is a past president of Garnet Key and Wesleyan Foundation, member of Mortar Board, and is listed in "Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities." She and her husband are teaching in the American School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

2. George Hubert, Jr., born December 10, 1937; graduated from the University of Florida in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. A member and chancellor of Alpha Zeta fraternity while in college, he won the freshman and sophomore award and was captain of the Rifle Team for two years. He was also a "Distinguished Military Graduate" and is now a First Lieutenant and aviator in the United States Army, assigned to 18AOD Headquarters, 9th Corps. He married Jo-Ann Pomeroy of Coral Gables and they have two children.

JOHN STADNIK

In 1946 John Stadnik opened the first drugstore in Miami Springs, Florida, which community then had a population of 6,000. Since then he has owned and operated five drugstores. Of these he now operates the Miami Springs Pharmacy and the Terminal Rexall Pharmacy. In addition he is president of Paramex Veterinary Supply Company, Paramex Export and Import Company and F.I.R.S. Enterprises, president of Theater Enterprises, Inc. at the Coconut Grove Theater, and former owner of House of Friendship Gifts and Fran's Children's Shoppe. He is prominent in local, state and national professional groups and is one of Miami Springs' most respected and admired citizens.

Born in Newmarket, New Hampshire, February 27, 1917, he is a son of Andrew and Anna Stadnik; his father born in Austria in 1883, his mother in the Ukraine in 1889. His father served as a non-commissioned officer in the Austrian Army and was a mechanic, a grocer and a public speaker.

John received a Certificate in Education from Rhode Island College of Education and a Bachelor of Science degree from Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 1939. While a student there, in 1938, he organized one of the first student branches of the American Pharmaceutical Association, the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy Chapter, and was the founder and editor of the Journal of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association, the "Ricoparian."

Entering the United States Army as a Private of Infantry in 1941, John Stadnik attended Officers Trainning School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and the United States Air Force Winter Warfare and Tactical School in Iceland, and served in the Medical Corps with the 365th Station Hospital in Iceland and in England and France, serving five years overseas. He was awarded the Bronze Star in 1945 and was advanced to the rank of Major before leaving the service. Since then he has been in the Reserves.

During his military service Stadnik was Adjutant Supply and Pharmacy Officer of hospital installations in Iceland, England and France. It was the function of his company to create, build, establish and supply hospital installations and in many cases to take these facilities down, repack supplies and ship to other theaters. The units ranged from 75-bed station hospitals to 3,000-bed orthopedic hospitals. In this way Stadnik gained a great deal of experience in hospital work.

While in the service he corresponded with the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Surgeon General's Office, trying to obtain commissions for pharmacists upon entrance to the service. In July of 1956, as though in vindication of his theory, the Army passed a regulation that automatically makes all pharmacists commissioned officers upon entering military service.

When he was serving as Medical Supply Officer of an American hospital in Paris, Major Stadnik met Lieutenant Frances Bieber of the Army Nurse Corps, who was serving on a hospital train operating between Paris and the Belgian Bulge. After their return to the United States and to inactive duty, they were married and came to Florida. In Miami Springs they bought a little luncheonette-sundry store and started their drugstore business. The following story, as well as some of the above information, is taken from C.R. Foster's story in "Rexall Ad-Vantages" of June, 1951.

In October, 1947, Miami Springs was hit by floods

and water stood thirty inches deep all over town. John Stadnik's telephone was one of the few in town that remained in service. He kept his store open twenty-four hours a day, working tirelessly to help the doctors and rescue workers. Whether it was an important message that had been phoned in or medicine that was needed, he saw that it go through; sometimes delivering medicines in a swamp-buggy, sometimes by canoe or on foot; and much of it went to people who could not pay. A soup kitchen was maintained at his drugstore for the hard-working citizens who were trying to get the town "out from under." Sandwiches appeared at two in the morning for the workers on the pumps, no matter how far away from his store.

Mr. Foster doesn't mention it, but naturally Mrs. Stadnik must have had a hand in all this, at least in the soup and sandwich service. That is, until Junior interrupted her. Mr. Foster goes on to say that the only time Stadnik took away from flood duty was a brief interval late one night when he waded out to an Army truck and took his wife to the hospital. John Jay, his first-born, had chosen not to miss the flood, and for a long time thereafter he was referred to as "water-logged."

When things were getting back to normal, Stadnik's store was hit by fire. He met this challenge by rebuilding to twice the original size and taking on his Rexall franchise.

Despite fire and flood, John Stadnik found time to play an active role in civic affairs. He organized and served as first president of The Miami Business Men's Association. For three years he was chairman of the Health and Benefit Committee of the Hialeah-Miami Springs Lions Club. He is a member of the American Legion, a Merit-Badge counselor in Boy Scout work and an active supporter of the Red Cross. A fellow citizen in Miami Springs wrote of him:

> "He enters into the activities of each and every group with zeal. He is practically indefatigable and you never know where his indomitable energy will take him next. He is a humanitarian, as many of the less fortunate will vouch. No one knows of all the assistance John has given in the way of medicines, food, advice and help to the needy. You never have to ask John for help . . . he just has to find out somehow that you need it. Miami Springs is a better town for having John as part of it."

On August 22, 1956, Governor LeRoy Collins appointed John Stadnik to the five-man Florida State Board of Pharmacy, of which he is a past president. He is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, a director of the Florida Pharmaceutical Association, past president of the Southeast Florida Pharmaceutical Association, a member of the National Association of Retail Druggists and the Florida State Retailers Association, past president of the Rexall Clubs of Florida and vice president of the International Association of Rexall Clubs.

On March 17, 1951, he was signally honored by being presented with the American Druggists Citation for Outstanding Community Service, the first in Florida to receive this honor. He has won five National Awards in the American Pharmaceutical Association "Pharmacy Week" programs and locally is the recipient of the AZO Award and the American Pharmaceutical Association Award for outstanding service in the field of Pharmacy.

At the 1959 Convention of the Florida State Pharmaceutical Association Mr. Stadnik introduced a resolution, which was passed unanimously for legislative action at the next session of the legislature, concerning the curtailment of house-to-house and mail-order peddling of dangerous and therapeutic drugs, which practice most states agree is a public health hazard. Since then Stadnik became a member of the Legislative Committee of the Florida Pharmaceutical Association. He was instrumental in obtaining Board of Pharmacy regulations to curtail improper and unethical advertising in the state of Florida, and is currently very interested in the introduction of a Permit Law which, if passed, will do much to correct the irregularities in Pharmacy.

Mr. Stadnik is a past president of both the Hialeah and the Miami Springs Chambers of Commerce and a director of the Curtiss National Bank of Miami Springs. He is a 32nd degree Mason in both the York and Scottish Rites, a patron of the Eastern Star, and organized the first DeMolay group in his area. He was a member of the Congregational Church in Rhode Island and in Miami Springs is a member of the Methodist Church.

He was married in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, May 30, 1946, to Frances Mae Bieber, daughter of Orin Paul and Elsie Bieber, both natives of Bison, Kansas, where her father was born in 1896, her mother in 1900. Frances herself was born in Bison, Kansas, August 30, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. John Stadnik now have six children, all born in Miami Springs. Their names and birth dates are:

1. John Andrew, October 16, 1947.
2. Nancy Ann, June 12, 1949.
3. Cathy Susan, June 7, 1953.
4. Carol Elizabeth, September 13, 1956.
5. Leroy Alan, December 17, 1957.
6. Deanna Marie, February 7, 1961.

In recent years Mr. Stadnik has made two Good Will tours to foreign countries with other businessmen. In May, 1959, he was with a Miami group that toured Russia to study small-business problems behind the Iron Curtain, and in May, 1960, he traveled around the world with a group to observe business problems as affected by politics.

EARLE MORTON RADER

Earle Morton Rader, founder, senior partner and chief engineer of the firm of Rader and Associates, heads a vast engineering organization which has its headquarters in Miami with branch offices in St. Petersburg and Cocoa, Florida; Washington, D.C.; Kingston, Jamaica; Quito, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; Panama, and Evansville, Indiana, and operates on a world-wide scale.

Son of a Methodist minister who descended from a line of distinguished Methodist clergymen and founded over 100 churches in Florida, Earle Rader was born in St. Augustine, Florida, November 6, 1899. His father, Dr. Luther S. Rader, D.D., came to Florida from Ohio in 1881 and settled in Miami in 1900. He died in 1924 and is buried in Miami. Earle's mother was Emma C. Dennis of Miami. She died in 1944.

Mr. Rader was graduated from Miami Edison High School in 1917 and from Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, in 1921 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. In 1956 he received a Civil Engineering degree from the same college, and in 1954 a Doctor of Science degree from Rider College, New Jersey.

His first field experience was as engineer on highway construction work in Montana and Missouri. On the death of his father in 1924 he returned to Miami and entered the service of the City of Miami, first as Assistant Division Engineer and Division Engineer (1924-34), then as Assistant City Engineer (1934-40). During the last two years of this period he assumed the full duties of the City Engineer, who was acting as Director of Public Service.

In 1940 he entered private practice as a consulting engineer for public and private projects and also did subdivision development work. He was appointed County Engineer of Dade County in 1942 and held that position until he resigned in 1948. During this period many of the larger county projects were initiated and completed under his direction. He supervised the design and construction of the $6,000,000 Rickenbacker Causeway and designed the $2,000,000 Miami River Locks and Dam project.

In 1948 he organized Rader Engineering Company, later changing the name to Rader and Associates and moving the offices to the new First National Bank Building, where they occupy two complete floors. The scope of the work includes all phases of engineering and architecture. Through a subsidiary, Wingerter Laboratories, Inc., the firm also offers sub-surface exploration, soil testing and materials testing services. The volume of the work is divided roughly into three parts: work for governmental agencies, for private clients in this country, and for foreign clients.

Among the projects for governmental agencies have been the $12 000,000 pipeline and water reservoir for the Florida Keys aqueduct, a source of fresh water for the Keys and Key West; the master plan for the development of the northwest maintenance area at Miami International Airport; the master plan for the 335-acre, 1125-unit family housing project at Patrick Air Force Base; the designing of guidance and launching facilities for the Atlas, Titan and Minute Man missiles at Cape Canaveral.

Rader and Associates were the engineers and architects for the giant Air Products, Inc. plant near West Palm Beach, where liquid hydrogen is produced for missiles. At Miami International Airport, for which they also provided most of the engineering work, they installed a completely underground aircraft fueling system for Standard Oil Company, to be used by Pan American World Airways. San Jose, California, chose the Florida firm to plan their municipal airport expansion. Lately the firm has set up a department to specialize in heliports. In St. Petersburg they designed a planetarium-type aluminum dome auditorium that seats 3500 people. One of the latest projects on which they have collaborated is a facility to dehydrate bananas. They also do engineering jobs for plants, hospitals, hotels, and homes.

Superior technical performance and a strict sense of responsibility to the client have enabled Rader and Associates to compete successfully both at home and abroad. Among the firms' foreign projects have been: Municipal water systems for Paraguay and Colombia; expansion at the Isla Verde Airport, San Juan, Puerto Rico; master planning for the development of 10,000 acres of coastal wilderness in Jamaica; a $10,000,000 road program and four seaports in Ecuador; a highway system for Panama and in Laos. Aerial surveys covering locations from southern Ecuador to Indiana keep two company planes in the air.

A man who enjoys a challenge, as the growth of his firm indicates, Earle Rader is particularly enthusiastic about the firm's foreign projects. Speaking of Latin American countries, he said:

"We are impressed with the way these countries approach a proposed engineering project. They shop for quality rather than price. Almost without exception we find that they investigate carefully the qualifications of consulting engineering firms in the particular field in which they are interested. They want the best engineering available and are willing to pay a fair fee for it."

Paraguay not only paid $12,000,000 for their municipal water system but presented the Rader firm with a "Diploma of Honor" for the job.

Mr. Rader has four partners. John W. Greenleaf, Jr. and Kenneth E. Calender, civil engineers, look after most of the Latin American and West Indies projects. Charles O. Grannis, electrical engineer, is the Cape Canaveral expert. Arnold W. Eckhoff, architect, heads the architectural section.

A Registered Professional Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor in Florida, Mr. Rader is a past president and Fellow of the Florida Engineering Society; a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Water Works Association and the Florida Sewage Works Association. He is a member of the Advisory Committee on matters pertaining to the College of Engineering at the University of Florida, and past chairman of the Board of Examiners for Engineering Contractors for the City of Miami. In 1953 he was designated "Engineer of the Year" by the joint action of the Professional Engineers Association of Southeast Florida and the Florida Society of Professional Engineers. He is a member of the engineering fraternities, Sigma Mu Sigma and Sigma Tau.

In civic affairs Mr. Rader was General Chairman of the Long Term Capital Improvement Budget Committee of the City of Miami; president of the Little River Valley Drainage District; representative of Dade County at the National River and Harbor Congress; is a member of Miami Chamber of Commerce and Miami Kiwanis Club. He is on the Board of Directors of the Little River Bank and Trust Company and is also a director in several corporations.

A member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Miami Council of Churches, he is president of the Board of Trustees of Rader Memorial Methodist Church in Miami Shores, which was named in honor of his father. He is a Scottish Rite 32nd degree Mason of Nor-Mi Lodge #253 and Mahi Temple Shrine; a member of the Miami Club, Miami Shores Country Club, Emerald Bay Yacht Club, and the Cat Cay Club of the Bahamas.

On June 1, 1924, Earle Morton Rader married Hilda Mary Gates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gates of Hamilton, Indiana, and a graduate of Michigan State University. They have two children:

1. Mary Jo, who married Dr. James Dewey Hanson, M.D., a native of Sanford, Florida, and 1958 graduate of the University of Miami Medical College, now a Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps. Mary Jo Rader graduated from Miami Edison High School and the University of North Carolina, from which she has an A.B. and an M.A. degree in Child Guidance. She and her husband have a daughter,

Earle M. Rader

Linda Mary Hanson, who was born in San Antonio, Texas.

2. Earle Morton Rader, Jr., born in Miami November 2, 1939, a graduate of Miami Edison High School, is now a student at the University of Miami Engineering College.

Mr. and Mrs. Rader reside in a beautiful two-story home on the Grand Concourse in Miami Shores.

Earle Rader feels that in following the career of an engineer he is serving humanity as well as if he had followed his father's profession; for, as he says, an engineer's work makes life safer and more comfortable for people everywhere.

VIVIAN LARAMORE RADER

Florida's Poet Laureate, the second to hold that title in the State of Florida, Vivian Laramore Rader is the author of seven published books of poetry and has written the lyrics for twenty-five published songs. She conducted a poetry column, The Miami Muse, in the Miami Daily News for fifteen years, featuring in that time 780 different Florida poets and visiting poets. She edited and published eight state anthologies. She has conducted classes in the Technique of Poetry in Miami for twenty-nine years and at Huckleberry Mountain Artists Colony, Hendersonville, North Carolina, for fifteen summers. Her work has appeared in over 200 magazines and papers here and abroad, including The Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal, Life, Judge, Smart Set and many poetry journals. She wrote under the name of Vivian Yeiser Laramore until her second marriage; since then under the name of Vivian Laramore Rader.

Vivian Yeiser was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 8, 1895, daughter of William Chartus and Carrie (Blaine) Yeiser. Her father was a pharmacist; her mother, a concert singer in her youth and, later, an author. Mr. Yeiser was born in Kentucky, Carrie Blaine in Ohio.

Vivian was educated in the public schools of Jacksonville, Florida, graduating from Duval High School with special honors. In 1916 she was married to Robert Eugene Laramore of Jacksonville, a real estate broker, who died in 1936, in Miami. She had been writing poetry since she was twelve, and her first book was published in 1921. In the summers of 1924 and 1925 she attended Columbia University, New York, studying creative poetry.

She first came to Miami, from Jacksonville, in 1920, and made Miami her home. At the time she was appointed Poet Laureate of Florida by Governor Doyle E. Carlton, in 1931, her work was known nation-wide. She began writing her column in the Miami Daily News in 1932. Her Florida anthologies were written over a period of nine years, from 1932 to 1941.

Her class in the Technique of Poetry was started in the winter of 1931, with twelve members. In October of 1932, this group formed the Laramore Poetry Group (which later became the Laramore-Rader Poetry Group). This group celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday on October 15, 1957, at which time its members numbered one hundred, among whom are poets whose innate spark has been stimulated and directed toward national and international recognition by the genius of Vivian Laramore Rader. The Laramore-Rader Poetry Group sponsors an annual national contest for poets. Widely known for its integrity and for the scope of its activities, this organization has been written up in various newspapers and magazines.

In her role as a teacher of poets or poets-in-the-making, "Work" is Vivian Rader's watchword. She does not believe that a poet should write merely to satisfy his own soul, but for the soul of his fellow man as well. She feels that the world of today needs poetry more than it ever did; that it is welcomed by many who have never written a line themselves.

The titles and dates of publication of Mrs. Rader's works are: *Poems,* 1921; *Green Acres,* 1926; *Flamingo,* 1932; *Had Sappho Written Sonnets,* 1939 (Kaleidograph award); *Ballad of the Silver Flute,* 1940; *The Begger and the Star,* 1950; *Poinciana Poems,* 1953.

The songs for which she has written the lyrics include: Olive Dungan's *Wind Song, Vision, Pale Blue Slippers, Seminole Lullaby, No One Knows, Not Enough, Tropic Sea Melody, Little River* and *Autumn;* Mama-Zucca's *My Florida;* and songs of John Barnes Wells, Blanche Crook and Gladys Rich. Perhaps her best known song is *Beneath a Southern Sky* (music by Gladys Rich), said to be the only southern Christmas Carol.

The venerable poet, Robert Frost, said: "To me Florida will always be the poetry of Vivian Laramore Rader." Of her work one reviewer said:

> "Out of her pages breathes continuously a lyric quality handling in its clear strains the color of flamingo and coral, sea and sand, bluejay and moonlight. Into her poems she has worked a texture which holds them together and presents finally a peculiar synthesis of color, sound and picture. She has felt her words and pictures with the knowledge of a long acquaintanceship as well as with the knowledge lent by the profound sympathy of the poet. . . .
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> "It is of the verities that she sings, usually in bright spontaneous passages, slender and winged, but sometimes with a more sonorous and reflective note. Inevitably, she must be distinguished for a lyric speed and surprise and within certain limits she has arrived at a success which can be claimed very rarely by contemporary poets."

Among the honors she has received are the Bookfellows Award, the first prize of the Poetry Societies of Florida and Georgia; also, the national award for the best poem against capital punishment.

She is a past president of the Miami branch of the National League of American Penwomen and past national chairman of Poetry; a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP); of the Academy of American Poets (New York), and the Poetry Society of Florida; the Order of Bookfellows of Chicago; Sigma Kappa sorority and the Miami Woman's Club. She appears in "Who's Who of American Women," and in "Florida Women of Distinction."

For the last four years Mrs. Rader has taught poetry at Barry College in Miami. She is constantly in demand as a speaker and authority on Florida subjects.

Vivian Laramore became the wife of Paul Carleton Rader at Huckleberry Mountain Artists Colony, six miles out of Hendersonville, North Carolina, on September 3, 1946.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 24, 1891, Mr. Rader is a son of Luther S. and Emma C. Rader, both born in Ohio; his father on November 19, 1861, and his mother on December 8, 1863. His father was a Methodist minister who, from 1890 to 1898, was District Superin-

tendent for West Florida; and from 1902 to 1918, served in the same capacity for East Florida. He established many churches all over Florida and was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Vanderbilt University. He died in 1924.

Paul Rader graduated from Dade County High School in 1910 and from Tri-State College of Engineering several years later. He also took special courses at Purdue University.

From 1920 to 1925, he was a research chemist and plant chemical engineer with Acheson Graphite Company at Niagara Falls, New York. For sixteen years, starting in 1945, he was employed by the Department of Engineering of the City of Miami as Chief Agent of Rights of Way; retiring from this position on April 1, 1961.

Mr. Rader became a real estate broker in Miami in 1925, and has dealt in real estate in this area, off and on, since that time. He is presently associated with O. J. Powell Company, Realtors, at 8116 Biscayne Boulevard.

During World War I, Paul Rader served one year in France in the 116th Engineers. He is a member of the American Legion, the Florida Engineering Society, the Supervisors Council of the City of Miami, the Masonic Order, Rader Memorial Methodist Church of Miami (named for his father), and is a life member of Miami Pioneers.

HELEN ELIZABETH COMSTOCK FREELAND

A former teacher and principal of a public school in Miami, Helen Comstock Freeland, who is interested in all worthwhile community projects and activities, has been especially active in patriotic societies, in social service and charitable work, and in the cultural pursuits of life.

Of prominent and distinguished ancestry, Mrs. Freeland was born Helen Elizabeth Comstock at Dayton, Ohio, daughter of John Terrell and Mary Frances (Chamberlain) Comstock. Her father was born September 21, 1850, in Freeport, Shelby County, Indiana. He was of a long line of prominent ancestors, tracing back to the Virginia progenitors of the Mills, Jouett, Harris, Glenn, Overton and Claiborne lines. The Connecticut branches of the family include the Chamberlain, Comstock, Bull, Lord, Gregory, Benedict and Niles lines. Mrs. Freeland's mother, also of Colonial and Revolutionary ancestry, was born in Rochester, Indiana, July 4th, 1853—a real granddaughter of the American Revolution.

John Terrell Comstock was a mechanical engineer. He was especially concerned with the improvement and installation of mill machinery, and perfected a device which revolutionized milling. This was the era of water power. He devised a plan which brought water power to the city of Ithaca, New York; something that others had tried in vain to do. When electricity superseded water power, the company preserved the water power installation because it was unique.

Before moving to Miami in 1909, Mr. Comstock had served for thirty years on the Board of Education in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. He and his wife were much interested in education. In 1914 the Comstock School in Miami was named for them. When they first moved to Miami they lived on the site of the Urmey Hotel, until 1916.

Upon completion of her preliminary education, Helen Comstock studied at Lebanon University in Ohio. In addition, she took special courses in history, psychology and English literature at the University of Chicago and the University of Florida at Gainesville.

In 1911, she arrived in Miami, and has been a resident of the State of Florida since then, contributing generously toward the cultural and spiritual welfare of her community. She became a teacher and principal of a public school in Miami and accomplished much good work in this profession.

Known to be a studious and devoted worker as well as a woman of executive leadership, Mrs. Freeland served the Everglades Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as Recording Secretary, Vice-Regent, Regent and Parliamentarian. She was also State Chairman of the Credential and Nominating committees, State Parliamentarian and State Corresponding Secretary. As a charter member of the National Society, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, she held the offices of Historian, Vice-President and President. In October of 1938, she was chosen National Historian of this Society. She was also Organizing President of the Daughters of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida. She is now Honorary Life President of both these organizations.

During World War II Mrs. Freeland was Vice-Chairman of the Dade County Red Cross Motor Corps and gave five days a week to Red Cross work. She taught Red Cross First Aid and Accident classes, and was honored by a citation for having taught more classes than anyone else in the southeast area.

Mrs. Freeland was one of a small group who planned and organized the Historical Association of Southern Florida. She held the office of Vice-President and has long been a Director and member of the Executive Board. She wrote the Association's first By-laws and has served on various committees. The work of this Association is one of her present interests.

On August 20, 1918, Helen Elizabeth Comstock married William Leonard Freeland at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C. The Honorable William Leonard Freeland was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1884, son of William L. and Orpha Hewes Freeland. The family came to Florida in 1885, living first in Lake County, later in Jacksonville, where Mr. Freeland received his early education in the public schools. He then attended Washington and Lee University, graduating in 1911 with an LL.B. degree. In the same year he was admitted to practice in Virginia and in Florida, where he took up his residence in 1915. He was admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Appeals for the Fifth and Tenth Circuits, the United States Court of Claims, and the United States Supreme Court, and appeared in all. From 1926 to 1932, he was Judge of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. His career at the bar and on the bench was one of great distinction. He was highly regarded for his legal ability and for his integrity and other personal qualities of character. His fraternal affiliations were Phi Delta Phi legal and Kappa Alpha social fraternities. He was a Master Mason, a Knight Templar and Shriner, and a member of the Episcopal Church. Judge Freeland died in Miami on March 30, 1951.

Mrs. Freeland's sister, Grace (Mrs. George R. Davis), who died in 1950, was associated with her in the teaching profession in Miami. Another sister, Miss Bertha

Comstock, died in 1959. She has two living sisters, Mrs. S. S. Marshall of Miami and Mrs. Earl Morris of Dayton, Ohio. A brother, R. D. Comstock, a civil engineer, lives in Pensacola.

ISABEL SMILEY McKAY

From the record, Isabel Smiley McKay appears to be a born executive, for without benefit of formal business education she is president of Embry-Riddle Company and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Inc.; also executive vice-president and a director of Dade Aviation Corporation and McKay Properties.

Isabel Smiley was born in Fayette County, West Virginia, in the town of MacDonald on March 24, 1907. Her father, James Watson Smiley, was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, May 21, 1874, and died March 8, 1951. He was a coal operator. Her mother, Isabel Dixon Smiley, was born in North Shelton, England, September 2, 1879, and died November 9, 1956.

Isabel, whose home was later at Charleston, West Virginia, was educated in the public schools while living there, but she states, "at least fifty per cent of my time was spent on my grandfather's plantation, 'Dewberry,' at Hewlett, Hanover County, Virginia. If there during the school year, we had a tutor, as there were no schools available."

An outdoor girl, in her youth she enjoyed swimming and horseback riding. She still swims but has substituted golf for the horseback riding.

Isabel Smiley was first married at Charleston, West Virginia, in 1923. Her second marriage, to the late John Graham McKay of Miami Beach, also took place in Charleston, West Virginia, on August 16, 1938.

Isabel McKay had no business experience prior to 1941, when she became manager of the civilian volunteers of Miami Anti-Aircraft Warning Center for the Army Signal Corps. She held that position until 1943, when she became president and active manager of Aero House for non-commissioned officers, under the auspices of the United States Army Air Force Rehabilitation Center. In 1945, she was made a director and assistant to the president of Embry-Riddle Company, who was her husband, and following his death in 1951, she became president of the company. From 1955 to 1961, she was president of Embry-Riddle International School of Aviation and continues since then as president of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Inc., a non-profit corporation. A history of the Embry-Riddle Company and School of Aviation follows.

"For twenty-two years the Embry-Riddle International School of Aviation has enjoyed an outstanding international reputation and recognition in its Florida home. The history of Embry-Riddle, however, goes back to 1926, when John Paul Riddle and T. Higbee Embry formed the Embry-Riddle Company.

"Early operations of the company included creation of the nation's first air express line in 1927, staging of mass parachute jumps, sponsoring public air shows, transporation of cargo, airmail and passengers and the formation of aviation schools for flight instruction in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

"In 1929, when Embry-Riddle sold their airlines to a company known today as American Airlines, Mr. Riddle stayed with the new organization. Mr. Embry moved to California and the original partnership was dissolved.

"In 1939, the Embry-Riddle Company was re-organized with John Riddle and John G. McKay teaming as equal partners in operation of a seaplane base on County Causeway. One of the outstanding lawyers in the South, Mr. McKay was an ex-Army Air Corps Lieutenant with as great an enthusiasm for aviation as Mr. Riddle. The success of their preliminary civilian pilot training program brought an appeal from General H. H. "Hap" Arnold, who asked for assistance in building an Army Air Force.

"The necessary military contracts were let in 1941 and in response to the national emergency Embry-Riddle trained Army Air Force cadets in Arcadia, Florida, and Union City, Tennessee. Later that year more than two thousand Royal Air Force cadets were given primary and advanced flight training at Clewiston, Florida. At Arcadia's Carlstrom Field cadets made history by flying a total of 650,000 hours with only one accident.

"Under supervision of the State Department, Latin American students were sent to Embry-Riddle for technical training. This development led to the establishment of the Escola Tecnica de Aviacao de Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1944.

"Because of the company's vast, complex hemispheric proportions, in 1944, Mr. McKay took sole owernship of interests in the United States, with South American interests passing to John Paul Riddle and others.

"At the end of World War II, Embry-Riddle, at the request of the Free French Republic, trained French Naval Cadets at Homestead Air Force Base and joined in the nationwide veterans' rehabilitation program with courses, staff and accommodations to handle a large number of men. It was then that the company, utilizing its facilities at the giant Opa-Locka airport in Dade County, started turning out pilots and technicians especially trained to meet the needs of business and commercial aviation.

"In the operation of the school, Mr. McKay was actively assisted by his wife, Isabel, from 1945 until his death in 1951. Assuming the presidency, Mrs. McKay continued the operation efficiently and has directed its development for the past eleven years. Mrs. McKay became the first and only woman to serve as a director of the Aeronautical Training Society.

"Under Mrs. McKay's direction, Embry-Riddle's curriculum in Aeronautical Engineering Technology was accredited by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute is a member of the Technical Institute Division of the American Society for Engineering Education and is represented on the Technical Institute Council of A.S.E.E. Embry-Riddle is also an active member of the National Council of Technical Schools, with representation on the Board of Trustees. The purpose of this organization is to promote technical institute type of higher education. It was organized in 1944, and has made many contributions in the field of technical institute higher education. Embry-Riddle is also approved by the United States Department of Justice, the Florida State Agency for Private Schools and the Federal Aviation Agency.

"The majority of students entering Embry-Riddle are between the ages of 18 and 25, and, with few exceptions, are high school graduates or equivalent. Many have had some college training, and some have had previous aviation experience.

"Indicative of the national and international scope which can be expected of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute, the present student body of Embry-Riddle

Isabel McKay

School includes representatives from Florida and most of the fifty states as well as students from Canada, the West Indies, Pakistan, The Philippines, European countries and Latin American nations.

"The school in 1952 moved to its 17-acre permanent location on the Aviation Building property at 3240 N.W. 27th Avenue. This same year it relocated its flight school to Tamiami Airport when the Navy reclaimed the Opa-Locka facilities.

"Today, Embry-Riddle's plant includes offices, classrooms, eleven shop buildings, and two dormitories on the Aviation Building property, as well as hangars and a flight line at Tamiami Airport.

"A total of 67,925 graduates have been awarded diplomas from the three divisions of the School, Airframe and Powerplant, Engineering Technology, Flight. This total includes flight training during World War II for the Air Forces of America, England and France, plus technical training during World War II and the Korean War for the State Department and U.S. Air Force.

"The total annual average of students graduated from Embry-Riddle's three schools is between 500 and 600. Embry-Riddle provides Air Force ROTC, Army ROTC, and all other flight training for their combined courses of aviation study with the University of Miami. At present, 53 instructors are required for scheduled courses including 20 in Airframe and Powerplant, 17 in Engineering Technology, and 16 in Flight.

"Embry-Riddle trained students are employed by a great many leading aeronautical and technical concerns throughout the U.S. and the Free World. U.S. employers include Aero-Jet General Corporation, Air Products Company, Argonne National Laboratory, Hercules Powder Company, Rocketdyne, Ryan Aeronautical, General Electric, Experiment Incorporated; such aeronautical manufacturers as Boeing, Cessna, Fairchild, Lockheed, Martin, McDonnell, North American, Pratt & Whitney, Piper and Sikorsky; as well as the major trunk lines, American, Braniff, Delta, Eastern, National, Northeast, Pan American, Panagra, Trans World and United Air Lines, and the local service and cargo carriers of Lake Central, Mackey, Mohawk, North Central, Ozark, Piedmont, Riddle and Southern Airways.

"The achievements and high standing which graduates of Embry-Riddle enjoy in the industry have been attested to repeatedly by these companies who hire these young men. . . . And, the responsible contribution of Embry-Riddle to the community-at-large has been widely recognized. *The Miami Herald,* November 8, 1953, put it this way:

> " 'When Miami's brilliant aviation history is written, a major chapter can be devoted to the Embry-Riddle School of Aviation for its often cited service to the aircraft industry, armed services and America's wartime allies.' "

Mrs. McKay is a former vice-president and director of the National Aeronautical Services Association, a member of the National Aeronautics Association, the American Society for Engineering Education, the National Oceanographic Foundation; an honorary member of Florida Air Pilots and of the Greater Miami Aviation Association; also of Sigma Alpha Tau, Gamma Chapter, University of Miami—an honorary fraternity of Aviation.

Mrs. McKay is also active in civic affairs, being a member of the Miami-Metro and the Florida State Chambers of Commerce, a member of Dade County Crime Commission and a former director of Miami Beach Taxpayers Association and the Miami Heart Institute. Her first welfare work was done in Charleston, West Virginia, when, at the age of sixteen, she sold White Cross seals to the Governor of West Virginia. In 1936, she was vice-president of The White Cross Association in West Virginia, an organization maintained to operate a Children's Anti-Tuberculosis Hospital in West Virginia; and in 1937, she was president of this humanitarian society.

In social circles she is a member of the Junior League of Miami (a transferee from Charleston, West Virginia), a member of Indian Creek Country Club and the Bath Club of Miami Beach, the Cat Cay Club of the Bahamas, Rolling Rock Club of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and the National Aviation Club of Washington, D.C. Her church is the First Presbyterian of Miami.

John Graham McKay was born in Franklinville, New York, January 16, 1866, and died January 24, 1951. He was a son of Daniel Graham McKay, a minister in the United Presbyterian Church, who was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and died in 1912; and of Margaret Elizabeth (Leslie) McKay, a native of Newburgh, New York, who was born in 1852, and died in 1935.

Mr. McKay was a graduate of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and of the Indiana Law School, Indianapolis, Indiana. He practiced law in Indianapolis until 1925, when he came to Miami and continued his practice there. He was prominent in professional, civic and social circles and had been a director of the Florida Historical Society and president of the Historical Society of Southern Florida.

By his first marriage, to Margaret Boomer in 1915, Mr. McKay had two sons, both born in Indianapolis, Indiana: John Graham McKay, Jr., born October 2, 1916, and Hobert Boomer McKay, born November 6, 1922.

John Graham McKay, Jr., is a partner in the Miami law firm of Dixon, DeJarnette, Bradford, Williams, McKay and Kimbrell. He married Betty Jean Walking at Miami Beach in January, 1942. They have two children, Sandra Jean and John Graham McKay, III.

Hobert Boomer McKay is associated with Miami Transit Company. He married Annie Hahr Pawley in February, 1951, at Miami Beach. They have three children: Margaret Hahr McKay, William Pawley McKay, and Douglas Graham McKay.

By her first marriage Mrs. McKay has a son, Robert, born January 6, 1925, who was adopted by Mr. McKay. Robert McKay is now a partner in the law firm of Pennie, Edmonds, Morton, Barrows and Taylor of New York City. In June, 1957, he married Emily Alexander Baldwin of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. They have one child, Isabel Dixon McKay, and live in New Canaan, Connecticut.

All three of the McKay sons are pilots. Jack received his flight training at Embry-Riddle Civilian Flight School. Hobert and Robert received their U.S.A.A.F. primary flight training at Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, Florida—an Embry-Riddle-operated school under contract to the U.S.A.A.F.

On September 2, 1961, Mrs. McKay was the first passenger of her granddaughter, Sandra Jean, who had just received her private pilot's license.

When Mrs. McKay lived at Miami Beach she rode Sunline Helicopters back and forth to work in the Aviation Building, landing and taking off on the roof.

She still takes the helicopter to the Embry-Riddle Flight Line at the Tamiami Airport.

Offsetting the many activities of her busy life, Isabel McKay relaxes with a book or a crossword puzzle.

She is listed in *Florida Women of Distinction, Who's Who in Commerce and Industry,* and *Who's Who of American Women.*

SIDNEY ETHELBERT LIVINGSTON

A pioneer of Homestead, Florida, Sidney E. Livingston was one of the founders of that city which he served as Mayor for three periods totaling nine years, and as postmaster for sixteen years.

He was born on a farm near North, in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, July 15, 1879, son of Paul and Rachel (Hydrick) Livingston. His father, a farmer, was born in the same area December 1, 1849. Sidney was educated in the public schools of the village and in private schools, studying law and history particularly.

He began his career as a farmer, and later was a bookkeeper, and was engaged in the turpentine business. He came to Florida in 1903 as a woodsman for Knight Brothers Turpentine Company at Crystal River, on the west coast. In December, 1904, he went to Plant City, Hillsborough County, where he was associated with the Alafia Naval Stores Company, and in 1906, went to work with Branch Brothers in the turpentine business at Knights, near Plant City.

He came to Homestead, Florida, in January of 1909, and during the construction of the Overseas Railroad worked as a time keeper for the Florida East Coast Railroad Company on the Florida Keys. In 1911, he was one of the organizers of The Homestead Mercantile Company, which erected the building which still stands at the corner of Krome Avenue and Mowry Street.

When the voters of Homestead met to organize the City of Homestead on January 27, 1913, Mr. Livingston was one of them. At this meeting he was elected City Clerk and a member of the committee to draft a charter for the city. In May of 1915, he took Homestead's first charter to Tallahassee to be passed by the Florida legislature.

After serving three one-year terms as City Clerk, Mr. Livingston resigned to become Justice of the Peace for District #6 (now District #4). From 1913 to 1923, he served as a member of the local Board of Trustees for the Dade County School System. Elected a member of the Dade County Board of Public Instruction in January, 1923, he served in this post for six years and made the motion to establish Junior High Schools in Dade County. During his time on the school board the first seven Junior High School buildings were erected and the million-dollar Miami High School building on West Flagler Street, Miami, was built.

One of Homestead's greatest mayors, Mr. Livingston was first elected to this office in January, 1923, and served continuously until January, 1929. Re-elected, he served 1930 to 1932, and once again in 1950-51. During his terms as mayor he was strongly in favor of keeping the city light and water plants under municipal ownership.

Having served a short term as Acting Postmaster in 1920, Mr. Livingston was made Postmaster of Homestead in May, 1933, and held that office until July 30, 1949.

He was a charter member of the First Methodist Church of Homestead and went as far as West Palm Beach to attend quarterly Conferences in its formative years. Being one of a few who could shoot dynamite, he shot the stumps out of all the original church lots.

Mr. Livingston was also a charter member of Royal Palm Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is now a fifty-year member of that body, which he served as Worshipful Master in 1919 and 1920. He is a member of Jericho Chapter #11 of the Royal Arch Masons and is past High Priest of Dade Chapter #47, R.A.M.; a Knight Templar of Miami Commandery #13, and a member of Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami.

In his youth he enlisted in Company I of the First South Carolina Infantry in the Spanish-American War, on May 5, 1898, and was honorably discharged on November 10, 1898.

At Wagoner, South Carolina, on January 2, 1902, Sidney E. Livingston married Minnie Augusta Tyler, who was born August 27, 1874, near Salley, South Carolina, in Aiken County, daughter of Henry and Cassia (Corbet) Tyler, both natives of Aiken County, South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston had two daughters: Esther, born in North, South Carolina, September 15, 1903, who is a teacher of English in the Shenandoah Junior High School; and Helen, born in Salley, South Carolina, October 6, 1906, who died September 11, 1944.

With her husband, Mrs. Livingston worked untiringly to build the community of Homestead when she came there as a pioneer. She is a charter member of the First Baptist Church and taught Sunday School until after she was 75 years of age. She was the first to become interested in opening Second Street and First Avenue and took up a petition for that purpose. She also called together a group of women who later became the Homestead Woman's Club. Both she and Mr. Livingston underwrote the first Chautauqua to bring this cultural entertainment to Homestead. Both were interested in all athletic and social activities of the school and the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston are highly and affectionately regarded in their community, as is also their daughter, Esther, who is a past grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Florida.

RUBYE SMOAK REES

A warm personality characterizes this writer, lecturer, and leader of youth in Baptist Church organizations. Happiest when she is creating something, she believes her talents are a direct gift from God and should be used to honor His name.

Bamberg, South Carolina, is a small southern town nestled among huge magnolia trees. Here on May 1, 1915, Rubye Smoak was born, daughter of David L. and Carrie Julia (Brown) Smoak, both also natives of Bamberg, where her father had a plantation. He was born in 1879. Her mother, born in 1878, died in the fall of 1917, when Rubye was two and a half years old. She grew up with her three sisters, her father and her paternal grandmother, and at the age of sixteen was graduated from Bamberg High School. At twenty, she received her B.S. degree from Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina, with a double major in Home Economics and Science and a double minor in Art and Religion.

An active Christian as long as she can remember, she began early to work with young people in numerous church organizations; and after completing her college education, took graduate work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Rubye Smoak first came to Florida in 1926, with her

father. They moved to Miami in 1935, and Rubye met her husband there that year. Her course at the Seminary in Louisville was interrupted by her marriage, on January 16, 1938, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Lloyd Rodgers Rees, a Miami attorney. Son of Henry L. and Josie Lee (Rodgers) Rees, he was born in Macon, Georgia, October 31, 1910. His parents, also, were born in Macon, his father in 1889, and his mother in 1890.

During the second World War, Rubye traveled up and down the eastern seaboard with her husband, who was attached to the Navy Air Wing. She, herself, was employed by the Government in "top secret" work. One of her most interesting assignments was helping to design the Newfoundland Air Base.

When her husband left for overseas duty in the Pacific, Rubye Rees returned to Coral Gables and resumed her work with the Miami Baptist Association as the Association's Young People's Leader. In 1950, she and Mr. Rees moved to the campus of the University of Miami, where she directed the religious activities of the Baptist students for the Florida Baptist Convention. During the same period of time, each Sunday for eighteen months, she produced a thirty-minute "live" TV program called "The Sunday School of the Air," for which she wrote the script.

Three years ago Rubye retired from the University of Miami. Since then she has given religious lectures before church groups; and also lectures on books, gives book reviews, and writes feature articles and poetry—her favorite forms of writing.

Mrs. Rees is Recording Secretary for the Miami Baptist Association's Women's Missionary Union, a member of the Executive Board of the Miami Baptist Hospital Auxiliary, president of the Religious Directors organization, and a member of the Riverside Baptist Church, where she is a youth worker.

Equally active and prominent in other than religious groups, she is president of the Miami branch of the National League of American Penwomen; a life member and former first vice-president of the American Association of University Women; secretary and treasurer of the Business Women's Federation; and first vice-president of the Coral Gables Woman's Club, in which she has served as Fine Arts Chairman. A member of the Southern Cross Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, she has found time to direct the work of the Children of the U.D.C., winning for them the honor roll. In 1961, she was appointed treasurer of the U.D.C. Centennial Confederate Ball. She is also a member of Coral Gables Music Club, the College Club of Miami, Alpha Mu Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Rotary Anns of Miami Rotary Club, the Century Club, Coral Gables Country Club and Coral Reef Yacht Club. Her leisure-time hobby is sewing.

CARL ELLIS DUNAWAY, M.D.

A prominent Miami specialist in Ophthalmology, Dr. Carl E. Dunaway has been practicing medicine in Florida since 1919, and practicing his specialty in Miami since 1926. He is a member of the consulting staff at the Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he has been a staff member for forty years, and is a member of the faculty of the University of Miami Medical School.

Dr. Dunaway was born in Valdosta, Georgia, October 28, 1893, son of Willis Demetrius and Sallie Keen (Wilson) Dunaway. His mother was born in Apalachicola, Florida, in 1858. His father was born in Stewart County, Georgia, September 28, 1855. He was a pharmacist, Justice of the Peace and Deacon of the Baptist Church.

After being educated in Valdosta public schools, Carl Ellis Dunaway entered Emory University and received his M.D. degree there in 1916. He interned and was a resident physician in New York City and Brooklyn hospitals until he enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps in World War I.

As Captain of the Medical Corps, he was attached to a London Field Ambulance of the British Expeditionary Force and participated in the battles of Amiens, Ypres and Albert, serving in Europe from August 18, 1917, to April 25, 1919. In 1918, he was decorated by the British Government with the Military Cross of Great Britain.

Returning to the United States, Dr. Dunaway came to Kissimmee, Florida, and conducted a general practice of medicine there from 1919 to 1921. In February of 1921, he moved to Miami and continued his general practice there for four years. In 1925-26 he took graduate study in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat specialty (or more technically, Otolaryngology and Ophthalmology) at Tulane University, New Orleans, and since his return to Miami has practiced this specialty, specializing in Ophthalmology since 1945. He is now associated in a partnership with two other doctors under the name of Dunaway, Whitmer and Alecce, with offices at 550 Bricknell Avenue, Miami.

Dr. Dunaway is a staff member of several hospitals in the Miami area in addition to the Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he was formerly Chief of Staff.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, a life member of the Southern Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association and the Dade County Medical Association (past president, 1924); a diplomate and life member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology and Ophthalmology and the Florida Otolaryngology and Ophthalmology Association (president in 1944-46); and a member of the Seaboard Railroad Surgeons.

From 1935 to 1937, Dr. Dunaway was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserve. He was a Colonel on the staff of Governor Holland of Florida from 1941 to 1945. During this same period of time he served on the Appeal Board of the Draft Boards for Dade County.

Dr. Dunaway is a Mason and Shriner of Mahi Temple, a member of Central Baptist Church of Miami, of Sons of the American Revolution, a charter member of the Riviera Country Club, a former member (also charter) of the Miami Country Club, and a former member of the Biltmore Country Club. His professional fraternity is Phi Rho Sigma.

On May 27, 1920, at Lake City, Florida, Dr. Dunaway married Anne Bryan Carson, a native of Kissimmee, Florida, whose sketch follows.

Dr. Dunaway is mentioned in the books, "Pushed and The Return Push," and "The Lost Legion," a book about the 1,400 young Army doctors lent to the British Army in World War I. He is well known for his hobbies—photography and golf.

ANNE BRYAN CARSON DUNAWAY

Of Anne Bryan Carson Dunaway it has been written:

"She is a natural leader and comes of a long and distinguished line of leaders; a line which has left its mark on Florida history for nearly two cen-

turies. She possesses a quality even rarer than leadership—the ability to delegate authority and inspire the sense of responsibility in her associates. The list of her achievements is impressive in its diversity."

Born in Kissimee, Florida, September 8, 1894, she is a daughter of Charles Averette and Annie Bryan Carson. Through her mother, who was born in Putnam County, Florida, November 1, 1867, she is connected with some of Florida's oldest families, the Nortons, Eubanks and Browards, who were associated with the history of Northeast Florida from Colonial times. Several members of the Bryan family were distinguished holders of public office in the state and federal government. Mrs. Dunaway's father was born in Macon, Georgia, November 10, 1862, and received an M.A. degree from Mercer University in 1881. He was a businessman, banker, educator, State Senator, president of the Florida Baptist Convention, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida, 1903-05.

Anne Bryan Carson graduated from Osceola High School, Kissimmee, and from Colorado College, Colorado Springs, in 1914 with an A.B. degree. She was a member of the National Board staff of the YWCA in 1917-18 and in 1918-19 was a field worker with the YMCA in England and France.

She was on the Red Cross disaster staff following Florida's two worst hurricanes, 1926 and 1928, and did a magnificant job on the Relief Committee, She did volunteer case work with the Dade County Welfare Board and rural welfare work under the Department of Agriculture.

During World War II she was the only woman appointed to the Florida Civil Defense Council by Governor Holland, who made her head of the newly created Women's Division. As head of the Home and Community Services, she set up capable organizations in every county in Florida. This was all before Pearl Harbor. When the war came, this Florida division was singled out by national authorities as an example for the rest of the country. The war broadened its scope and new departments were added, but there was no delay—everything was ready.

Mrs. Dunaway was State Advisor to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis from 1945 to 1954. She is a past member of the State Conference on Social Work; was first chairman of the Women's Division of the Community Chest and a past member of the Board of the Community Chest; also served on the Board of the Children's Service Bureau, and was on the YWCA Board for sixteen years.

She is a charter member and past president of the Women's Auxiliary of Dade County Medical Association; a charter member and past president of the Junior League of Miami; a past member of the Board of Miami Woman's Club and the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs; a member of Central Baptist Church of Miami and of Chi Omega sorority. She will be in the third edition of "Who's Who of American Women.""

As if all of the foregoing were not enough, a newspaper writer paid Mrs. Dunaway the following shining tribute:

"For all her vibrant force of energy, there is something basically serene and restful in her personality. To an audience she speaks well and sensibly. Her conversation is stimulating and altogether delightful. She is thoughtful, yet witty; firm but not arbitrary. Her reading is extensive and varied . . . her voice is deep and delicious; her manner charming in a highly distinctive fashion of her own. There is laughter deep in her eyes, and her lips smile easily."

On May 27, 1920, in Lake City, Florida, Anne Bryan Carson married Dr. Carl Ellis Dunaway, whose sketch accompanies hers.

BENJAMIN EDGAR ARCHER

Benjamin Edgar Archer, co-founder and publisher of the Homestead Leader-Perrine Post, is the fourth in line of six Archers by that name. The first Benjamin Archer migrated to the Bahamas from Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War. Benjamin Archer II went to Key West from the Bahamas about 1840, taking Benjamin III with him. The subject of this sketch, Benjamin Archer IV, is a grandson of Benjamin Vincent (III) and Priscilla (Curry) Archer. The Archer men have all been tall, and many of them were sea captains.

Benjamin Edgar Archer, son of George Franklin and Mary Eddings (Fripp) Archer, was born in Key West November 8, 1898. His father was born in Key West in 1870 and died in 1951. He was a bank employee, a member of the Monroe County Board of Public Instruction, and a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. Ben's' mother was born in Virginia in 1873 and died in 1959.

At the age of eight Ben Archer got a job as a printer's devil on the Key West Citizen. By the time he was thirteen he was a cub reporter for the Key West Morning Journal. In the summer of 1917 he was night editor of this paper. That fall he entered the University of Florida for pre-journalism courses and became editor-in-chief of the Florida Alligator, the campus paper. In 1920 he went to Columbia University, New York, and earned a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the Pulitzer School of Journalism.

While working for his degree at Columbia, he was given assignments from the New York World and the Brooklyn Eagle. He also took a course in linotype operation at the Mergenthaler plant in Brooklyn, and after receiving his degree in 1921, worked for a year as linotype operator on the Bridgeport Post-Telegram at Bridgeport, Connecticut. This practical shop training came in handy during the war-time shortages of later years.

In New York City on September 6, 1921, Ben Archer married Marjorie Leach, whose sketch follows. Together they returned to Florida in 1922 and, in accordance with a preconceived plan, founded their own newspaper, The Homestead Leader, first printed in March, 1923. In 1931 they bought the Homestead Enterprise (founded in 1912), merged it with the Leader and changed the name of the paper to Homestead Leader-Enterprise. Founded as a weekly, the Leader became a daily during the real estate boom of 1925-26 but returned to its weekly schedule after the 1926 hurricane. In 1957 the Perrine Post was added to the Archer paper and the name changed to Homestead Leader-Perrine Post.

Through his newspaper Mr. Archer twice helped save the ownership of the city's power plant when a utility company was bent on taking it over to the detriment of taxpayers.

The policy of this newspaper was to keep a close watch over local public figures, to report factually and completely on thir activities; but, in general, to withhold editorial intervention for the big and far-reaching is-

sues. "Taking potshots at public officials just because we have the power," said Mr. Archer, "is an abuse of the very freedom of the press we like to shout about. The same is true of the editor who uses his paper for personal gain, or to vent his spleen against a personal enemy."

On October 26, 1961, the Archers sold their newspaper to S. W. Calkins of Beaver, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Archer led in the organization of the Redland District Chamber of Commerce in 1924, and later served as its president. He is a charter member and past president of Homestead Rotary Club and a member of John G. Salley Post of the American Legion. His church is the Congregational.

His hobbies are boating, fishing and bowling. He was mentioned in Publishers' Auxiliary, November 6, 1954, as "Editor of the Week," and in "Kinfolks," by William Curry Harlee.

The Archers have a son, Benjamin Lester Archer, M.D., of Perrine and Whispering Pines, who was born in Philadelphia May 9, 1924. He is Benjamin Archer V, and he has a son, Benjamin Jeffrey, who makes the sixth generation of Benjamin Archers.

MARJORIE LEACH ARCHER

Daughter of John Milton Leach, a native of Pennsylvania, and Minnie Robinson Leach, a Virginian by birth, Marjorie Leach was born in Nebraska and received her early education in Joplin, Missouri, where her father was a mining engineer. In 1915 the family moved to Florida City, Dade County, Florida, where Mr. Leach engaged in farming and served on the town council.

Marjorie Leach was graduated from Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee (now Florida State University), and from Columbia University, New York City, where she majored in Art. After three years as head of the Industrial Arts Department at Florida State College, she returned to New York in 1921 for further study in Art. Her plans for study were interrupted by her marriage on September 6, 1921 to Benjamin Edgar Archer, who had recently graduated from Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia University.

After a year in Bridgeport, Connecticut, they returned to Florida and began to plan for their own newspaper, The Homestead Leader, which started publication early in 1923. While Mr. Archer was editor and publisher, Mrs. Archer assumed the duties of managing editor and continued to hold this position through the years.

Her work on the paper did not prevent Mrs. Archer from participating in civic activities. During the eleven years when her son was a student in the Homestead public schools, she was a PTA Room Mother. She served as PTA program chairman for several years, as president for two years and later as a director of the Dade County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations. During her term as president, the PTA gave the school moving picture and playground equipment.

Mrs. Archer was a charter member of the Homestead Business and Professional Women's Club and its president for two years; charter president of the Homestead Art Club and served in this office three years; and charter president of the Homestead Soroptimist Club, in which office she served two years. Her hobbies are oil painting, gardening and landscaping.

Benjamin Lester Archer, only son of Benjamin Edgar and Marjorie Leach Archer, is now a practicing physician in Perrine, Florida. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1924, he graduated from Homestead High School in 1941. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Maryland and his M.D. from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Entering the United States Army immediately after his graduation from the University in 1948, he served his internship and two years of his residency as an internist at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

As an Army Captain with Walter Reed Hospital, he was given the assignment of Professor of Military Science and Tactics at New York Medical College, and while on this assignment in New York completed his residency training in his specialty, internal medicine, at the Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital.

Advanced to the rank of Major, he was made Chief Medical Officer of Henry Barracks, San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he was stationed for two years. During his seven and a half years in the Army he also saw service in Texas and Germany.

WIRTH MIDDLETON MUNROE

The subject of this sketch, a native of Coconut Grove, Florida, is the son of the late Commodore Ralph Middleton Munroe, one of Dade County's distinguished settlers in the 1880's, whose book, "The Commodore's Story," was published in 1930; three years before his death.

Concerning this distinguished pioneer, Herbert L. Stone wrote in the preface of "The Commodore's Story":

> "In one great and lovable quality, Commodore Munroe stands forth above other men—in his genius for friendship."

It is said that this is and has been a quality of the Munroes ever since Donald, founder of the family, went to Scotland from Northern Ireland in search of adventure and fortune, and found both. Wirth Munroe is no exception.

His father, born April 3, 1851, in New York City, first visited Florida in 1877, going by sailing vessel to Key West and then by small coasting sloop to Biscayne Bay. He had begun life as a mechanical engineer in New York but devoted all his spare time to marine pursuits and became a marine surveyor and yacht designer. He also engaged in various other businesses and was a Justice of the Peace. He made Coconut Grove his home in 1885 and in 1887 founded the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, which he served as Commodore for twenty-three years—hence, the title, "Commodore."

Wirth Middleton Munroe was born in Coconut Grove, Florida, November 27, 1902. His mother was Jessie Wellington Wirth, born July 13, 1876. She died in 1940. Wirth"s education was begun at home, by the Calvert system, followed by two years (1914-16) at Miss Harris' School, then public grade school in Coconut Grove and Miami High School, from which he was graduated in 1921. He took courses in Civil Engineering at Columbia University, New York, and in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Miami. Other than that, he says he is self-taught, with the help of his father and Nathaniel G. Herreshoff.

From 1921 to 1926 he was engaged in Civil Engineering and from 1928 to 1930 he was connected with the First National Bank of Miami. Since then all his work has been in the marine field, for he inherited his father's love of the sea. In 1930 he started out for himself

as a designer and builder of boats, both cruising and sailing, and won a reputation for designing winners in the latter field.

During World War II he was connected with Pan American Airways and headed their office in charge of maintenance of all marine bases, marine and automotive equipment for the Latin American division.

In 1945 he returned to designing and added survey work. For eight years, from 1950 to 1958, he was Superintendent and General Manager of Miami Shipbuilding Corporation. He is still engaged in yacht designing and marine surveying and is well known in the yachting world, both here and abroad, for his designs. Pictures of his boats appear frequently in magazines and newspapers, and boats he designed sometimes appear in color on magazine covers.

Mr. Munroe also devotes much time to civic work in his community. He is Director of the Marine Council of Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce, and third vice-president of the Islandia Chamber of Commerce. During World War II he was a member of the Ration Board of Dade County. He is a charter member and director of the Boys' Club of Miami, a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Miami Yacht Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (Commodore in 1946-47), and the Cruising Club of America. He is 1960-61 president of Coconut Grove Library Association and a past president of the Historical Association of Southern Florida; a past Master of Coconut Grove Lodge #258, F. & A. M., and a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Coconut Grove.

At St. Stephen's Church in Coconut Grove on February 16, 1933, Wirth Middleton Munroe married Mary Kimball Poore, who was born in Bradford, Massachusetts, January 18, 1904. She is a daughter of Julia Hester (Kimball), born in Bradford, Massachusetts, August 15, 1867, and Charles Herbert Poore, born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, March 12, 1862.

Mr. and Mrs. Munroe have two sons, born in Coconut Grove, Florida: William Middleton Munroe, born November 9, 1935, and Charles Poore Munroe, born November 13, 1937. William is a yacht broker in Miami. He was married on October 23, 1959, to Ellen Severson, a talented musician. They have two children: a daughter, Patrice Ellen, born in 1960; and a son, William Middleton, Jr., born October 15, 1961.

JOHN PATRICK IRWIN

The Irwin Grain Company, founded in Miami in 1923 by John Patrick Irwin, is a family enterprise which John Irwin, his wife, Madeline, and two sons, Jack and Bill, have developed. There is more than the luck of the Irish behind Mr. Irwin's success, for he seems to be a past master in the science and art of Human Relations, or what Dale Carnegie called "making friends and influencing people." In fact, one can't help but think what a success he would have been in the Diplomatic Service.

Son of Catherine and Michael Irwin (his mother came from Ireland; his father's parents from Scotland), John Patrick Irwin was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 11, 1896, and was educated in that city, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, where he majored in Business Administration. About that time he enlisted in the Army in World War I and was made a First Lieutenant.

Coming to Miami in 1923, he established his grain business near Seventh Avenue and Fourteenth Street in downtown Miami, and there it remained until 1954, when it was moved to the present location in southwest Miami, or Kendall, where there was room for expansion and more opportunity to mingle with the customers. The plant, with its extensive warehouses, display room, sales room and office, now covers several blocks on the Federal Highway and extends west of the Florida East Coast Railroad.

The volume of business has increased steadily, the biggest growth being within the past five or six years. It now grosses well over a million dollars annually, with the feed department accounting for more than half of the total. Dairy and poultry feeds are the best sellers, with a sprinkling of horse and hog feeds. The company handles the entire line of Red Rose feeds, with special oats for race horses; plus fertilizers, tobacco leaf products, Chilean nitrates, insecticides, fungicides, peat moss, oyster shell and a full line of cattle and poultry remedies. They also handle a line of farm machinery, power mowers, wire fencing, garden tools, seeds, and crate material.

Deliveries are made weekly over regular routes to an area extending approximately 100 miles in the north-south range and about 25 miles west. Special deliveries may be made on orders of one ton or over.

A hint as to why John Irwin's business is thriving, aside from natural causes such as increase in population, is contained in the following statement of his:

> "Anticipating a customer's needs, not only from a standpoint of his purchases, but what might be suggestions with respect to his own best interests, helps our business. For example, if we observe a customer in any field of agricultural endeavor expanding more than we think is good for him, we don't hesitate to express ourselves. We feel in this way we will be saving ourselves trouble, mostly from credits, later on."

Herein one detects the wisdom of a Solomon, and it is our guess that the farmer who is not too experienced in his territory appreciates the advice.

John Irwin believes in making customers feel important to the business. He greets every customer by his first name. If a new face appears, he strikes up a conversation and soon knows not only the man's name and his line of business but where he lives, where he came from and many other things. In turn he describes the district, pointing out the churches, clubs and social events, and in general tries to make the newcomer feel welcome. With this introduction, it is only natural for a salesman to call at the man's home and offer his services to help the new citizen get started.

Irwin also makes use of every help his suppliers provide, including complete books on poultry and dairy production, which contain valuable information for prospects when they make a call. When he and his two sons are on the road they not only cover the routes for sales but give cattle and poultry diagnosis, feeding advice and services such as vaccinating, worming, and culling flocks.

Mr. Irwin tries to train his employees to acknowledge promptly every customer coming into the store, asking the customer's indulgence if they happen to be busy. He stresses the importance of telephone courtesy, avoiding the abrupt question. In short, he tries to make them all diplomats, like himself.

He keeps a bulletin board for the use of customers, where they may advertise an article (or a farm) for

sale, and it is well used. He promotes every possible group meeting—farm extension projects, fairs, 4-H clubs, demonstrations, contests, get-together parties. The Irwins helped organize and sponsor the local youth movement.

John Irwin was one of the seven founders of the Florida Feed Dealers Association. He served as first chairman of the board of directors and as president, and has taken much satisfaction in seeing the organization grow to its present prosperity. In the fifties he served on the Draft Board in South Miami and at one time was head of it. He is a member of the Miami Kiwanis Club and the Catholic Church.

On December 23, 1926, John Patrick Irwin married Madeline DeLoach, daughter of John and "Jimmie" (Carter) DeLoach, who was born in Tallahassee, Florida, April 16, 1904.

Beginning in 1926, Mrs. Irwin taught piano for several years at the University of Miami and in the late twenties she went on Redpath Chautauqua tours as pianist with a group of entertainers. She was the first piano soloist to play for a Miami radio broadcast. She assisted Miss Bertha Foster in organizing the Music Teachers Association of Miami and led in the movement to stabilize the fee for music lessons.

Mrs. Irwin is a founding member of the Sigma Alpha Iota honor music sorority at the University of Miami. In 1957 she founded the Coral Gables chapter of the National League of American Penwomen and served as its president for one year. She belongs to the D.A.R., the Musicians' Club of America, and is a life member of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs.

The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are John DeLoach Irwin (Jack), born March 2, 1930, and William Thomas Irwin (Bill), born August 25, 1933. Both sons are University of Miami graduates and followed in their father's footsteps, studying Business Administration. Jack was in the Service during the fifties. He married the former Miss Jeanne Phoenix of Miami. Bill is a captain in the Air Force, on leave from the family's business.

John and Madeliene Irwin have six grandchildren. Jack is the father of Alice, Amy and Emily. Bill's children are Becky, Leslie and Patricia.

HERMAN LEO ANDERSEN, D.D.S.

Although he enjoys a lucrative practice as a dentist in the Miami area, Dr. Herman Leo Andersen is more renowned for his interest and participation in the field of aviation.

Son of Hans Christian and Thora (Bergstrom) Andersen, Dr. Andersen was born in Kansas City, Missouri, June 16, 1911. His father, who was a building contractor in Missouri, Oklahoma and Florida, was born at Taastrup, Denmark, July 12, 1887. His mother was born at Hylstrup, Denmark, June 7, 1888.

Dr. Andersen received his education in the following schools: Miami Junior Academy, Miami, Florida; Forest Lake Academy, Orlando, Florida; Edison High School, Miami; Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee; the University of Miami, Coral Gables; and Emory University School of Dentistry, Atlanta, Georgia, where he received his D.D.S. degree.

During World War II Dr. Andersen served four years in the United States Navy as a pilot, entering as a full lieutenant and emerging as a lieutenant commander, and is now in the Navy Reserve. He was instructor in flying and assistant operations officer at Olathe, Kansas and during the last year-and-a-half of his service was in the Air Transport Command, flying four-engine seaplanes. He also served in the Civil Air Patrol during the war and was one of the 47 Greater Miamians who having flown more than 200 hours on anti-submarine duty with coastal patrol No. 7, received the Army Air Medal.

Dr. Andersen is a past president and member of the Florida Air Pilots Association. During his presidency of this organization, in June, 1947, the members (then numbering 500) made a four-day air tour of the state through ten prominent cities, for the purpose of promoting air education in the schools and urging uniform air markers for municipalities. They dropped leaflets on those cities which showed the need for air travel markers.

Under his presidency of FAPA the first mass small-plane flights to Cuba were organized. To Dr. Andersen belongs much of the credit for putting the FAPA in the "big league" of the nation's air societies. Serving two consecutive terms as president, he did an outstanding job in leading the Association from a more or less small social group to a state-wide organization.

Early in 1947, Dr. Andersen was one of fifteen men appointed to a Miami committee to act as a subcommittee to a federal survey group whose aim was to simplify air travel regulations. In 1947, also, he was chairman of the All-American Air Maneuvers held in Miami. He is a past vice-president and member of the Florida Aero Club, a member of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Greater Miami Aviation Association (past director), the Citizens Aviation Advisory Board to the Port Authority of Dade County, Florida, and the Dade County Sheriffs Air Patrol.

In professional circles, he is a member of the American Dental Association, the Florida State Dental Society the East Coast Dental Society, the Miami Dental Society the Dade County Dental Research Clinic, the Greater Miami Cleft Palate Association, the Greater Miami Dental Study Group, the American Association of Seventh-Day Adventist Dentists, and Pierre Fauchard Academy

He is chairman of the Board of Directors and one of the founders of the Hialeah Hospital at Hialeah, Florida. He was one of the few men responsible for this hospital's ranking first in the nation for closed circuit TV in its maternity department, and for having one of the first cobalt machines in the South.

Dr. Andersen is also a member of BPOE Lodge #948 Miami, and the Temple Seventh-Day Adventist Church Miami.

He was married in Atlanta, Georgia, April 14, 1934 to Eva Marie Johnson, who was born at Palmetto Beach, Florida, May 30, 1912, daughter of Harry L Johnson, born in Rockford, Illinois, and Annie Martha (Hulsey) Johnson, who was born in Florida January 6 1888. Beautiful and popular, Mrs. Andersen grew up in Miami and takes part in church and civic activities.

Dr. and Mrs. Andersen have a daughter, Daryl Thora Andersen, born May 4, 1945, in San Francisco, California; and a son, Howard Clayton Andersen, born in Miami July 22, 1947.

The Andersen home is in the beautiful Snapper Creek Lakes area. Dr. Andersen's hobbies are orchids and water skiing; Mrs. Andersen's are crafts, flower arrangement and gardening. She is a member of Snapper Creek Garden Club.

S. HARVEY GREENSPAN

The passing of Harvey Greenspan on December 22, 1960, recalls a character out of Horatio Alger. But Greenspan was more than the poor boy who made good. He became an industrialist of stature and creativity. He died many times a millionaire; yet his interests were not confined to making money. His complex personality had many facets. He belonged to that rapidly dwindling generation which migrated from East Europe to the United States prior to the first World War. They generally traveled steerage and landed virtually penniless. The children struggled hard to absorb the education, spirit and know-how of a strange new world. Many of them attained high places in American life.

Samuel Harvey Greenspan was born at Pinsk, Russia, in 1893 and came via Liverpool, England, to the United States in his thirteenth year. Intending to become a lawyer, he worked in the office of a relative, Harvey Harwood (who later became Governor of the Virgin Islands), and studied at New York University, later completing his law course at Columbia. While studying law he taught Hebrew in a school.

During World War I Harvey Greenspan served in the Air Force on Long Island. In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he married the beautiful Jean Krieger, one of six daughters of Moses and Rebecca Krieger. After his marriage he entered the wholesale clothing business, manufacturing men's clothing in New York City. In the late twenties he ran into labor trouble. The Union ordered him to take on an additional bookkeeper, which he did not need. Suspecting that they wanted to check his books and spy into his business, he refused. There ensued a series of "accidents," and the Union bosses eventually succeeded in putting him out of business.

Despite the depression, with his business qualifications, Harvey Greenspan would have had little difficulty in securing employment. But he scorned any mere position, no matter how lucrative. He had to be his own boss, and he never doubted his ability to tackle any business enterprise.

While he was looking about for a new venture, his sister-in-law, Gilda Krieger, married Bror G. Dahlberg, president of Celotex Corporation. Dahlberg had perfected the process of making an insulating material from sugar-cane waste, which could be put to various uses, including soundproofing, and was important to builders. During the depression this company ran into difficulties and went into receivership. Dahlberg was a good promoter, but reconstructing a company that had failed was not in his line. Recognizing the talents of his brother-in-law, he gave him the task of reorganizing the company. This was not an easy assignment, but Greenspan accomplished it with complete satisfaction to the officers and stockholders. Celotex Corporation today is considered a sound investment on Wall Street. Besides receiving a block of shares for his successful efforts, Greenspan had the choice of any position in the reorganized company, but he was not interested. Celotex Corporation was now a *fait accompli*. He sought new worlds to conquer.

While he was reorganizing Celotax, Greenspan's wife, Jean, and their child, Lila, joined the Krieger family in Miami Beach. Catering to tourists was then virtually the sole industry in or about Miami. This business did not appeal to Greenspan. Someone mentioned Haiti as a land awaiting the pioneer enterpriser, and he was off to investigate it.

In Haiti he found cotton growing in abundance and labor cheap. The raw cotton was shipped to Japan and brought back in bolts of blue denim or in dungarees, which was virtually the sole garment of the natives outside of Port-au-Prince. Greenspan had visions of clothing Haiti with its home-grown product and paying the cost of manufacture to the inhabitants. But his efforts to interest the officials and upper class met with polite passivity. Eventually he learned the reason. The government would not issue a permit to build a plant because the import duties on the boatloads of denim and dungarees from Japan constituted a large portion of its revenue; the majority of the people being unable to pay taxes.

Harvey Greenspan's next interest was ramie—a fiber stronger than hemp, with a silky luster, capable of being spun and woven into fine fabrics. It was used in Egypt 3,000 years ago and has been found wrapped around mummies, quite intact. The plant can be grown in Florida and at a lower cost than cotton. But an efficient decorticator (a machine to strip off the bark) had not been invented, and Greenspan was not an inventor.

In the course of a friendly conversation, Harry Simonhoff, the Miami lawyer and writer, gave Greenspan the idea for his next, and successful, enterprise—processing citrus juice. He purchased a modest canning outfit that was for sale and learned how to operate it. Later he bought a plant in Dania, and when Greenspan felt competent in the new business he purchased a large cannery that was available in Lakeland and named this business Sasson-King, Inc.

When Harvey Greenspan entered the citrus juice canning business in 1936, the product was far from perfect. Changes had to be made to remove the "tinny" and bitter taste which he discovered was caused by the use of the rind. After exhaustive research, Greenspan was able to produce a better drink and commanded a better price than many of his competitors.

The outbreak of World War II stimulated production. The United States Government became the largest buyer and requested all canneries to set aside 70% of their production for the Armed Forces, subject to call. Sasson-King was one of the few Florida canners who obeyed this directive scrupulously, and consequently was able to fill the Government's order with dispatch when it came. The company received an appreciative letter from the Federal Department.

The war over, the successful operation of Sasson-King settled into routine and became a *fait accompli*. Greenspan would have become restless again but for a providential discovery. Observing his daughter feeding her infant, he learned that his grandchild was allergic to orange juice and that many other babies were similarly affected by citrus juices. He also learned about baby foods packed in small cans or jars. The idea of processing a fruit juice especially for babies came to him. Investigation disclosed that the oil and peel of oranges were the prime causes of allergy. On further research he came to the conclusion that oranges for baby food should be especially selected and tested for high Vitamin C.

His new product, named Bib, was a step forward in infant feeding. It won over the pediatricians and received the endorsement of the American Medical Association. Greenspan demonstrated his business acumen in the promotion of Bib which soon became famous throughout the country as the only approved citrus juice for babies. But, despite all the precautions in its processing, there were still some babies that were al-

lergic to Bib. The problem was where to find a source of natural Vitamin C that would be non-allergic, for Greenspan was not willing to use synthetic vitamins to fortify other fruits for baby food.

After consulting various authorities, he went to see Dr. James R. Wilson, Secretary of the Council on Food and Nutrition of the American Medical Association. From Dr. Wilson he learned about the West Indian, Puerto Rican or Barbados cherry, the scientific name of which is acerola. Growing semi-wild on a low tree or shrub in Puerto Rico, it is about the size and color of a red cherry but shaped more like a crab apple. These small trees grew in back yards and for centuries the fruit was known to the natives as having health properties. They had a saying. "An acerola tree in the back yard keeps colds away from the front door."

The extremely high Vitamin C potency of acerola had been discovered, almost accidentally, in 1945, by Dr. Conrado F. Asenjo, a medical scientist, who had been making laboratory tests on available foods in Puerto Rico with a view to improving the diet and health of the natives. He had not thought of testing the wild cherries until a girl in the Department brought some of the berries for their "coffee break." Dr. Asenjo's report of his discovery had been published by the magazine "Science" in February, 1946, and reprinted in other journals. His conclusions had been confirmed in Florida, Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela. Dr. Wilson had told the management of the big food corporations about the discovery, but they had shown no interest beyond a polite comment.

Harvey Greenspan was determined to find out if acerola was the answer to his quest, but there were many problems to be solved before the juice could be produced commercially. He enlisted the help of Senor Enrique Molinary, a Puerto Rican agriculturist who knew all about the tree and had a grove of 312 trees; and of Jose Martinez, a teacher of agriculture who also operated a general store, ran a couple of restaurants, and functioned as a community godfather. To prove to these men and the Puerto Ricans in general that he was not out to exploit anyone, Greenspan handed them a check for $1,000 to use as they thought best, promising to invest up to $500,000 if they could show him that the proposed business was practical. If their finding was adverse, he would never ask them what they did with the money. Having thus gained the confidence of the Puerto Ricans, he returned to Florida.

Testing and experimentation went on in Puerto Rico for five years. Finally, in the spring of 1954, ten cans of acerola juice arrived in Lakeland for further testing at the Sasson-King plant. Tests showed that acerola was almost entirely non-allergic and that its vitamin C potency was higher in content than any fruit in the world. After much trial and error, a full line of baby fruit juices with acerola added was perfected.

The operation could have been advanced more rapidly if Greenspan had been willing to accept land grants from the government for the manufacture of his product, as did other American firms, or to increase his capital by floating new stock, but his temperament compelled him to do things the hard way. Slowly he increased his acreage in Puerto Rico by purchase or lease. As for taking on new stockholders, a higher motive than pride influenced his decision. He knew that stockholders sometimes clamor for bigger dividends, and he wished to keep the quality of his product high and the price low, so that mothers anywhere could buy it and babies get the maximum benefit from it. This altruistic air was not likely to insure high dividends to the stock holders.

As the sales of Bib increased, new problems arose Acerola was being canned in large containers whic took up too much space and required costly refrigera tion. A dehydrated product would be more economica For this new machinery had to be invented or devise After a series of failures, success was finally achieve Dehydrated acerola developed into a useful product fo drinks, foods and pharmaceutics.

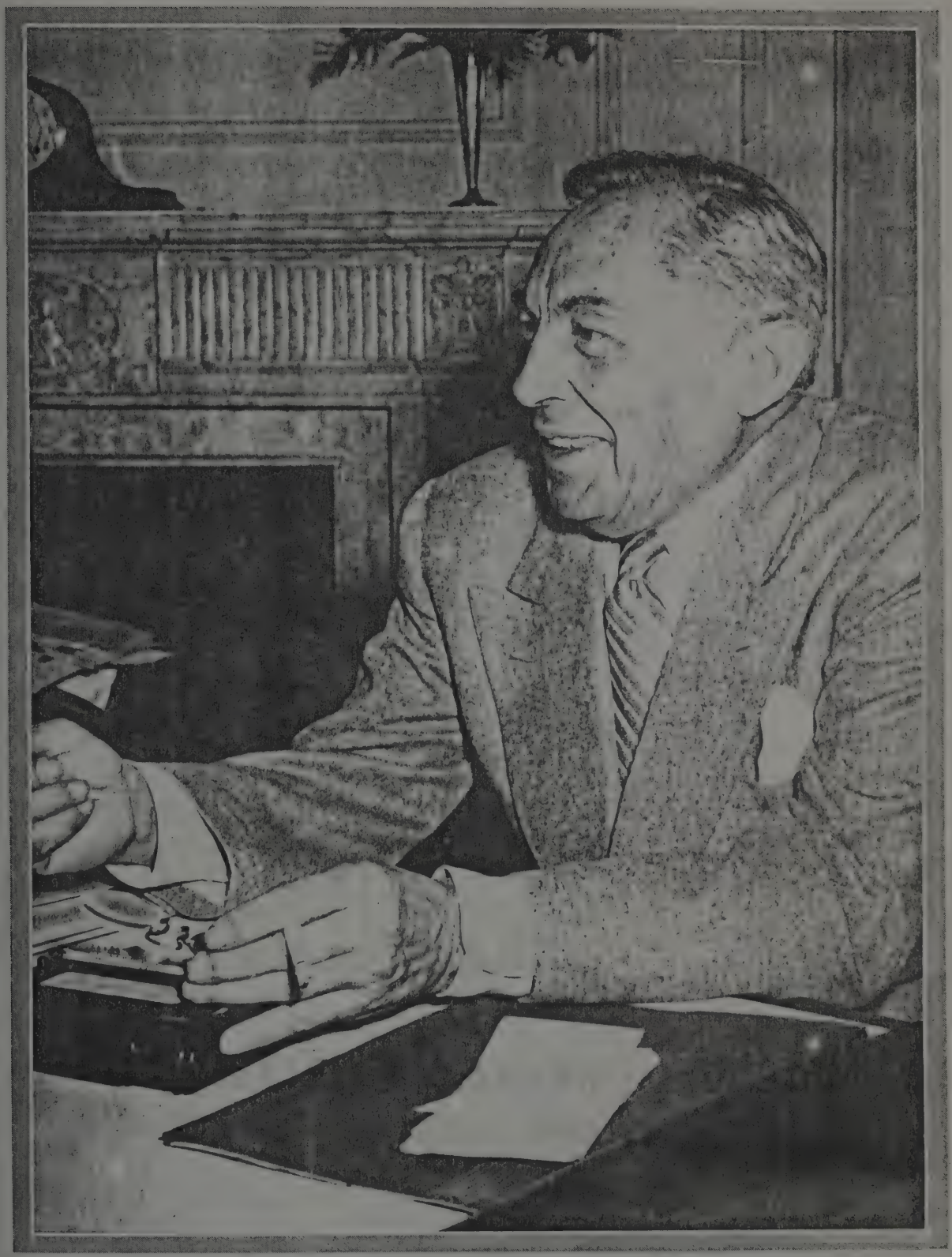
Greenspan turned down the offer of a large nationall known processor to buy out Bib, but when Mead John son and Company, internationally known for its infar product, Pablum, offered to buy Bib, he felt that hi brain child would be in good hands, and was gratifie that his comparatively small venture was deeme worthy of inclusion in the Mead Johnson family c prestige products. The sale was consummated in 195 and the production of Bib became a division of Mea Johnson and Company under the name of Pablum Bil A Wall Street corporation such as Mead Johnson is nc guided by sentiment. The purchase of Bib was a tribut to the years of effort, the sound intuitions and the care ful planning and strategy of Harvey Greenspan tha built up this eminently useful business, starting wit very little capital.

The disposal of Sasson-King did not mean that Green span was out of bsuiness. He still had his 500 acres i Puerto Rico producing acerola and his processing plan there. Mead Johnson continues to use acerola in it juices but does not take the total output. Had Greenspa retained his health, he would no doubt have expande this enterprise into a world-wide operation. He was n longer interested in making money, for he had mor than enough, but he had an urge toward philanthrop which he would not openly admit. It had found expres sion in producing the health-building food for babie Also, he was pleased to hear from Governor Muno Marin of Puerto Rico that he had made a contributio to the economic welfare of the island by providing wor for the unemployed. Not only did his plant pay goo wages, but the picking of the berries could be done b people of all ages, from children to old people, since th bushes are low.

Greenspan had an ulcer of the stomach in the thirtie He underwent surgery in 1955 and again in 1960. Fron this last illness he never recovered. Direction of th Puerto Rican enterprise devolved on his wife, who ha been beside him all through the years and shared hi dreams and aspirations.

A striking, handsome woman, she had been a charm ing hostess in her home on Rivo Alto Isle with its exoti touches, a gathering place for intellectuals and other foreign and native. When her husband acquired th plant in Lakeland, she gave up the social life of Miami But she found a fascination, a sense of adventure i business. Living alone with her husband in Lakeland she knew everything that germinated in his active brain She was there when his ideas were born, and saw thei consummation. Thus she had the intricacies of a com plicated business at her fingertips, and when her hus band became ill she was qualified to step into th breach.

Today Mrs. Greenspan divides her time between he home on Rivo Alto, the factory or plantations in Puert Rico and the office in Lakeland, which distributes acer ola nationally. She is liked by her employees as a tact



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ful, considerate person, and commands their respect. The staff knows that she understands the management of her business and can cope with such problems as arise. She could easily lead a life of leisure or travel, but she finds the direction of a business preferable to sitting at home unoccupied.

Greenspan seemed indifferent to organized charity, yet one day he astonished people with a donation of $250,000 for the S. Harvey Greenspan Free Patient Pavilion at the Mount Sinai Hospital on Miami Beach. Without ostentation or display, he quietly contributed to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and assisted in the upbuilding of the State of Israel by purchasing Israel bonds and by donations. He also made liberal donations to Protestant organizations, to the Florida Southern College and to the Lakeland Hospital.

In discussing religion with him, one might get the impression that he was a skeptic or freethinker; yet he never missed Synagogue on the High Holidays, often seeking out the most Orthodox. Not long before his death he purchased a set of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia and begged his friend, Harry Simonhoff, to find him a copy of Gershom Scholom's "Major Trends in Jewish Mysticism." Shortly before he died he repeated the words of Ecclesiastes: "Vanity of vanities . . . all is vanity." (Condensed from sketch by Harry Simonhoff.)

THADDEUS GASTON BUCKNER and LOCA LEE CASON BUCKNER

Thaddeus Gaston Buckner and his wife, Loca Lee (Cason) Buckner, represent more than a half-century of Florida industrial progress with the Miami Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Mr. Buckner was born March 5, 1888, in Ridgeland, Jasper County, South Carolina. He was the son of Gaston Morgan Buckner, an Atlantic Coast Line lawyer and mayor of Ridgeland, and Susanna Eva (Heape) Buckner. He was the grandson of Thaddeus Gaston Buckner and Sarah Ann (McMichael) Buckner, the former serving as a Cavalry officer in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was a great-grandson of Bernard Buckner, who emigrated to the United States from Inverness, Scotland, in 1800, settling in Jasper County.

Mr. Buckner was first married October 2, 1910, to Martha (Mattie) Lanier, daughter of Matthew Tomlinson Lanier, a merchant of Cordele, Georgia. They had two children: Sara Elizabeth Buckner (born September 20, 1911), who married Raymond Stanley Risien in Jacksonville in 1933; and Thaddeus Gaston Buckner, Jr. (born January 5, 1917), now living in Miami, Florida. The Risiens have two daughters—Diana Lee, now married to Robert Mathew Davant, of Houston, Texas, and Alice Lynne Risien.

Mr. Buckner was married again in Bradford County, Florida, on January 12, 1928, to Loca Lee Cason, whose biography will follow.

After attending public school in Ridgeland, the death of his father in 1904 halted Mr. Bucker's education. Being sixteen and the oldest son, he found it necessary to go to work to support his family. After brief employment under Henry Porter in a general store in Port Royal, South Carolina, he worked for the Parker Railway News Company and the T. W. Shands Turpentine Company.

Mr. Parker owned the first Coca-Cola franchise i Florida, known as the Florida Coca-Cola Bottling Com pany, with headquarters in Jacksonville. In 1911 M Parker sold Mr. Buckner the Dade County franchis which then included Miami and Palm Beach, for $2,50 By 1916, Mr. Buckner had sold that part of the franchis covering Palm Beach. Mr. Buckner was president c the newly-formed Miami Coca-Cola Bottling Compan until his death in 1941, and was also the president c the Florida Coca-Cola Bottling Company, which he an his friend, C. J. Root, purchased from Mr. Parker i 1922, until his passing. (Coincidentally, it was in 192 that Loca Lee Cason joined the firm.) Under his direc tion this company expanded from one plant in Jack sonville to fourteen throughout the state of Florida.

A Methodist by faith, Mr. Buckner was also a membe of the Masonic Order (Knight Templar, Shriner, Poten tate of Morocco Lodge), and the Jacksonville Rotar Club, serving the last as president in 1939. He belonge to the Jacksonville Yacht Club and the Timuquan Country Club. He died in Jacksonville, Florida, or October 13, 1941.

Loca Lee Cason Buckner was born May 17, 1903, or a farm five miles from Lake Butler and three mile from Raiford, located currently in Union County, Florida, although formerly a part of Bradford County. A daughter of Davis C. Cason, a farmer, and Emma Crews Cason, she still owns her inheritance there in Bradfor County, where both her grandparents had homesteaded She attended elementary school in Raiford and high school in Lake Butler, later taking a business course at the Massey Business College in Jacksonville.

On March 22, 1922, she took a position as secretary with the Florida Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Jacksonville, became Manager of the Miami plant in 1925, and assumed permanent membership in the unique Coca-Cola family in 1928, when she married Mr. Buckner. Her association and experience taught her the value of such practical devices as careful planning, cost control, elimination of waste, sales incentives and customer goodwill, this background providing her with the courage to take over the company reins following Mr. Buckner's death in 1941. In 1944 she regained the Palm Beach franchise; and after incorporating in 1949, she added that of Key West, and thus restored intact the territory as originally owned by Mr. Buckner in 1911.

Mrs. Buckner still directs the business her husband purchased over fifty years ago. Since her first day in the organization until the present, she has tirelessly perpetuated the memory of the man who, with all his foresight and optimism, could scarcely have envisioned the fantastic growth that Florida has enjoyed in the postwar years. Today she maintains that, although business is far more complex, her only real problem is growth. It is a favorite opinion of hers that Coca-Cola is still in its infancy. Today her territory includes seven plants and two warehouses manned by 500 employees.

Mrs. Buckner is a trustee of Florida Southern College; a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Home of Florida on the state level and of the Ladies' Board on the local level; and is treasurer of the Board of Lady Managers of St. Luke's Hospital, Jacksonville—the oldest hospital in the state. She is a member of the Methodist Church, the Early Settlers Garden Club of Jacksonville, the Woman's Club, The Yacht Club, and the Timuquana Country Club. She is well-known for her activities in the Humane Society and with the Girl Scouts.

Loca Lee Bunstuer.

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A recent innovation of Mrs. Buckner's at the Palm Beach plant is a Prayer Room. It is like a small chapel. When an employee feels the need of spiritual solace, he or she can retire in the strictest privacy to this haven of peace. A small light outside the door lets others know when someone is in there. This chapel has been used so much that Mrs. Buckner plans to have one in every plant. She is the first in the bottling industry to do this. She also furnished the Prayer Room at St. Luke's Hospital.

Her hobby is gardening and she specializes in raising orchids. At her colonial home on the St. Johns River in Jacksonville she raises thousands of orchid plants, azaleas and camellias, and she gives orchids to her friends and business associates. A lover of dogs, she has never had less than four or five on the grounds. She is adept at drawing, and has designed or drafted plans for many buildings, and this quality has served her well in her work, which, in the long run, is what she loves best.

RANDOLPH WILLIAM PINDER, JR.

Now serving as Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Delray Beach, Randolph W. Pinder, Jr., is on the Advisory Board of Governors of the American Institute of Banking, Palm Beach County Chapter, and served as President of this chapter of the A.I.B. in 1957. The fact that Mr. Pinder received the Outstanding Citizen Award of the Civitan Club of Delray Beach for 1959-60 speaks for itself.

Mr. Pinder has his roots in Florida. Both his parents, Randolph William Pinder and Mabel Roberts Pinder, were born in Key West—his father on January 25, 1895; his mother on June 22, 1897. His father, who was a shoe merchant, died in West Palm Beach November 20, 1957. He, himself, was born in West Palm Beach November 2, 1918, and educated in Palm Beach County schools, later attending Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

His first employment was with the West Palm Beach Housing Authority. From 1940 to 1945, he worked under a Civil Service appointment with the United States Corps of Engineers at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, and in Miami Beach. After that he was with the Post Office Department and then in Commercial Credit work before entering the field of banking. He came to the First National Bank of Delray Beach in 1955. His present position indicates the confidence the bank places in his ability and integrity.

Outstanding for his work with the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Pinder has been a member of this organization since 1929; as an Eagle Scout, a Scout Master for ten years, Commissioner and member of the Executive Board of Gulf Stream Council. He was the first in the county to obtain the "God and Country" award for Boy Scouts of the Gulf Stream Council, and received national recognition in his twelfth and fourteenth years with the Scouts. He is also a member of the Executive Board of the Girl Scouts since its organization in 1956.

Mr. Pinder was a member of Florida High School Activities Association from 1939 to 1960; and is a member of the Palm Beach County Football Officials Association and the Parent-Teacher Association, in which he has served on various committees.

He has been active in the Community Chest of the Palm Beaches and of Delray Beach and is a member of the Board of Directors of the latter, which he served as General Drive Chairman in 1959 and as President in 1960. In the Civitan Club he received an award for seven years perfect attendance. He is a past Treasurer and now Judge Advocate of this organization, and a member of Civitan International. He is also a past member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Pinder is a Free and Accepted Mason of the Delray Beach Lodge #171 and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is Church School Superintendent of Cason Memorial Methodist Church, Delray Beach; Chairman of the Official Board of this church for 1961-62, and was a member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach for ten years prior to his moving to Delray Beach in 1955.

On March 19, 1942, in West Palm Beach, Randolph W. Pinder, Jr., married Wilhelmina Fletcher Wasdin, who was born in Macon, Bibb County, Georgia, January 13, 1913. She is a daughter of William Fletcher Wasdin, who was born in Georgetown, South Carolina, February 28, 1865, and died in Meridian, Mississippi, June 26, 1930; and of Jessie Wood Cone Wasdin, who was born in Benton, Columbia County, Florida, July 31, 1877, and died in Macon, Georgia, September 20, 1959. Jessie Wood Cone was a member of one of Florida's oldest pioneer families, a daughter of Captain William and Emily (Branch) Cone, and sister of Fred Preston Cone, who was Governor of Florida from 1937 to 1941. There were thirteen children in the Cone family and Mrs. Wasdin was the last of the thirteen to die.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinder are the parents of a daughter, Jessie Patricia, born March 30, 1947, in West Palm Beach.

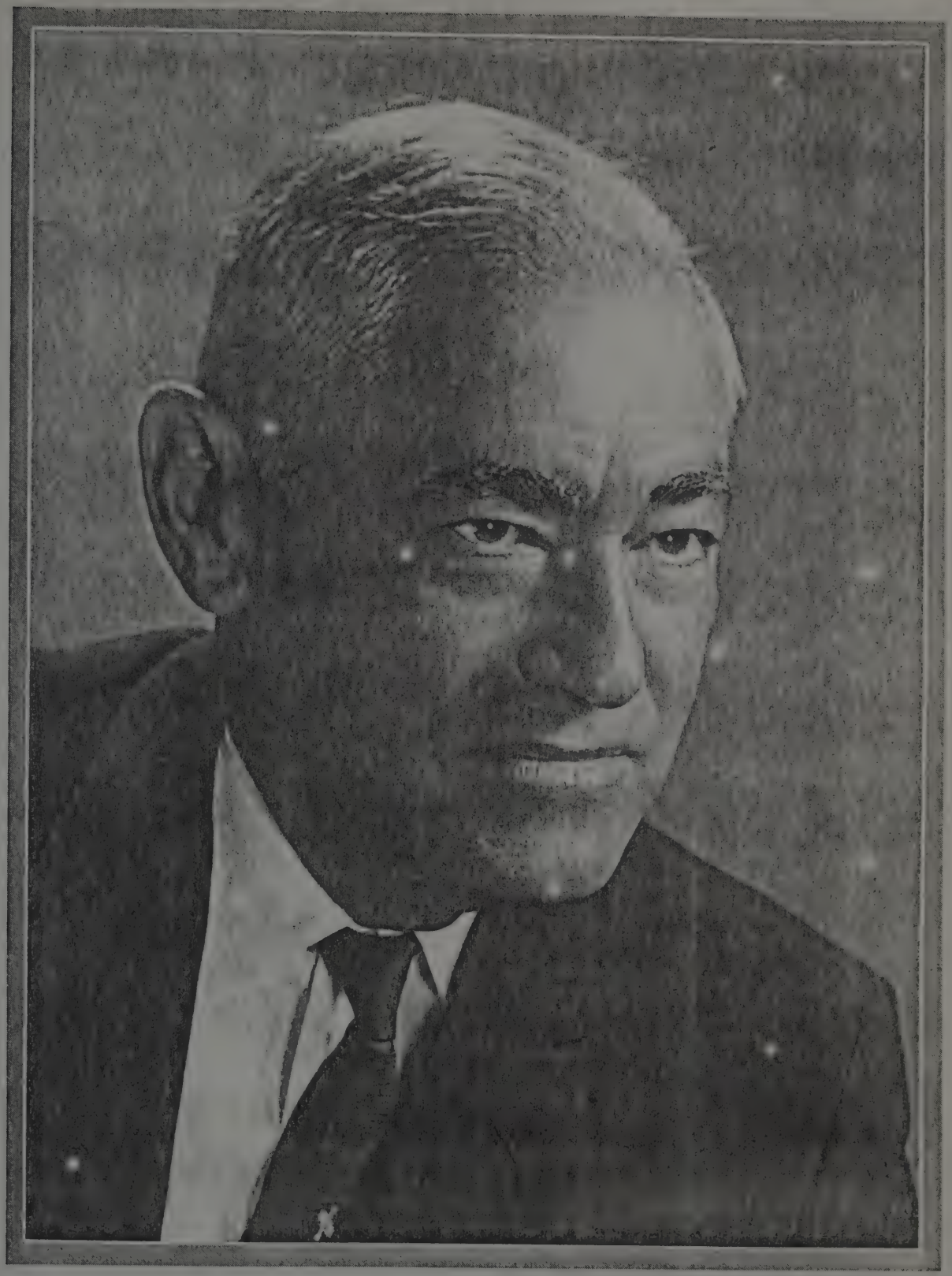
SIDNEY DAVID ANSIN

President of two large shoe manufacturing companies in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Sidney David Ansin, who has made his home in Miami since 1941, also has interests in several Florida corporations.

Mr. Ansin was born in the shoe manufacturing city of Lynn, Massachusetts, on January 17, 1904, son of Abraham B. and Molly (Brown) Ansin, both of European birth. His father was a shoe manufacturer. Educated in the public schools of Lynn, Massachusetts, Sidney gradauted from Lynn English High School in 1922 and attended Suffolk Law School in Boston.

Starting in 1923, he worked for Mitchell Leather Company of Lynn, Massachusetts, until, in 1924, he formed his own company, the S. D. Ansin Leather Company, in Boston. In 1926 he and his father formed the Ansin Shoe Manufacturing Company in Athol, Massachusetts. This company, which at one time employed 1,000 people, is still operating, now located in Fitchburg Massachusetts.

In 1929 Sidney Ansin began a series of expansions and mergers which ended in 1946. He first took over the Pike Esten Shoe Company in Fitchburg and changed the name to Anwelt Shoe Manufacturing Corporation, which became the nucleus for his subsequent mergers. In 1934, he purchased the Peck Shoe Company at Worcester, Massachusetts, and changed the name to Monarch Shoe Company. Three years later he merged this company with the Anwelt Corporation. In 1935 he acquired the Fitchburg Shoe Manufacturing Company and operated it under that name until 1946, when this company, too, was merged with Anwelt. Meanwhile, in 1936 the Dolgeville Shoe Company of Dolgeville, New York, was taken over by Mr. Ansin and



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operated until 1938, when it was moved to Fitchburg and merged with the Fitchburg Shoe Manufacturing Company, which, as we have seen, finally became a part of the Anwelt Shoe Manufacturing Corporation.

With his wife and two sons, Mr. Ansin moved to Miami in 1941. In Florida he is president of Miami Gardens Homes, Vero Lake Estates, Ro-Ed Corporation, Sunbeam Television Corporation (applicants for new Channel 7); vice-president of Dade-Broward Industries and an officer in other Florida corporations.

During the depression years of the 1930's the old New England Shoe and Leather Association was reorganized and Sidney Ansin was made a director. He is a past president of the Athol, Massachusetts, Chamber of Commerce. In 1936 he was Western Massachusetts Chairman for the Refugee Committee; and was 1938 United Jewish Appeal Chairman, which position he held several years.

He has been active with the Conference of Christians and Jews and the United Fund for Greater Miami and served on the Dade Community Relations Committee. He is also a director of the Jewish Old Age Home and of the Miami Chapter for Brandeis University. In 1953 he was Chairman of the Budget Committee; and in 1960 Chairman of the New Gifts Committee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, in which he has also served on the Executive Committee for many years and is still active. He was on the original State of Israel Bond Committee in 1951 and has been active ever since. At Temple Beth Sholom he was Chairman of the Board of Directors, 1956-58, and Vice-President for several terms since 1948.

He is a life member of the Moose organization, a former Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Standard Club of Miami. His hobbies are fishing, swimming and sports in general.

Mr. Ansin was married in Boston March 24, 1932, to Sophie Shackoy, daughter of Dora and Abraham Shackoy, who were born in Europe. The Ansins two sons were both born in Worcester, Massachusetts: Ronald Marvin on March 28, 1934; Edmund Newton on March 9, 1936.

Ronald Marvin Ansin graduated from Andover Academy, Harvard University and Yale University, acquiring an LL.B. degree at the latter university, and has been admitted to the bar in Connecticut and in Florida. He is vice-president of Anwelt Shoe Manufacturing Corporation.

Edmund Newton Ansin attended Fessenden Preparatory School, Andover Academy, Harvard University, and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance, from which he holds a B.S. degree in Economics.

R. W. (BILL) APTE

The maternal grandfather of Robert Williams Apte came from Germany in 1840, Anglicized his surname to Williams and settled in Jacksonville. The selection of Jacksonville was due to the advice of a cousin, Philip Diamond, who settled in Tallahassee while Florida was a territory, in 1837, and served with the fighting forces in the Seminole War.

Robert Williams had a roving disposition. When the news spread about the discovery of gold in California, he joined the '49ers in the Gold Rush. Evidently he did not prosper on the Pacific Coast, for in 1853 he was back in Florida and opened a store near the Georgia border between Jasper and Jennings on the Withlacoochee River. He moved about from place to place, and in 1852 his daughter, Zipporah, was born at Madison, Florida. When Williams died in Tallahassee his body was shipped to Jacksonville for burial.

In 1885 Zipporah Williams married the Austrian, Charles S. Apte, an emigrant out of Vienna who entered the United States in 1870. Naturalized at Charleston, Carolina, in 1876, Charles S. Apte became at the same time a member of the military company known as the German Fuseliers.

Robert Williams Apte, son of Charles and Zipporah (Williams) Apte, was born in Brunswick, Georgia, on March 7, 1892. He attended elementary school in Tallahassee, then the West Florida Seminary, which later became the Florida State University. He also studied at Central High School in St. Louis, Missouri, until his 15th year. He then went to work and started in business in 1910. Four years later he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and remained there for the next twelve years.

A friendly young man whom everyone called "Bill," R. Williams Apte came to Miami in 1922 and went into the food brokerage business. Three years later his older brother, Day J. Apte, joined him in business and in 1929 the Apte Brothers started the canning and processing of citrus juice and vegetables in Riviera, a town north of Palm Beach.

The canning business expanded so that they had chains as far north as Delaware and in Texas. During the second World War they moved their headquarters to Tampa. In 1945 the Apte Brothers sold out their chain of plants and moved back to Miami.

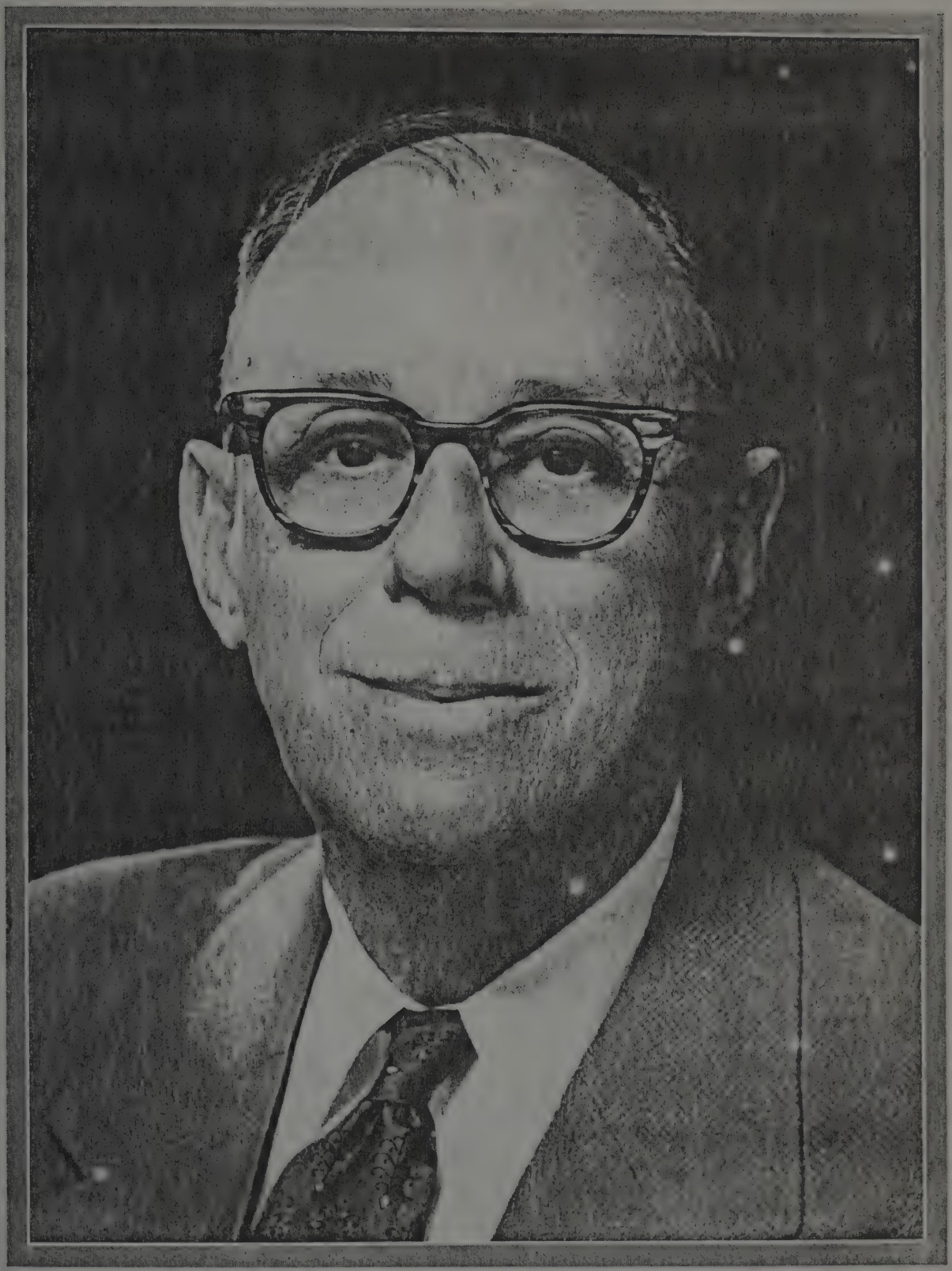
Day Apte attained a high place in business and in social service activities. A director of the First National Bank of Miami, he was also President of Temple Israel and was active in numerous organizations. In 1943 he was elected to the important American Jewish Conference and represented Florida outside of Greater Miami. He displayed a strong interest in various institutions until his death in 1956.

At all times Bill Apte manifested a lively interest in organizations and philanthropies. He is a Mason, Shriner and Elk. When sixteen years old he and three others founded Pi Tau Pi, a social and philanthropic fraternity that has fifteen chapters today. In 1923 he was a founder of Temple Israel in Miami; in 1927 he helped to expand Temple Israel in West Palm Beach, and in 1934 became its president. He also assisted in organizing B'nai B'rith in 1929, and in 1935 he was a reorganizer of the Young Men's Hebrew Association in Tampa.

He is vice-president of the National Children's Cardiac Hospital in Miami; treasurer of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital; treasurer of the local chapter of the American Jewish Committee; and takes an active interest in the Kiwanis Club and the B'nai B'rith. Bill is especially proud of having successfully launched, in 1952, the first campaign to raise funds for the Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. He is always ready with his time and money to assist any worthy cause, Jewish or Christian.

In 1920 Bill Apte married Bessie Kaufman of Columbus, Georgia. Bessie's grandmother, Mathilde Straus, married Julius Kaufman who had settled in Columbus, Georgia, in 1820. It was Julius Kaufman who directed his wife's cousin, Lazarus Straus, to open a store in Talbotton, Georgia.

Lazarus Straus left Germany after the failure of the 1848 Revolution. His three sons became prominent in



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American history. Isidor Straus, who went down on the Titanic, was responsible for the growth of R. H. Macy & Company into the world's leading department store. Nathan Straus became a celebrated philanthropist; and America is indebted to him for introducing pasteurized milk, which saved the lives of untold infants. Oscar S. Straus, twice Minister to Turkey, was Secretary of Commerce and Labor in the Cabinet of Theodore Roosevelt.

While Besie Apte has good reason to feel proud of her famous relatives, she is equally proud of her grandfather, Jacob Julius Kaufman, who was wounded while serving in the Confederate Army.

NATHAN BARNETT ROOD

President of Rood Construction Company, Miami, for the past ten years, and president of the Atlantic Utilities Corporation, Nathan B. Rood has been a resident of Miami since 1946 and has been in the construction and utility business in that area since that time. The Rood Construction Company presently has under construction several projects totaling approximately $3,000,000, among which is the first fully air-conditioned high school in the country, being built at Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Rood is also vice-president of the South Broward Water Company, vice-president of Coral Heights Utilities, and vice-president of Playland Water Company, as well as president of Atlantic Utilities Corporation, which is owner of several sewer, water and gas companies in Florida. He is active in civic affairs and particularly in Jewish organizations.

Son of Morris and Pauline (Zlatopolsky) Rood, he was born in Odessa, Russia, September 16, 1902. His parents having emigrated to this country in his childhood, he attended grade and high school at Peekskill, New York. He graduated from Columbia College in 1924 with a B.A. degree and attended Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration the following year. Later he took courses in Engineering and Architecture at Columbia University and from 1925 to 1927 was occupied in construction engineering with a Miami construction company.

In 1927 he entered Columbia University Law School and graduated in 1930 with the LL.B. degree. Admitted to the New York bar in 1931, he practiced law in New York until 1935, specializing in real estate and construction law.

Mr. Rood returned to construction work in 1935 and worked as a surveyor, draftsman, engineer, assistant project manager and project manager on numerous construction projects, such as roadways, dams, sewer and water works, until 1942, when he joined the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Assigned to the New York District, he was successively Construction Engineer, Area Engineer and Deputy District Engineer. He was the Contracting Officer for the New York State area and had responsible charge of over $100,000,000 worth of construction. Among the projects under his jurisdiction were: Camp Shanks; Belle Meade Quartermaster Depot; West Point rehabilitation and new construction; eleven airfields in New York, New Jersey and Vermont; Halloran General Hospital; Seaside Hospital; several disinfestation plants in New York City; piers, docks and harbor works; high-power lines from the St. Lawrence River to Pennsylvania; hydraulic fill; Idlewild Airport; work on many military posts, camps and stations in the New York area and dozens of smaller projects. Several of the larger projects were performed on a cost-plus-fee basis. There were as many as 19,000 civilian employees and several thousand civil service employees under Rood's jurisdiction.

From 1944 to 1946 Officer Rood was on troop duty in command of a Construction Battalion and Provisional Engineer Regiments which constructed roads, dams, water works, etc. In 1946, until his release from active duty in July, he was Regimental Commander and Deputy Post Engineer with the Post Engineers at Fort Lewis, Washington. He is now a Colonel in the Army Reserve.

Returning to Miami in 1946, Mr. Rood became President and General Manager of City Construction Corporation, a general contractor operating primarily in the Greater Miami area with an annual average volume of business of over $3,000,000. In 1951 he formed the Rood Construction Company, whose business includes housing, construction of drainage systems, sewage and gas systems, and miscellaneous heavy construction, doing an annual average volume of over $3,000,000 worth of business.

In 1957-58 Mr. Rood was the principal in a firm under contract to the United States Air Force for the construction of a $21,000,000 housing project, which was completed in sixteen months—ten months ahead of schedule.

Mr. Rood was vice-president of the Florida State Home Builders Association and vice-president of the Florida Water and Sewage Association, of which he is currently president. He is a former director of the Miami National Bank, and is now on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Dade County. He was also on the Board of Directors of Dade County Research Foundation, the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Greater Miami Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Vocational Service (Chairman), and Temple Judea, and is now a trustee of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and the American Jewish Committee, Miami Chapter (past president, 1960), as well as the National Executive Committee; a member of the Joint Advisory Committee on Religion and Public Schools; a member of the Citizens Board of the University of Miami; a former member of the Board of Jewish Family Service, and a former member of the President's National Committee for Employment of the Handicapped for the State of Florida.

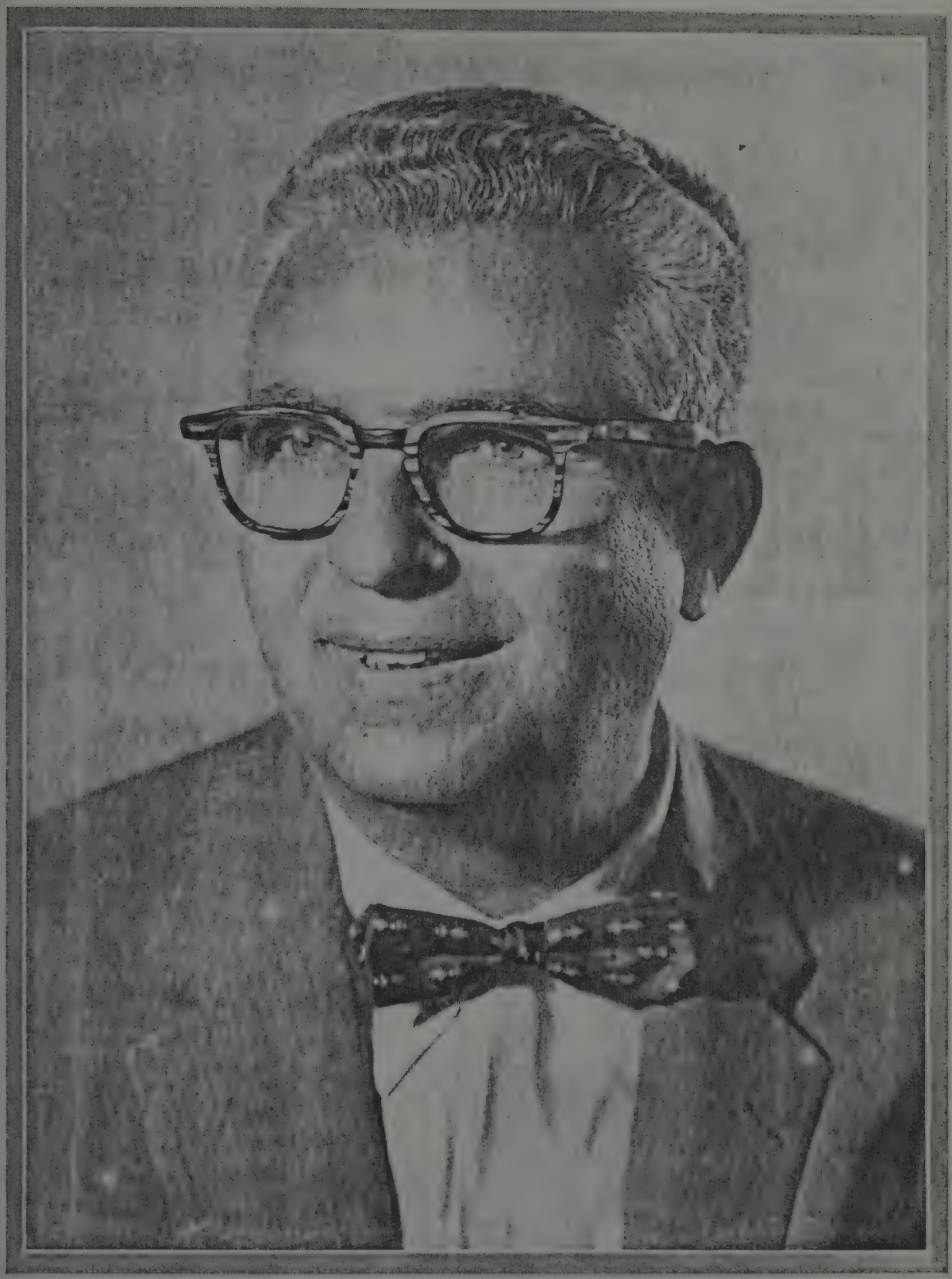
As this goes to press, Mr. Rood and a group of investors are at work designing a complete city in Broward County to be known as Lyons City, which will eventually house 75 to 80 thousand people. It will be a completely coordinated urban municipality with all necessary modern facilities. It is estimated that the construction cost will approximate $50,000,000. Work is expected to start early in 1962.

In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Rood has many Mexican investments. His hobby is the study of the Meso-American Indian.

Nathan B. Rood was married in Orange County, New York, on May 29, 1937, to Roddy Crossman, who was born in New York City on May 14, 1912. They have two daughters:

1. Judith Anne, born in Peekskill, New York, February 14, 1940, now a senior and an honor student at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has recently become engaged to Sydney S. Traum, a lawyer and accountant of New York City.

2. Carol Joyce ("Ginger"), born April 3, 1942, now a sophomore at Wheaton College.



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WOODWARD M. HAMPTON

The city manager of North Miami, Woodward M. Hampton, is a specialist in the field of Government, having made the subject his major in college. He taught Government in the public schools of Dade County for two years. Mr. Hampton is also a lawyer and practiced this profession in Tennessee for four years before coming to Florida.

Born at Erwin, Tennessee, July 12, 1920, he is a son of Matt and Grace (Carpenter) Hampton. His father, a boiler maker by trade, is a retired employee of the Clinchfield Railroad, living in Erwin.

Woodward Hampton graduated from Unicoi High School, Erwin, Tennessee, in 1939. As a high school student he was active in football, baseball and boxing. His education was continued at East Tennessee University, Johnson City, Tennessee, where he majored in Government and in 1947 received a B.S. degree. Meanwhile he had served in the United States Navy Air Force in World War II. Entering in 1941, he served as a fighter pilot in the Pacific theater and did not leave the service until 1947, when he was retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

At Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tennessee, the retired Air Force officer received his LL.B. degree in 1951 and was admitted to the Tennessee bar. He practiced law in Johnson City, Tennessee, until 1955, the year he came to Miami and became a teacher of Government in Dade County's public school system.

In 1957 he began to put his theory into practice when he became Planning Director of the City of Miami. In 1959 he was made Assistant Manager of the City of Miami, and in 1960, City Manager of the City of North Miami. In this capacity he is associated with all civic affairs of the city.

Commander Hampton received from the United States Recruiting Service a citation for outstanding service in the year 1960. He is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans (he has the Purple Heart), and an organization known as the "Sons of Ditches"—for having ditched his plane in the Pacific and lived through it.

He is a member of the International City Managers Association, the North Miami Rotary Club, the Baptist Church, Allapatah Lodge, F. & A.M., all Scottish Rite bodies including the 32nd degree, Miami Consistory, Mahi Shrine Temple, and is an aide to the Potentate of Mahi Temple, Miami. Tennis, fishing and swimming are his favorite recreations.

At Erwin, Tennessee, on November 19, 1946, Woodward M. Hampton married Joyce Phillips, daughter of Edward and Julie (Hensley) Phillips of Erwin and a graduate of Unicoi High School. The Hamptons have three children:

1. Victoria, born in Erwin, Tennessee, March 5, 1949.

2. Woodward, II, born in Nashville, Tennessee, July 29, 1951.

3. Deborah, born in Erwin, Tennessee, September 23, 1952.

All three children are attending elementary school in North Miami.

LEO ROBINSON

In 1904 Barnett and Sarah Robinson left Lithuania and brought their six-year-old son, Leo, to New York City. Leo Robinson was studious and graduated from New York University with the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science. He then studied law and obtained his LL.B. degree at the Law School of his Alma Mater. Later he received the LL.M. degree from St. Lawrence University.

Having specialized in banking, Leo began his career at Miami in 1933 when called in to help reorganize the Miami Beach Bank and Trust Company, which was under liquidation. The joint efforts of Philip Liberman, Harry I. Lipton and Leo Robinson enabled the reorganized bank to attain stability and to pay off everyone who had money on deposit when the bank closed. In 1935 the reorganized bank became the Mercantile National Bank of Miami Beach and grew into one of Florida's important financial institutions.

Mr. Robinson was also one of the organizers of the Dade Federal Savings and Loan Association and has served on its board since 1934. He has held the position of Chairman of the Board and subsequently as Vice-President of the Association ever since its organization. The Dade Federal is one of the largest savings and loan associations in the United States today.

In 1936 Robinson resigned from the Mercantile National Bank of Miami Beach and assisted Harry I. Lipton in obtaining a charter and organizing the American Bank and Trust Company. This institution became a successful commercial bank and in 1940 Wiley Reynolds of West Palm Beach purchased all the stock and merged it with the First National Bank of Miami, which he subsequently acquired.

With an associate, Leo Robinson bought, in 1949, the controlling interest of the Central Bank and Trust Company. When his associate decided to retire on account of bad health, Robinson also liquidated his holdings and became vice-president of the Bank of Dania. Several years later he resigned to devote himself to his numerous investments and business interests.

Banking consumed only a portion of Leo Robinson's energies. He devoted much time to philanthropy, to religious, cultural and eleemosynary institutions. He is a trustee of the Opera Guild of Miami; is active in the affairs of Temple Emanuel on Miami Beach; a founding member of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, and is also on the board of trustees of St. Francis Hospital on Miami Beach. Governor Farris Bryant appointed him Civic Commissioner of Juries for Dade County. A member of B'nai B'rith, he is also a Mason, a member of the 32nd degree consistory and of Mahi Temple in Miami.

Leo Robinson has the distinction of being chairman of the board in a national organization of musicians without being a musician, himself. In 1939 Miss Bertha Foster organized the Musicians Club of America to provide shelter and accommodations for musicians unable to pay the high tourist rates in hotels. Miss Foster looked after the retired musicians to the best of her ability. A member of the pioneer Warwick family donated 35 acres which had slight value during the depression. In 1949 Miss Foster called on Leo Robinson to help her. The only tangible assets of the club, the 35 acres, were increasing in value. When a hotel became available in Coral Gables, Robinson approved sale of 15 acres for $90,000 and bought the building for $100,000,

L. Robinson

paying $25,000 in cash and the balance in small installments. Today the hotel is free and clear of all debt and harbors about 100 musicians who pay only such sums as they can afford. Some of the guests were famous artists in their heyday. The flourishing Musicians Club of America has 7,000 members from various parts of the country and is in a sound financial condition.

The business acumen and real estate knowledge of Leo Robinson benefited the National Children's Cardiac Home, organized in Miami during the 1930's. When offered ten acres on West Flagler Street and 42nd Avenue for $10,000, Robinson saw the chance of ultimately making the small Children's Home into a large hospital. But during and after the depression few people in Greater Miami could donate money. Robinson obtained $1,000 from Charles Lerner, father of the family which founded the chain of Lerner Stores throughout the land. With the down payment of $1,000 he obtained easy terms for the balance. In 1961 the Florida Power and Light Company purchased the ten acres for $325,000 and the trustees of the Children's Home are planning a $1,500,000 institution with the help of Dade County, which donated its five acres in the hospital area near the Jackson Memorial Hospital. Leo Robinson is president of the National Children's Cardiac Home, a non-sectarian charity hospital for the underprivileged of all races and creeds in North and South America.

Mr. Robinson holds positions in such varied organizations as the Miami Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, the Grand Street Boys in New York, the President's Council of the Yeshiva University in New York, and is a member of the Westview Country Club in Miami and the New York University Club.

He is married to the former Elsie Ginsberg of New York City. The Robinsons reside in Miami during the winter and in Greenwich, Connecticut, in the summer. Their son, Steven Robinson, is a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

PAUL H. MARKS

Prominent lawyer, banker and civic leader of Miami, Paul H. Marks has an outstanding record in the field of public service.

He was born in Key West, Florida, February 8, 1908, son of Herman Marks (now of Miami, formerly supplier of food to the Navy in Key West) and Pauline (Rosenthal) Marks.

After his preliminary education, Paul Marks attended the University of Florida, from which he was graduated in June, 1930, with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the Florida bar that year, he established his practice in Miami.

From 1933 to 1938 he was attorney for M. A. Smith, State bank liquidator, and handled the legal affairs of twelve banks in liquidation. He has been counsel for Gulf Life Insurance Company since 1934, covering Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. From 1934 to 1936 he was counsel for Home Owners Loan Corporation, and from 1936 to 1939 was counsel for the Overseas Bridge Commission during its construction and opening.

Entering the United States Navy in 1942 as a Lieutenant (j.g.), Paul Marks served ashore and afloat, mainly in the European theater, and received a citation for invasion and convoy operations in 1944. On leaving the service in 1946 he was a Lieutenant Commander.

Playing an active role in politics, Mr. Marks was a Lieutenant Colonel on the staffs of Governors Cone, Holland and Warren. He was a member of the Steering Committee for Senators Holland, Pepper and several former governors of Florida, and was an active worker in the successful campaign of George Smathers for the United States Senate. In 1956 Governor Collins appointed him to the Citizens Committee on Highway Safety and in 1957 to the Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety. On both committees he won the "Service Under the Sun" award. This year (1961) Governor Bryant appointed him to serve on a state-wide Committee on Community Growth.

Mr. Marks is a director and member of the Executive Committee of the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce and is serving his second term as President of its Downtown Business Council. In the latter capacity, Mr. Marks has taken the lead in the rehabilitation of downtown Miami in a program known as "The Magic City Plan."

He was Chairman of the Citizens Committee appointed by the Mayor of Miami in 1950-51, and since 1960, has been a member of the Economic Advisory Board of the City of Miami. From 1950 to 1954, he was a director of the Dade County Bar Association and Chairman of its Finance Committee and Crime Committee. In 1961, he was appointed to the Board of Crime Commission of Greater Miami.

Mr. Marks was one of the original sixteen founding members of the Orange Bowl Committee in 1935, and still serves on that committee. He received the City of Miami Orange Bowl Committee award in 1940.

He was president of the University of Florida Alumni of Greater Miami in 1936-37, and again in 1952-53. In the latter year he was honored by a citation from this group. A member of Pi Lambda Phi Alumni of Greater Miami, he served this fraternity as president from 1936 to 1948; was chairman of its National Convention in 1960, and was the recipient of the "Big Pi" award given by the National Council of Pi Lambda Phi for Outstanding Civic Achievement during the year 1958. He was also nominated for Miami's Outstanding Citizen Award for 1960.

Mr. Marks was founding president of Flagler Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami when it opened its doors in 1955, and still holds that position. This Association is just completing its new six-story home office building at 101 N.E. First Avenue, Miami. Mr. Marks was chairman of the National Savings and Loan League Convention held in Miami Beach in 1959; and in 1960, was elected Governor of the League for the State of Florida. In 1961, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida East Coast Railroad.

He is chairman of the Southeast Florida Multiple Sclerosis Association for 1961, and a director of the Heart Association of Greater Miami; a member of Elks Lodge #948, of Westview and Miami Shores Country Clubs, and worships at Temple Israel, Miami.

At Asheville, North Carolina, on August 7, 1949, Paul H. Marks married Martha Gilchrist Frame, daughter of George A. and Mary Ellen (Nelson) Frame of Winnipeg and Toronto, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Marks have three children: Patricia, age eleven; Paul, nine; and Stephen, six. They reside at 671 N.E. 105th Street, Miami Shores.

Paul Marks is written up in Dr. Dovell's "Florida—Historic, Dramatic, Contemporary," and in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" since 1950.

WILLIAM J. SYMS, JR.

The Hollywood Kennel Club, "The Aristocrat of Dog Tracks," was founded in 1933 by the late William J. Syms, a native of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and owner of the Peter Breidt Brewery, who came to Hollywood, Florida, to settle there in 1933. He was president of the Kennel Club until his death on April 4, 1957, and was succeeded by his son, William J. (Bill) Syms, Jr. Bill's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ford Syms, maintains her home in Hollywood.

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, May 29, 1927, Bill Syms graduated from Pingry High School in that city with the class of 1945. Enlisting in the United States Navy in March 1945, he served as a seaman until July 1946. After his return from the Navy he was associated with his father in the executive duties of the Hollywood Kennel Club.

Mr. Syms is treasurer of the American Greyhound Track Operators Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Greyhound Racing Record. He is a member of the Chambers of Commerce of Hollywood, Hollywood Beach, Hallandale, Fort Lauderdale, and the Florida State Chamber. He was one of five outstanding and civic-minded citizens whose sponsoring made possible the Hallandale Bridge, now completed. He is also a director of the United Fund and the Cancer Society; a member of B.P.O.E. Lodge No. 1732 of Hollywood; and a member of the Little Flower Catholic Church of Hollywood. Golf and fishing are his choices for recreation.

William J. Syms, Jr. was married in Hollywood on February 7, 1948, to Patricia Desch, daughter of the late Joseph and Esther (Cosgrove) Desch, and a graduate of the Benedictine Academy at Elizabeth, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Syms are the parents of four children, all born in Hollywood: 1. William J. Syms, III, born June 12, 1950. 2. Joseph Christie, born May 5, 1952. 3. Kevin Michael, born December 6, 1956. 4. Patricia Lynn, born July 8, 1958. William J. III and Joseph are students at Pinecrest School, Fort Lauderdale.

DR. JOSEPH R. NAROT

Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel of Greater Miami, Dr. Joseph R. Narot was born on April 24, 1913, in the Lithuanian town of Schwietzyan in the province of Vilna. His family emigrated to the United States in 1920, settling in Warren, Ohio.

There Dr. Narot received his public school education and his early studies in Judaism which ultimately led him to the rabbinate. He was the valedictorian of the senior high school graduating class in Warren and went on to his college training at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. When he graduated from that school in 1936, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the national honorary scholastic society, and to Delta Sigma Rho, the national honorary forensic society. He was also a regular columnist and associate editor of the Reserve student newspaper, even as he taught in a Cleveland Hebrew School and furthered his private studies in Rabbinics.

In the fall of that year, Dr. Narot entered the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. By virtue of his familiarity with Judaism, he was able to complete his preparation for the rabbinate in the minimum of four years. In his senior year, 1940, he was awarded first prize for his knowledge of the Hebrew Bible.

The Reform Congregation Temple Beth Israel of Atlantic City, New Jersey, invited him to serve as Assistant Rabbi in September of 1941 and ten months later named him Senior Rabbi. In Atlantic City Dr. Narot began to distinguish himself as a preacher, writer, and civic worker. For three consecutive years he was asked to serve as Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and was sent by the community to Europe and Israel for that purpose. He was founder and first president of the Atlantic City Forum, an organization of more than sixty civic groups banded together to enhance the cultural life of the resort. The Atlantic County Military Order of World Wars gave him its annual award for his services to the area.

In the midst of his active Rabbinic and community career, Dr. Narot found the time to become one of the youngest rabbis to receive an earned doctorate while busily engaged in his work. In 1946, six years after his ordination, he was presented with the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters for his advanced studies in Rabbinic Theology and for his doctoral thesis on the "Tannaitic Concept of Prayer."

Temple Israel of Greater Miami called him to assume the position of Senior Rabbi in August, 1951. In Miami Dr. Narot has continued his interest in all worthy community causes. He has served on the Boards of the Miami Rotary Club, the American Jewish Committee, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Family Service Bureau, the Mental Health Society, and the Welfare Planning Council of Dade County. In 1961 he was elected President of the Welfare Planning Council.

He has been a member of the Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and has also served on its Liturgy Committee. He has read papers before that national rabbinic body on techniques in preaching and on the relationship of Judaism to Existentialist philosophy.

Dr. Narot has written extensively on Judaism, religion, and related themes. For a number of years he was a Contributing Editor of the Reconstructionist magazine which carried many of his articles. The annual publication of his sermons and of his weekly "Letters To My Congregation" are read by both rabbis and laymen throughout the land. In 1961 these Letters constituted "An Introduction To A Faith"—a complete statement of his beliefs on a great variety of important themes. Much of what Dr. Narot writes and preaches reflects the insights of psychiatry and psychoanalysis, in both of which he has made intensive personal study over the years.

Recognizing his ability as a preacher, his alma mater —the Hebrew Union College—invited the Rabbi to serve as Visiting Lecturer in Homiletics for the rabbinical student body in the winter of 1960. A year later he was one of several alumni who had been invited to contribute chapters to a memorial volume on preaching.

In November of 1960 more than a thousand men and women of Temple Israel, the Jewish community of Miami, and of all faiths, honored the Rabbi on the occasion of his completing twenty years in the rabbinate and ten in the Miami area.

Dr. Narot has two children. His son, David, entered Yale University in September, 1961. His daughter, Ruth, was fourteen at that time. On October first of the same year he married Mrs. Helene Rubin Berg. They reside at 1220 Placetas Avenue in Coral Gables, Florida.

Joseph R Narot

MOTHER MARY GERALD BARRY, O.P.

The Prioress General of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian, Michigan, Reverend Mother Mary Gerald Barry, O.P., is one of the three founders of Barry College, Miami; the other two being her brothers, the late Bishop Patrick Barry of St. Augustine and Monsignor William Barry, founder of St. Patrick's Church, Miami Beach. Now past the milestone of four score years, Mother Mary Gerald has been likened to the valiant woman of the Bible whose children rise up to call her blessed.

The Barrys of County Clare, Ireland, are a remarkable family, both from the point of view of numbers and of accomplishments. The parents, Michael and Catherine (Dixon) Barry, descended from ancient families of Ireland. The father was a physician. Of their eighteen children thirteen were raised to maturity, ten boys and three girls, and of these eleven came to America. The family produced three priests (including a bishop), a nun, two lawyers, three engineers, a journalist, a farmer and two housewives. The two who remained in Ireland were Michael, the farmer, and Father Joseph Barry of County Clare, one of the three living members of the family, the other two being Mother Mary Gerald and Monsignor William Barry of Miami Beach. The engineers were John and Richard Barry of California and Laurence Barry of Jacksonville, Florida, who was also a banker. The lawyers were James Barry of Tucson, Arizona, and Frank Barry of California. The journalist was Gerald Barry of Chicago, whose son, Gerald A. of Barry and Kay, Chicago, is the architect of Barry College. Mother Gerald's two sisters were Mrs. Mary Cullen and Mrs. Susan Halloran, both of Chicago.

As Catherine Barry Mother Mary Gerald was born in Lauragh, Inagh, County Clare, Ireland, on March 11, 1881, the thirteenth child of her parents. Her elementary and high school education was obtained at St. Mary National School in Inagh, Ireland. In 1900, like her older brothers and sisters who had preceded her, she came to the United States and for several years lived in Chicago with her brother Gerald. Her education was continued at Metropolitan Business College, Chicago; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; Detroit Teachers College, Detroit, Michigan; and Siena Heights College, Adrian, Michigan, then known as St. Joseph College, where in 1924 (after she had entered the Dominican Order) she received her Bachelor of Arts degree.

Catherine had planned to enter the community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who were the diocesan Sisters of St. Augustine, where her brother, then Father Patrick Barry, was a pastor. On visiting her brother in Arizona, she learned that the Dominican Sisters from Adrian Michigan, had opened a convent in Tucson, and registered for music lessons with them. Upon returning from a lesson one evening she wrote her application for admission to the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph, addressing the letter to "Mother General, St. Joseph Academy," and then, without thinking, completed the address. "Adrian, Michigan." Accepting the seeming error as the guiding hand of Providence, she mailed the letter, refusing to be persuaded by the arguments of her brother.

Admitted to the Dominican novitiate at Adrian by Mother Camilla Madden, Catherine Barry took the name of Sister Mary Gerald on receiving the habit. From the first she showed qualities of leadership and was soon given positions of responsibility and eventually made Mistress of Novices, which office she held for twelve years. Her ability in this work won for her an enviable place in the hearts of all the young Sisters she guided. Older Sisters, too, brought their cares and problems to her, who seemed to know the right answers instinctively.

While she was Mistress of Novices her brother, Father Patrick, was made Bishop of St. Augustine, on May 3, 1922. During the next eleven years Sister Mary Gerald was often deputed as the delegate of Mother Camilla to make the annual visitation of the Dominican houses in Florida. The first of these was St. Ann's Academy and parochial school in West Palm Beach. In 1933 Sister Mary Gerald was elected Mother General of the Adrian Community. When she visited Florida thereafter in her official capacity she was no stranger to the needs of the state.

Mother Gerald also had first-hand knowledge of the educational needs of her Community. The requisites for certification, differing from state to state, were well known to her. Not satisfied with meeting the minimum requirements of the various State Departments of Education, she arranged for a consistent and progressive course of study for all of her Sisters. Realizing the value of a diversified education and the limitations of "in-breeding," she sent Sisters to many of the principal colleges and universities of the United States and to some in foreign countries. While Barry College was still in the dream stage, Sisters of St. Dominic from the Adrian, Michigan, motherhouse were studying at universities at home and abroad in preparation for positions on the charter staff of the college.

Both Bishop Patrick Barry and Mother Mary Gerald saw the need for an institution of Catholic higher education in Florida. Enlisting the help of their brother, Monsignor William Barry, they asked him to select a suitable site. He in turn enlisted the help of a young lawyer friend, John Thompson, Mayor of Miami Shores, who suggested an eighty-acre site in that section of Miami. Today Mr. Thompson ranks with the founders of Barry College and serves as its legal advisor and consultant. Ground was broken in January 1940 and on June 20, 1940, Bishop Barry laid the cornerstone and blessed the first five buildings of the College. This was his last public appearance. He died August 13, 1940, within a month of the opening of the College which was named for him. (See Volume II for the complete history and description of Barry College).

Mother Mary Gerald holds three honorary degrees: Doctor of Philosophy, conferred by the University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in April, 1949; Doctor of Laws, conferred by the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, August 8, 1952; and Doctor of Laws from Loyola University, Chicago, conferred on February 1, 1961. The citation read on the last named occasion by the Dean of the Graduate School of Loyola University reads in part:

"Very Reverend President: may I present for a merited honor a distinguished and valiant woman. Religious Superior, Educator, Builder, Administrator, and above all Beloved Leader, she has been for many years the Mother General of the Adrian Dominican Sisters numbering some twenty-three hundred members in thirty-seven dioceses. Under her charge and influenced by her benevolent genius are over two hundred houses (including colleges, elementary and high schools, hospitals and homes for the ages) scattered from California to New York and to the Carib-

Mother Mary Gerard O.P.

bean. With singular vision and with prudent wisdom and with missionary zeal she has established new foundations and immeasurably improved the old. In recognition of her contributions to the cultural and educational progress of the Dominican Republic the University of Santo Domingo conferred upon her the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the only woman ever to be so honored." (There follows a lengthy quotation from the Book of Proverbs).

"In keeping with these sacred words, Very Reverend President, and in acknowledgement of her many and varied achievements and selfless devotion, I ask that you, in the name of the Trustees of Loyola University, confer the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, upon Reverend Mother Mary Gerald of the Order of Preachers."

On the same occasion the following testimonial was given to their Mother General by the Sisters of the Adrian Community:

"Inasmuch as the Adrian Dominican Sisters for these many years have received the unmatched benefits of Mother Mary Gerald's dedicated service and leadership as Prioress General of their Community, and this Community has been endowed by her extraordinary spiritual and natural gifts which have been used magnanimously; and

"Whereas with deep appreciation of the strong beginnings of this young Community under the leadership of her saintly predecessors, she inspired the Sisters to build with confidence on these foundations, and to develop unity of purpose, spiritual strength and adherence to Dominican ideals; and by procuring papal approval for the Community made it secure for the future; and

"Whereas with burning charity and penetrating vision of a World Apostolate for the Community, she sent her Sisters to sow the seed of Christ's word in the barren fields of His vineyard from coast to coast and to foreign lands beyond the seas; and

"Whereas she provided exceptional educational and cultural advantages for her Sisters in our own Community Colleges and by their attendance at great universities here and abroad; and

"Whereas through her wise and vigorous administration the work of the Church has been enriched by the founding of a House of Studies, three colleges, five high schools for girls; and by the staffing of one hundred fifty parochial schools, three hospitals, a home for the aged and a residence for business women; and

"Whereas her constant efforts to encourage and recruit vocations have resulted in hundreds entering the Community so that the membership has trebled itself; and

"Whereas this Community has been distinguished by the singular honor shown her by His Holiness, the late Pope Pius XII, and by the high tributes paid her by the University of Notre Dame, the University of Santo Domingo and Loyola University of Chicago; and

"Whereas the Sisters of this Community appreciate the outstanding character of their beloved Prioress General and rejoice in the universal respect and reverence manifested for her;

"Therefore we hereby offer this Testimonial."

Note: Mother Mary Gerald passed away on November 20, 1961.

SISTER MARY ALICE COLLINS, O.P.

The Executive Vice President of Barry College, Miami, Sister Mary Alice Collins, O.P., is the author of the history of that college which appears in Volume II of this History. Upon reading this account one is not surprised to learn that its author was awarded first prize for a collection of essays in the Avery Hopwood Essay Contest at the University of Michigan in 1944.

Daughter of Patrick L. and Ellen (Finn) Collins, Sister Mary Alice was born in Bloomington, Illinois, and received her early education in the parochial schools of that city. She attended high school at St. Joseph Academy, Adrian, Michigan, and entered the Order of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian in 1917. Continuing her education, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Detroit and a Master of Arts from the University of Michigan, following which she took further graduate study at Fordham University, New York, DePaul University, Chicago, and National University, Dublin, Ireland.

She served as Principal of St. Paul School, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; Principal of St. Ambrose School, Detroit; and Principal of the Dominican High School for Girls, Detroit. In 1951 she was assigned to Barry College as Associate Dean and subsequently served as Registrar, Dean, and in 1958 was appointed Executive Vice President of the College.

She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English; Barry College representative on the Florida Teacher Education Advisory Council; a member of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Association of American Colleges; a member of the Problems and Plans Committee of the National Catholic Education Association, in which she also holds membership. In May 1961, Monsignor F. G. Hochwalt, Executive Secretary of NCEA, asked Sister Mary Alice to serve as a delegate of that Association to the American Council on Education.

Sister Mary Alice is an example of the high caliber of teachers and administrators which characterizes the Dominican Order of Sisters.

WILLIAM FRANCIS WHITMAN

One of the pioneer builders and developers of Miami Beach was William F. Whitman, who was first of all a printer, founder and president of the Excelsior Printing Company, which became the largest printing plant in Chicago. Devoted to this work, he was a recognized authority in the trade and its arts, and his services were sought by the governments of the United States and Canada. He invented many improvements in printing which, for the benefit of the trade, were not patented. As a hobby, he became interested in landscape gardening and architecture and, though self-taught, accomplished some admirable achievements in these lines of endeavor. In the 1920's he was one of the largest property owners in Miami Beach.

Son of William Green Whitman, William Francis Whitman was born in South Bend, Indiana, July 10, 1859. He received his early education in South Bend and attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. After his freshman year he entered the printing business, in which he spent the remainder of his life. About 1890 he established the Excelsior Printing Company in Chicago and some time later established a large plant in New York City, known as the Federal Printing Company. This was sold about 1909. In Chi-

William T. Whitman

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cago he also owned a separate business in lithographing, under the name of Hilton Lithographing Company.

He was one of the men who participated in the introduction of the cost system in business, which was devised in Chicago in 1907, and from there extended all over the country and into other countries and in every line of business.

Up to the age of thirty Mr. Whitman lived in cities and knew little about flowers and trees. After moving to Glencoe, a suburb of Chicago, he became interested in gardening and landscaping. Always methodical, he started a card-index system, recording his horticultural experiences and gathering data which he later classified. His neighbors, seeing the successful results of his efforts, sought his advice for layouts for their gardens and landscapes.

Mr. Whitman first came to Miami on a visit in 1900. When he saw that the ocean was inaccessible, he stayed only overnight, returning to Palm Beach. In 1916 he was planning to establish a winter home in California when a friend urged him to see Florida again before taking this step. He did, and when he saw the changes that had taken place, including a bridge (the old Collins wooden bridge) connecting the mainland with the beach, it didn't take him an hour to make up his mind.

In 1918 he purchased a large tract of land on Miami Beach—the Carney tract, which had been owned by Richard Carney, son-in-law of Charles M. Lum, Jr., whose father was one of the three earliest pioneers of that area. Charles M. Lum is believed to have been the first white man to live on Miami Beach. Mr. Whitman paid $45,000 for the Carney tract and a few years later sold a portion of it for $100,000.

For his winter home, built in 1920, he chose a spot on the north beach where there were a number of towering coconut palms, and in planning his home he took into consideration the winds and weather of the ocean front. He drew his own plans and set methodically to work. The result was a home that was distinctive and beautiful as well as comfortable. The house and other buildings were so placed as to protect the gardens. His house abounded in porches, for next to ocean and trees and flowers he doted on porches. There were screened and unscreened porches, all accessible by doorways, all built so that the north wind would not strike them. The completed home with its beautiful lawns, tropical trees, plants and flowers radiated a kindly hospitality and attracted countless visitors, who were excited to ecstacies of admiration. An especially romantic feature was an outdoor ballroom, where one could dance in the moonlight, with a terrace leading down to the ocean.

Mr. Whitman was a benefactor of his community in more than one way. He gave to the city property between Meridian and Collins Avenue for the opening up of five new streets. In 1922, on a tract of land one block wide and extending seven blocks inland from the ocean, he built Espanola Villas, a colony of Spanish-type houses to sell for moderate prices. He also built the Indian Creek Apartments and in 1935 the Whitman Hotel, one of the most beautiful structures in the Miami area. He was president of the Community Council Theater Company, which opened the Community Council Theater in Miami Beach in the twenties. He was a member of the Surf Club, the Committee of One Hundred, the Skokie Country Club at Glencoe, Illinois, and the Chicago Athletic Association.

In 1912 Mr. Whitman married Leona Ericsson, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and they were the parents of three sons:

1. William Francis Whitman, Jr., a horticulturist. He married Dorothea Carroll and they have two children: Pamela Ericsson Whitman and Christopher Carroll Whitman.

2. Stanley Finch Whitman, a real estate operator in Miami Beach. He married Dorothy Stivers and they are the parents of Randall (Randy) and Gwenn Whitman.

3. Dudley A. Whitman, a boat builder, Chris Craft agent, and plastics manufacturer, who married Barbara Bonwit. They have three children: Dudley A., Jr., Renee E., and William Francis Whitman, III.

William F. Whitman, Sr. died at his Miami Beach home November 25, 1936, at the age of seventy-seven. In December, 1936, Mrs. Whitman gave a ninety-nine-year lease on the two ocean-front blocks between Thirty-first and Thirty-third Streets on Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, (which includes the site of the Whitman homestead) to Arlington C. Hall, president of the Blackstone Realty Company, for the erection of the two-million dollar Halsworth Hotel and cabana colony. Mrs. Whitman's present home is at Bal Harbour.

TOM JOYCE

The late president of the Seven-Up Bottling Company of Indianapolis, who made his winter home at Bal Harbour, Florida, for the last two decades of his life, started his soft drink bottling business in 1934 on a $300 investment and built it into one of the leading distributorships in the nation. Mr. Joyce was also a successful business man and civic leader in Florida.

Born in Shawnee, Ohio, November 27, 1892, he was a son of John J. and Anna (Joyce) Joyce. His grandparents emigrated from Ireland in 1848 and settled in Virginia. After the Civil War the family moved to southern Ohio and around the turn of the century to Columbus, Ohio.

Tom attended parochial school and North High School in Columbus and Aquinas College. In high school he captained the football team and in 1910 was selected All-Ohio Quarterback.

He first worked for several food companies in Columbus and was associated with his brother William in the operation of the Washington Brewery in that city. When World War I broke out he enlisted in the United States Army and was advanced to the rank of sergeant before his honorable discharge from the army. After the war he returned to the brewery in Columbus. In the twenties he and several of his brothers spent a few years in Florida in various real estate activities.

His brother William became the first bottler of Seven-Up in the early thirties and Tom became his sales manager, developing the business of Joyce Products Company throughout southern Ohio. In 1934 Tom was given a franchise to open up the state of Indiana for Seven-Up. Starting in Indianapolis with a small plant and a few hundred dollars, he put his organizing genius to work and within two years had succeeded in getting distribution of Seven-Up throughout the entire state. In a few years he established plants in Gary, South Bend, Evansville, French Lick, Fort Wayne and Terre Haute, later adding Richmond and Mishawaka, and established branch warehouses in fif-

Tom Joyce

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teen other cities in Indiana and Kentucky. He added a line of fruit-flavored drinks under the name of "Tom Boy," and was also president of French Lick Valley Corporation, a sparkling water bottler.

Other business activities of Mr. Joyce in the state of Indiana were the distributorship for Columbia Record Company and a franchise as builder-dealer for the Lustron Corporation, manufacturers of prefabricated metal houses. He was a member of the Indiana Manufacturers Association, the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce and the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a director, and a member of the American Legion in Indianapolis. His club memberships there included the Columbia Club, the Indianapolis Athletic Club, the Highland Golf and Country Club, the Downtown Optimist Club and the Press Club.

About 1940 Mr. Joyce began to make his winter home in Florida and became interested in several Florida enterprises. He was a director of the American National Bank in North Miami and the Peoples National Bank in Miami Shores, and in 1958 he organized the Columbia Federal Savings and Loan Association in Miami Shores, becoming its president.

He had been active in Republican politics in Indiana and in Dade County, Florida, was chairman of the Republican Finance Committee. He was a trustee of St. Francis Hospital in Miami Beach and chairman of the University of Notre Dame Foundation of South Florida. An avid football fan, he was one of the leading benefactors of the University of Notre Dame. His Florida clubs were the Committee of One Hundred, the La Gorce Country Club, the Bath Club, Surf Club, Bal Harbour Yacht Club and Coral Harbor Yacht Club.

Mr. Joyce died suddenly at his home in Bal Harbour on December 17, 1960. A requiem Mass was said for him at St. Patrick's Church in Miami Beach and a Memorial Mass by Father O'Donnell of Notre Dame University was said at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Burial was in the family mausoleum in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, following a memorial tribute by Father James Higgins. At his funeral twenty motorcycle policemen braved sub-zero weather to lead the procession—a spontaneous demonstration of respect for a man who occupied a high place in his community.

Mrs. Joyce, his widow, was Georgette Fisk, daughter of George Mygatt Fisk, who was Professor of Commerce at the University of Illinois, and Ida (Johnson) Fisk. Her mother's family were founders of Gisholt Machine Company of Madison, Wisconsin, manufacturers of turret lathes. Mrs. Joyce is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and a member of the following clubs: Indianapolis Athletic, Highland Golf and Country, and Columbia Club of Indianapolis; the Surf and Bath Clubs of Miami Beach, the Bal Harbour Yacht and La Gorce Country Clubs. She is chairman of the Special Gifts Committee of the University of Notre Dame Foundation of South Florida. Mrs. Joyce has succeeded her husband as head of his business enterprises, having recently been elected president of the Columbia Federal Savings and Loan Association and also of all the Seven-Up Bottling Companies of Indiana.

A daughter, Joan Joyce, is Mrs. Riley A. Burrell of Indianapolis, and there are three grandchildren. Surviving Mr. Joyce also are three brothers—John M. of Joliet, Illinois, Frank of Los Angeles, and Charles V. of Bethesda, Maryland—and a sister, Mrs. Stanley Baker of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Joyce is greatly missed by a host of friends, many of whom he entertained in his homes in Indianapolis and Miami Beach and on his yacht, the "Seven-Up."

CHARLES SILVERS

The president of a large aluminum manufacturing corporation in the Miami area which does an annual business of approximately $12,000,000, Charles Silvers, who was too poor to put himself through law school thirty years ago, was able to retire to Florida prematurely in 1945, and since then has made a fortune in a new line of business.

He was born in New York City April 21, 1911, son of Max Silverstein, a New Jersey farmer (deceased), who was born in Russia December 31, 1889; and Anna (Lakritz) Silverstein, born in Germany on August 24, 1892. Charles graduated from Somerville High School, New Jersey, in 1929 and entered the University of Alabama to prepare himself for the legal profession, but had to give up this ambition for lack of funds, although he tried to work his way through college by waiting on table and repairing radios.

In 1932 he entered the oil burner business in Somerville, New Jersey, selling, installing and servicing. The next year he attended Herkimer Institute and studied refrigeration engineering, working after hours for a refrigerator firm, installing butcher fixtures.

In 1934, with a capital of $275, he went into business in Mount Vernon, New York, in partnership with R. W. Adams, who had even less capital. The company, which was called Adams Engineering Company, bought and repaired old refrigerators and solicited refrigerator repair work. After six months Mr. Adams left the firm, but Mr. Silvers kept plugging away and built the company into one of the largest refrigerator repair-service organizations in the New York area.

In 1942 Mr. Silvers joined the United States Coast Guard, and when he emerged from the service three years later he sold his business to three employees. Although only thirty-four years old, he thought he'd retire and settle in Florida.

He built his own home in Miami Beach and prepared to enjoy his leisure, but restlessness and boredom overtook him, and within a few months he was back in business—this time the construction business. He erected twenty-five homes and six apartment houses in the Miami area and for the next three years taught architectural construction at the University of Miami.

In 1949 Mr. Silvers revived the Adams Engineering Company to manufacture jalousie windows, renting 5,000 square feet in the rear of a laundry and starting in with six employees. A year later the company moved to a suburb of Miami, rented 26,000 square feet, and jumped its payroll to 75 employees. The sales staff was expanded and the company began to ship to other parts of the United States, to South America, Cuba and Hawaii. In 1952 the plant was moved to its present location on Biscayne Boulevard, where it has two modern factories covering 340,000 square feet and employs approximately 500 people.

Adams Engineering Company, Inc. manufactures all types of aluminum windows, sliding doors, shower

doors, thresholds, step ladders, farm gates, outdoor furniture, institutional furniture, aluminum tubing and extrusions, and wooden kitchen cabinets. Assembly plants are located at South Hackensack, New Jersey; Los Angeles, California; Richmond, Virginia; and Sumter, South Carolina. Products under the "ABC" trademark are distributed nationally and abroad through nineteen branch offices, and sales amount to approximately $12,000,000 annually.

The company was incorporated in 1952 and Mr. Silvers was elected President and a Director, in which capacity he still serves. Other officers and directors of the corporation are: Alex Freidin, Miami Beach, Vice President and Director; Harry Harrison, Atlanta, Georgia, Director; Seymour N. Kagan, North Miami Beach, Director; Bob Lewis, Millsboro, Delaware, Director; Henry H. Shelor, Sumter, South Carolina, Director; Sylvia Silvers, Miami Beach, Director and Secretary; Harold J. Steis, Miami Beach, Director and Assistant Secretary; Irving Trock, North Miami Beach, Director and Vice President; Frank S. Fitzgerald, North Miami Beach, Vice President; Oscar M. Maltzman, North Miami Beach, Vice President; Robert J. Marquardt, Opa Locka, Vice President; William J. Mueller, Miami, Vice President; Philip Bell, Miami Beach, Treasurer.

Mr. Silvers is a member of the Aluminum Window Manufacturers Association; National Association of Home Builders; Home Builders Association of South Florida; National Association of Manufacturers; and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.

Fraternally he is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ojus, Florida; Comrade Lodge, F.&A.M., Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Miami Consistory, Mahi Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and Temple Beth Sholom of Miami Beach. His hobby is breeding and racing horses.

He was married in New York City on September 22, 1935, to Sylvia Frimet, who was born in New York City on February 11, 1914, daughter of Max and Sarah (Blasenstein) Frimet, both natives of Austria, where her mother was born October 20, 1893. Her father is deceased. Charles and Sylvia Silvers are the parents of four children: 1. Jerome Louis Silvers, born January 5, 1939, in New York City. 2. Phyllis Doris Silvers, born May 3, 1941, in New York City; 3. Robert Henry Silvers, born October 13, 1950, in Miami Beach; 4. Teri Ellen Silver, born December 31, 1952, in Miami Beach.

MISS GERALDINE GRUNDY

Librarian, Brockaway Memorial Library, Miami Shores, Florida. Born in New York City. High school, Academy of All Saints, New York City. College, College of Mount St. Vincent, Riverdale-on-the-Hudson, New York, B.A.; Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts, M.S. in Library Science. Social worker with American Red Cross and other agencies. Circulation Librarian, Boston Library, Boston, Massachusetts. Reference Librarian, Miami Public Library, Miami, Florida. Patients' Librarian, Veterans' Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida. Assistant Librarian, North Miami Public Library, North Miami, Florida. Librarian, Brockway Memorial Library, Miami Shores, Florida.

Member of Gesu Church, Miami, Florida; American Library Association; Florida Library Association; Dade County Library Association.

Miss Grundy left her career as a Social Worker to enter the career of Librarian. In this work she has become distinguished for the wide range of her intelligence as a Reference Librarian. She directs the growth of The Brockway Memorial Library in Miami Shores with a sure hand, a ready wit, and a great love of the world where books and people meet.

MRS. G. E. SHINGLEDECKER (CATHERINE C. KELLER)

Born Waukegan, Illinois. High School, Marywood School, Evanston, Illinois. College, Mundelein College, Chicago, 1940, B.A. in Music (Piano, Organ, Violin); M.M. in Music Theory; American Conservatory, 1941.

Women's Army Corps, 1944. Served in States and Japan (Far East Command) until 1948. Joined Reserve. Music Director, Far East Command, 1948-51.

In charge of music as recreation for all troops, Guam, Philippines, Okinawa, Korea and Japan, on General MacArthur's staff. Returned to U.S.A. 1951.

Entered Library School, Catholic University of Washington, D.C. Married Lt. Col. G. E. Shingledecker, U.S.A.R. Moved to Miami Shores 1953.

When husband returned from Korea, appointed to Library Board of Brockway Memorial Library, 1954.

Major WAC in active reserve, Personnel Officer (S-1) for local reserve unit (Miami USAR School—3381).

DAVID R. KEATING

Prominent as a property investor and civic leader in Hollywood, David R. Keating has been a resident of that city since 1948.

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, October 8, 1908, son of Samuel Tilden Keating and Martha Ellen Sommers, the latter a direct descendant of the royal family of England. His father died when he was six years old and his mother married again.

David Keating received his early education in the public schools of Baltimore and took special courses in Business Administration in evening school. From 1936 to 1947 he was in the restaurant business in Baltimore.

Coming to Hollywood, Florida, in 1948, he established his home and business there, acquiring property and building up a real estate investment business.

An outstanding civic leader, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors of the Merchants Division of the Chamber. He is president of the Hollywood Civitan Club; vice chairman of the Hollywood Zoning Board; former vice chairman of Precinct #77 of the Hospital Referendum; chairman of the Hollywood Heart Fund and the United Fund for 1960-61; and a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County United Fund. He was elected a City Commissioner of Hollywood April 18, 1961.

In fraternal circles he is a member of the local Elks Lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. In February 1961 the Hollywood Civitan Club sponsored a Brotherhood Day Dinner, held at the Hollywood Beach Hotel, highlighting South Broward County's observance of National Brotherhood Week.

In Baltimore, Maryland, on November 17, 1936, David R. Keating married Sarah Suggs, a native of

Charlotte, North Carolina. Her father was the late Sydney Lawrence Suggs, prominent contractor in the construction business in Charlotte, who died in 1958. Her mother, Sarah Ethel (Welch) Suggs, is living in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mrs. Keating is a graduate of Central High School, Charlotte. She is president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Civitan Club.

The Keatings have a son, John David Keating, born in Baltimore, Maryland, May 14, 1942, now a student at Broward Junior College.

WILLIAM CLEMENS WEBB

William Clemens Webb is the fifth generation descendant of the Filer and Huelsenkamp families of Florida who blazed a trail in shipping and land development from Tallahassee to Key West and pioneered the fruit juice industry on the family plantations in Cuba. The Webb family recalls pony express riders and explorer-surveyors for the railroads over a century and a half ago in the state of Florida, then comprised of vast expanses of water, palm trees and Seminole Indians, a few rugged individuals and the traditionally quiet southern towns in the northern part of the state.

Mr. Webb, after completing his studies at the University of Miami and serving in the United States Navy in World War II, felt the upsurgence of growth around him and turned to the construction industry as a means of carrying through his pioneering heritage. Starting with a hammer and nail as an apprentice carpenter, within a few years William Webb founded the Webb Construction Company and built over 100 industrial and commercial buildings in the Dade County area. Mr. Webb's buildings, which express the ultimate in functional beauty and futuristic design, gave birth to a dream which at the age of thirty-five, has brought him national recognition as the outstanding builder and developer in the South.

Webb, looking into the future of Florida and taking careful measure of the sweeping influx of population which would need to be sustained by jobs in industry, selected 330 acres of prime land at the southern entrance of the Sunshine State Parkway (Florida's Turnpike), a few miles adjacent to the world's largest intercontinental cargo airlift, to start the first industrial park in the state of Florida. Sunshine State Industrial Park, a community of planned industry, at its completion represents close to $100,000,000 in land, buildings and facilities with an annual payroll to Dade County in excess of $15,000,000.

Plans for Sunshine State Park include an Executives' Club containing dining salon, lounge, bar, cabanas, swimming pool, tennis courts, putting green and a forty-lane bowling center designed to create a delightful relaxed atmosphere and sense of community participation for executives and workers in the Park.

The Park calls for its own administrative offices and a bank. Its 70-foot wide boulevards are landscaped with a profusion of native palms, seagrapes, melaleuca and hibiscus. On completion an 85-foot monolithic arch at the entrance of the Park will symbolize the spirit of progress and international trade. Extensive housing and shopping facilities border the Industrial Park, bringing the vast industrial labor pool of South Florida within minutes of each plant.

Mr. Webb did not wait for business and industry to come to the Park, but rather started a relentless nationwide search to proselytize his concepts of industrial Florida as a new dimension in living and productivity for executives and workers alike. Mr. Webb greeted his prospects with stunning full color renditions of how he felt their new plant in the Park should look. These were presented with complete facilities for purchase lease-back or outright purchase arrangements, engineering, architectural, construction, insurance, decoration and every conceivable facility, which enabled Webb to turn over the "key" to an extraordinarily beautiful complete industrial plant. Webb's zeal and apparent insistent need to communicate something of great importance caused many northern industrialists to start thinking and evaluating advantages of Sunshine State Industrial Park. At that point executives of vision started southward. Today the Sunshine State Industrial Park is over fifty percent developed with natural gas, water, sewerage, railroad siding and every conceivable facility for effective industrialization.

Many years before the Civil War, William Webb's great-great-grandfather, Frederick Filer, came from the Alsace-Lorraine district and married Miss Ann Curtis, a native of Tallahassee. Frederick Filer moved his family to Key West and entered the shipping business, owning several large schooners supplying the Caribbean and coastal trade. These were the exciting days when famous pirates hovered like insane bumble bees around the Florida Keys and violent storms brought shipwrecks off the treacherous Key West reefs. One such wreck, a French vessel, proceeding to New Orleans with a cargo of prospective brides, caused a peculiar chain of circumstances which affected the history of Florida. Frederick Filer opened his own home to twenty of these prospective brides. Five of these girls remained with the Filer family and subsequently married Floridians who became outstanding citizens of the state.

Frederick Filer's son, William Thomas Filer, the great-grandfather of William Webb, was cited for his humanitarian work in the great yellow fever epidemic in Key West. No one could be found willing to fight the spread of this dreadful disease. William Filer started a hospital in one of his warehouses and personally nursed the yellow fever victims.

William Filer's daughter, Catherine, married Clemens Julius Huelsenkamp, Mr. Webb's grandfather, who pioneered Fort Myers, Florida. Clemens Huelsenkamp wrote a letter to Thomas Edison, the famous inventor, asking him why he didn't come to God's country. One day while he was preoccupied with matters of business and huddled over his desk, the door flew open and a strange man entered and said, "I have come to God's country." Mr. Huelsenkamp raised his head to face in astonishment the famous inventor. Thomas Edison bought his home in Fort Myers from Mr. Huelsenkamp, and this home is now the Edison Museum.

Mr. Huelsenkamp at one period moved his family to Cuba and distinguished himself in his experimenting with various fruit juices. He was the first to introduce methods of pasteurization to control bacteria in canned juices. These juices were bottled and sold as carbonated drinks in the open market in the United States. Huelsenkamp founded the St. John's Episcopal Church, which is still in existence in Cuba. A thirty-second degree Mason, Huelsenkamp

William C. Webb

was one of the charter members of the Masonic Temple in Cuba.

Mr. Webb's father, Horace Theodore Webb, came originally from California and settled in Key West. Horace Webb resigned from the Coast Guard to enter the real estate business and was active in trading and developing real estate throughout his lifetime. Bill Webb's mother, Bertha Huelsenkamp Webb, recently retired as principal of the Coral Gables Elementary School.

Mrs. William Webb, the former Alice Riley, also a native Floridian from Sanford, Florida, is active in civic and church work in Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb are the parents of four children: William Jr., Daniel, Ronald and Catherine.

HON. DANIEL DAVID DIEFENBACH

Now in his fifth consecutive term as Mayor of North Miami Beach, Daniel David Diefenbach has been so closely identified with that city that he might be called "Mr. North Miami Beach." He is also founder-president of Peninsula Promotions, Inc., a public relations and advertising agency in North Miami Beach, and formerly was in the hotel business.

A member of an old American family that settled in the United States in 1764, he was born in West Alexandria, Ohio, son of Charles Edward and Daisy V. V. (Smith) Diefenbach. His father, who was born in Ohio in 1869 and died in 1942, was an optometrist and jeweler.

Dan Diefenbach graduated from West Alexandria High School with a football scholarship for Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio. When he had completed three and a half years at college, the depression struck and he was forced to discontinue his studies. He made his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was employed by Sinton Hotel and worked his way up to the position of purchasing steward.

Enticed by the opportunities that Florida seemed to offer, he came to Miami in 1933 and was employed by Mrs. Maude Brickell as manager of the famed Brickell Estate, the Schwab Estate, and the original Deering Estate. Family ties sent him back North for a while, and he served as efficiency man for the Biltmore Hotel in Dayton, Ohio, while there. Returning to Florida, he worked in the auditing department of the Columbus Hotel, then with Warren Freeman at the MacFadden-Deauville Hotel on the Beach; after which he managed the new Hotel 79th Street in Little River and established the Track and Shore Restaurant. In 1939 the Blue Marlin Fisheries were opened, most of which were constructed by Mr. Diefenbach.

In 1942 he enlisted in the Pan American Air Service and served as a navigator in the Africa-Orient Division of the World Air Ferry (ATC) until 1945, chalking up 2200 hours of transoceanic flying.

Prior to his election as mayor of North Miami Beach, Mr. Diefenbach was active in civic affairs for some time. With Ed Constance he formed the North Dade Chamber of Commerce, which consisted of three civic leaders from each area, and he served as director of that Chamber for three years, or until the North Miami Beach Chamber was formed. One of their biggest successes was obtaining first class transportation in the form of the Coast City Coaches. When he felt the need for more active interest in local business, Mr. Diefenbach initiated the North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce in his own living room.

He was active in the North Miami Beach Civic Club, the Youth Foundation, the Fathers Club, the Fulford PTA, and was the leader in the fight to persuade the Peoples Water and Gas Company to convert from soft coal to oil, thus removing a smoke and odor nuisance from the community. When the city proposed its first bond issue to create a city-owned water system, Mr. Diefenbach insisted on public hearings to inform the people, which assured its passing. He was chairman of the first charter revision board, working for a new city charter, which was finally passed by the third board.

Mr. Diefenbach was first elected Mayor of North Miami Beach in 1953, having been persuaded to run for this office by his friends and business men because they felt that no one else knew the town as well or had the drive or personal backing that he had to make the administration a progressive, efficient and servicing government. He has been re-elected every two years since then.

Since he became Mayor of North Miami Beach the city has added three parks (and activated these three plus the city's original three); senior citizen recreation; three elementary schools and a junior high school. Councilmen are elected at large; the police department has been improved by training and equipment; an independent advisory board and a city-wide zoning plan have been established; roads have been increased and improved; street maintenance costs have been cut; measures to improve drainage have been instituted and enforced; a trade mart site was obtained; a municipal swimming pool and Little League baseball park were constructed; increased street lighting and White Way lighting was installed; a city beautification program was started; and approximately two-and-a-half square miles of territory was annexed to the city, resulting in increased tax revenue and beautiful residential developments. In 1956 Mayor Diefenbach promoted a Jubilee to celebrate the city's 25th anniversary, having in mind not only the people's entertainment but the advertising value of such an event for the city. Also, to stimulate patriotism and promote North Miami Beach, the Mayor initiated an annual four-day Jubilee to celebrate Independence Day.

Mr. Diefenbach organized his present business, Peninsula Promotions, Inc., in 1958, in partnership with Dorothee Ann (Mrs. Jack S.) Hoppen. He is a member of the American Public Relations Association, Advertising Federation of America, American Municipal Association, and Dade County League of Municipalities. His other memberships include the Kiwanis Club, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection at Biscayne Park.

He was married in West Palm Beach, Florida, on April 7, 1934, to Polly Anne Ahearn Pollett, and they have five children:

1. Polly Anne (Diefenbach) Ingham, born December 12, 1935.
2. Daniel David, III, born March 23, 1939.
3. Deborah Day, born July 30, 1940.
4. Donna Dorn, born January 20, 1942.
5. Delores Dawn, born April 4, 1946.

JAKE SOWARDS

A general contractor in the building business in Hallandale, Jake Sowards took up his residence in that city in 1947, moving there from Rome, Ohio, with his

wife and two sons. Both sons are associated with him in his business. Mr. Sowards has been a City Commissioner of Hallandale since 1954.

Born on a farm in Proctorville, Ohio, August 18, 1903, he is a son of A. C. and Eliza Bradley Sowards. He finished his education at Windsor High School, Ohio, and from 1923 to 1937 owned and operated apple orchards. From 1937 to 1947 he worked for the Ohio State Department of Game and Fisheries, residing in Rome, Ohio, and during that time served on the District Board of Education in Rome.

He came to Florida in 1947 and settled at Hallandale, where he became established as a building contractor. First elected to the City Commission of Hallandale in 1954, he was re-elected in 1956 for a four-year term. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

In Huntington, West Virginia, Jake Sowards married Edgra Smith, a native of his home town of Proctorville, Ohio, daughter of John and Gussie (Singers) Smith. They have three children, all born in Rome, Ohio, and all graduates of Rome High School. They are:

1. Irene, now Mrs. Tillis of Rome, Ohio, who has a son, Gary Tillis.

2. Garland Sowards, born December 21, 1924. He served in the United States Army in World War II from 1943 to 1946, mainly in the Pacific theater, with the top rank of sergeant. On April 5, 1947, he married Patricia England, daughter of George P. and Freda (Black) England of Proctorville, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Dawn, born in Fort Lauderdale March 18, 1950, now a student at Hallandale Elementary School. Garland joined his father in establishing his new business in Florida in 1947, and is now a director of the Bank of Hallandale.

3. Jake Sowards, Jr., born March 18, 1927, married Hope McKinnon, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy McKinnon of Hallandale.

OSCAR EVERHART

The librarian of Miami Beach Public Library, Oscar Everhart, comes naturally by his affinity for books. His mother was librarian at Momence, Illinois, where he grew up. Before becoming a librarian he sold books for one of the largest wholesale booksellers in Chicago for more than twelve years.

Son of Charles E. and Maud Chatfield Everhart, he was born in Danville, Illinois, and received his early education in the public schools of Illinois. After two years at the University of Maryland, he went to work as a salesman for A. C. McClurg & Co. of Chicago, selling books to librarians. He was quite successful in this work and got to know librarians in all parts of his territory.

World War II interrupted his career, and as a member of the United States Army Infantry he "walked all over Europe." Returned to civilian life in 1945, he continued to peddle books for his old firm for another six months, then decided to become a librarian himself.

After several years of study at Indiana University and Pomona College, California, he secured his first big job, as head librarian at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Next he became library consultant at the State Library in Indianapolis, which meant dealing with librarians throughout Indiana and setting up libraries in state institutions. This he found a fascinating and rewarding job.

In January 1958 he left his Indiana position to come to Miami Beach Public Library as librarian and make a permanent home here where he had spent many vacations. He acquired a large house with room for his piano and space to entertain his friends, as well as grounds where he can practice his hobby of gardening. He likes people and likes to get them reading. A new library building is in the plans for Miami Beach and, if Mr. Everhart has his way, it will be an accessible, attractive meeting place for all members of the family.

Mr. Everhart has been the 1960-61 president of the Dade County Library Association. In his official capacity as Municipal Librarian, he was host to the Florida Library Association which met in Miami Beach in April 1961, and will be co-chairman of the committee on local arrangements when the American Library Association convenes here in 1962.

C. JACKSON BALDWIN

One of fifteen young presidents of million-dollar organizations in Miami, C. Jackson Baldwin is a second generation president of his firms, the Baldwin Insurance Agency, Inc. and Baldwin Mortgage Company. He is also a second generation native of Florida. His grandparents, Charles and Charlotte Baldwin, settled in North Florida before the Civil War.

Born in Miami December 15, 1921, C. Jackson Baldwin is a son of Charles F. and Gladys (Jackson) Baldwin. His father, Charles F. Baldwin, was born in Melrose, Alachua County, Florida, in 1892. He was educated through high school in Archer, Florida, graduated from Rollins College at Winter Park in the class of 1912, and served in the United States Army Engineer Corps in France in World War I. Coming to Miami after the war, in 1920 he founded the Baldwin Insurance Agency and has devoted his entire life to the insurance and mortgage fields. He also served as treasurer of Coral Gables Corporation, the company that founded Coral Gables. He is now Chairman of the Board of Baldwin Insurance Agency and Baldwin Mortgage Company, and is a director of the First National Bank of Miami.

Gladys Jackson Baldwin's parents, natives of Milledgeville, Georgia, moved to Miami in 1914. She graduated from Miami High School and attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia.

The Baldwin family moved to Coral Gables in 1922, and C. Jackson Baldwin attended the local schools, graduating from Ponce de Leon High School in 1939. Sports of all kinds interested him, with football a first love and golf a close second. He attended Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, Georgia, for one year; then the University of Florida, from which he was graduated in 1943 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity. Before graduation he enlisted in the United States Army, but was allowed to finish his senior year in college. Sent to Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, he graduated with honors and served overseas as a First Lieutenant in the 28th Infantry Division in France, Belgium and Germany. He received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in 1944 and was returned to the States.

On his return from military service young Mr. Baldwin entered into his father's insurance and mortgage business and took over the reins as president when his father became Chairman of the Board in 1956. The

Baldwin agency writes all forms of insurance with emphasis on the industrial, commercial, and difficult-to-place account. Its clients, mostly commercial accounts, run the gamut from a one-man business to national concerns. It represents as agent more than thirty-five insurance companies and employs twenty-six people. Mr. Baldwin feels that his company's services as agents and brokers place them in the category of professionals performing a necessary and desirable service for the public. The Baldwin Mortgage Company, mortgage correspondent for life insurance companies, negotiates and services conventional loans on commercial properties, apartments and hotels; presently servicing approximately $40,000,000 in first mortgage loans in the South Florida area.

The company owns its home on Biscayne Boulevard at Ninth Street in Miami, occupying the second floor and leasing the ground floor. This modernistic structure was erected by the agency in 1953 on the same ground where young President Baldwin spent his first days at his grandmother's boarding house. He is proud of the many new constructural innovations in the building, which was featured by two national architectural magazines in 1953 and 1954.

Mr. Baldwin is also president of Baldwin Insurance of Coral Gables, Inc., which he formed in 1949. He serves as a director of Swimquip, Inc., manufacturers and distributors of swimming pool equipment. He joined the YPO (Young Presidents Organization) in 1956 and has been treasurer, member chairman, vice-chairman, chairman of the Florida chapter, and is currently serving as a national director.

His civic work began soon after the war, with the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is president of the Miami Rotary Club and vice president of the Orange Bowl Committee. Welfare and political organizations also call on him for his services, usually in the role of fund raising. His hobbies are golf, fishing, and an occasional game of gin, poker or bridge. He has a boat which, he says, is an extremely fast fishing rig for offshore and back country waters.

While still in Army uniform, on June 22, 1945, C. Jackson Baldwin married Susanne Bonner at the family church, the First Presbyterian in Coral Gables. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harney Bonner of Miami, Mrs. Baldwin graduated from Ponce de Leon High School in Coral Gables and attended Florida State University. The couple have three children, born in Miami:

1. Susanne (Susi), born January 23, 1947, now a student at Ponce de Leon High School.
2. Jackson Reed Baldwin, born November 17, 1948.
3. Bethany Anne, born December 4, 1950.

Both the younger children are students at David Fairchild Elementary School.

The Baldwins' Coral Gables home is opposite the Riviera Country Club golf course, where both Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin spend some of their leisure time. Among Mrs. Baldwin's other interests are the PTA and Spanish lessons.

HARRY JACKSON ROSS

Head of the engineering firm of H. J. Ross Associates, Harry Jackson Ross of Miami is a young Floridian who has climbed to the top of the ladder in a very short time.

Son of John D. and Gaynelle (Cook) Ross, he was born in Tampa June 2, 1922. His parents are both natives of Georgia. His father came to Florida in 1898 and for many years was Assistant Chief of the Tampa Fire Department.

Jack Ross graduated from high school in Tampa in 1938 and from Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, in 1942 with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. World War II being in progress, he entered the United States Navy and served in the Construction Battalion (Seabees) in the Pacific theatre, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Reserve.

In 1947 he came to Miami and established himself professionally as partner in Riley and Ross, consulting engineers. In 1955 Mr. Ross purchased his partner's interest and the firm name became H. J. Ross Associates, Consulting Engineers.

The following are some of the outstanding engineering jobs which this firm has handled: Saxony Hotel, Miami; Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach; Dupont Plaza, Miami; Miami Beach Federal Office Building; Northside Shopping Center; Engineering School of the University of Miami; Central High School, Miami; South Florida State Hospital, Hollywood; Sears Roebuck's new store in Jacksonville. They also have many other projects throughout the country at present writing, including Dallas, Texas, and Washington, D.C., and are now handling three major projects in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Ross is a member of the Florida Engineering Society, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Sigma Nu fraternity, the University Club of Miami, Emerald Bay Yacht Club, La Gorce Country Club, the Rod and Reel Club, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Miami Beach. Boating and fishing are his recreations.

He was married in Miami January 19, 1952, to Donna Mary Guilfoyle, daughter of Martin and Sabina (Shea) Guilfoyle. Mrs. Ross is a graduate of St. Patrick's High School (1947) and Barry College (1951) with a B.A. degree in Education. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross: Julie Veronica on May 17, 1956; Barbara Gaynelle on January 10, 1958.

G. JAMES HUGHES

The President of the Pan American Bank of Miami, G. James Hughes has been identified with the world of finance throughout his entire career, or for thirty years. He is also prominent as a director or member of other business and civic organizations.

Mr. Hughes was born in Long Branch, New Jersey, September 22, 1914. His father, Ernest Hughes, a native of Wales, is a retired accountant, now living in Miami. His mother, Elizabeth Forde Hughes, who was born in England, died in 1953. The parents came to the United States as a young couple and settled in New York.

James Hughes graduated from the High School of Commerce, New York, in 1931, and started his banking career that year as a clerk with the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York. He subsequently graduated from the American Institute of Banking and from the Graduate School of Banking of Rutgers University. During World War II, from 1943 to 1945, he served in the United States Army as a technical sergeant.

Continuing with the Chase Manhattan Bank, he advanced through the various channels of that institution to an executive position. In July, 1956, having completed twenty-five years with that bank, he resigned to accept the position of President of the Metropolitan Bank

of Miami, in which Arthur Vining Davis held the concontrolling interest. When Davis sold his controlling stock in Metropolitan, Hughes stayed on and built the bank into the fastest growing institution of its kind in the nation. In March 1961 he resigned his position at the Metropolitan and on April 14th was named President and a director of the Pan American Bank of Miami.

Mr. Hughes is president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Americas, an organization which has members from seventeen nations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Council, the United Fund, the Greater Miami YMCA, and is vice-president and a director of the South Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the Off-Street Parking Board of Miami; chairman of the Commercial Lending Committee of the Florida Bankers Association; chairman of the Finance Committee of the Downtown Kiwanis Club; a director of the Life Insurance Company of Florida; a trustee of the Museum of Science and Natural History of the City of Miami; and a member and trustee of Coral Gables Congregational Church. In 1960 he was presented with a trophy, the Civic Salesman Award, by the National Sales Executives of Miami. Golf, fishing and swimming are his recreations.

In Harrisonburg, Virginia, on March 28, 1942, G. James Hughes married Laura G. Peters, daughter of Clyde C. and Margaret Blakemore Peters, and a graduate of Harrisonburg High School and Madison College of Harrisonburg, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are the parents of two children:

1. Patricia Jane, born in Harrisonburg, Virginia, August 2, 1943. She graduated from Coral Gables High School in 1961.

2. James Michael Hughes, born in Macon, Georgia, June 12, 1945, who is now a cadet at Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham, Virginia.

COMER JOHNSTONE KIMBALL

Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Miami, Florida's largest bank, with which institution he has been associated since 1946, Comer J. Kimball has been actively engaged in banking and investment management activities since 1927. He moved to Florida in 1940 and became associated with the late Wiley R. Reynolds of Palm Beach in his extensive banking and investment activities.

Son of Charles Kimball, a Methodist minister, and Mildred Alzena (Fisher) Kimball, he was born in Atlanta, Georgia, June 14, 1902. He graduated from Boys High School, Atlanta, in 1921 and from the University of Virginia in 1924 with a Bachelor of Science degree and Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Mr. Kimball's first employment was as Southeast Europe representative for C. B. McDaniel Company. He received his initial training and experience in the banking business with the Bankers Trust Company of New York, working in their Bond Department from 1927 to 1929. From 1929 to 1940 he was with Fidelity Investment Company of New York as Assistant Secretary.

Coming to Palm Beach, Florida, in 1940, Mr. Kimball became Vice President and Investment Officer of the First National Bank of Palm Beach; also Vice President and Director of W. R. Reynolds and Company, which latter position he still holds. In 1948 he became Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Palm Beach and held that office until 1957. Meanwhile, in 1947 he moved to Miami as Executive Vice President of the First National Bank of Miami and in 1951 was made Chairman of the Board.

In 1958 Mr. Kimball was elected a Director of Arvida Corporation and in 1961 became Chairman of the Board of this corporation and was elected a Director of the United States Sugar Corporation. He served as President of the Florida Bankers Association in 1954-55 and as a member of the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System in 1957-58. He also served as a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers Association and is a member of the Association of Reserve City Bankers.

Mr. Kimball has been active in many civic and welfare organizations in Dade County, including service as President of the Community Chest and the United Fund. He served in the New York National Guard, Squadron A, 101st Cavalry, from 1928 to 1931. His fraternities are Phi Beta Kappa and Theta Chi; his clubs, the University Club of New York City, the Bath Club of Miami, the Miami Club and the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church.

On April 15, 1949, Comer J. Kimball married Mary Nell Pinckard, a native of Samson, Alabama, where she was born May 3, 1916, daughter of John B. and Gwendoline (Rushing) Pinckard. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball have a son, Comer Johnstone Kimball, Jr.

JAY I. KISLAK

The J. I. Kislak Mortgage Corporation of Florida, established in Miami in January 1954, is the second largest mortgage banking firm in the southeastern United States. In 1961, the corporation had branches in Pensacola, Tampa and Orlando, with a mortgage servicing portfolio in excess of $140,000,000. Jay Kislak, its president, is the youngest president of a major mortgage banking firm in the nation.

Son of Julius I. and Sophia (Segal) Kislak, Jay I. Kislak was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, June 6, 1922. His father heads one of Jersey City's oldest and largest real estate firms. Jay graduated from the Newark Academy, Newark, New Jersey, and the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a B.S. degree in Economics. During World War II he served as a pilot in the United States Navy with the rank of Lieutenant J.G. Released from active duty in 1945, he is now in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

At the time of his discharge from the Navy, Jay Kislak's net worth was equal to the sum of his terminal leave pay, $1500, most of which he used to buy an engagement ring for his fiance. Today, at thirty-eight, his personal worth is in excess of three million dollars. He made his fortune as a mortgage banker, real estate investor and developer in Florida without investing a nickel in the stock market.

If he had been of a more conservative nature, Kislak might have settled down to a secure future with his father's real estate organization, J. I. Kislak, Inc. of New Jersey, but aggressive boldness and an imaginative approach to business are the hallmarks of his success. He did start out by joining his father's firm as a commissioned salesman, but stayed only long enough

to realize the potential of the mortgage banking industry in relation to the real estate business.

He spearheaded the formation of the J. I. Kislak Mortgage Corporation as a wholly owned subsidiary of J. I. Kislak, Inc. of New Jersey, serving as head of the firm and working on commission with options to buy stock. Personnel at the start consisted of himself and the part-time use of a secretary. Under his direction the company vaulted to national prominence as one of the very first mortgage brokerage firms to become active in the FNMA one-for-one program. It also specialized in handling Wherry Housing throughout the eastern United States.

When the company was in its fifth year and was handling just under $100,000,000 in mortgages, Kislak cast about for new and even richer fields and began to exercise his stock options. Convinced that the future lay in following the population shift to new, fast-growing areas, he opened a branch of his New Jersey company in Miami in January 1954. This was accomplished partly by buying a small mortgage servicing portfolio of three million dollars from a Miami firm. Kislak's company put up 50% of the necessary capital and four Miami investors provided the balance. Within the first year Kislak acquired sole ownership of the Miami company. Swapping his newly acquired stock in the New Jersey company for the firm's interest in the Miami branch, he borrowed the balance needed to buy up the holdings of the four Miami investors and struck out on his own. He still owns 100% of the stock in his mortgage company.

Large scale subdivisions, unheard of prior to the early fifties in Florida, occupied the major attention of his company in its formative years. A 600-home subdivision in Miami, Myrtle Grove Estates, which he financed on the "no-down-payment" method, was the first of many large developments the company has handled. In the seven year period since it was formed the firm has dealt with nearly every large scale builder in Florida and has made possible home ownership for more than 13,000 families.

In 1958 Kislak expanded his operations to include a "spot loan" division. This department handles the financing of existing homes with new FHA or VA mortgages, giving the home owner an opportunity to compete in the sales market with the new homes in subdivisions.

The first branch office was opened in Pensacola in 1957. Two years later Kislak Mortgage Corporation purchased the Florida mortgage portfolio of Guaranty Title and Mortgage Company of New York City and took over their Tampa and Orlando offices. These three branch offices are situated in areas along the Gold Coast, where the greatest industrial development and population increases are anticipated.

Kislak believes that prudent acquisition of large tracts of land in the fringe areas at relatively low cost will pay rich dividends later, since land values, depending on population, must increase in value in a growing area such as Florida. His faith and convictions along these lines have been borne out by the state's 76% gain in population during the last decade and the resultant skyrocketing real estate values. The soundness of his judgment in land prospecting is evidenced by his purchase, in association with Ira Hotchkiss, former Detroit builder, of the 20,000-acre El Pico Ranch in Brevard County in 1956. Due to the growing importance of Cape Canaveral, Brevard County's population has jumped 370% in the last ten years. Result—much of El Pico land has been sold at a handsome profit.

Confidence in Kislak's real estate-mortgage judgment is reflected in the fact that his firm numbers among its forty-seven investors throughout the nation insurance companies, banks, savings and loan associations and pension trusts.

Kislak also holds an interest in a 19,000-acre tract in Marion County and is co-developer of the 1500-home subdivision, Coral Park Estates, in Miami. Among his other business activities is an insurance company and a title company.

As might be expected, Jay Kislak is a member of the national Young Presidents Organization; also a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America and the state and local Mortgage Bankers Associations. He is very active in civic and community groups, including the following: Government Research Council of Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Dade National Bank of Miami; Board of Directors, Family Service; Citizens Board, University of Miami; Vice Chairman United Fund of Dade County; Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Treasurer; Board of Trustees, Temple Beth Am; Standard Club of Miami, President. His hobbies include spearfishing, boating and flying.

A typical business day with Jay Kislak finds him in conference with builders, developers and investors in Miami. The afternoon may find him at the controls of his Cessna 310, flying to other cities in the state or country for business. The use of his private aircraft to reach areas in the state not regularly serviced by commercial airlines has become essential in his business.

Florida possibly has no more enthusiastic supporters than the Kislak family, which includes his wife, the former Beverly Braverman of Plainfield, New Jersey, who attended Wellesley College, Massachusetts; sons Jonathan, age twelve; Philip, eleven; and daughter Paula, seven. Jon and Phil are good students and are among a group selected for experimental classes for gifted children. Science, zoology and mathematics are their favorite subjects. Paula, the only girl and the baby, occupies a special place in the hearts of the household. Her brothers look out for her like a pair of young lions. She likes to swim in the family pool and go bicycle riding.

A close-knit group, the family enjoys many hobbies in common. Almost any weekend may find the boys off on a flying trip with their father, going hunting or spearfishing. Other activities include golfing, swimming, basketball and touch football. Mrs. Kislak, however, is not the athletic type. She is an avid reader, a lover of music and the arts, and occasionally takes courses at the University of Miami in subjects which she finds interesting.

Jay and Beverly Kislak met several years before their marriage on February 4, 1947. They moved to Miami in 1953 when they decided that Florida was the place where they wished to live and work and rear their children. Their home in suburban southwest Miami is an agreeable setting for the realization of their dreams and ambitions.

EDUARDO MORALES

The President of Metropolitan Bank of Miami, Eduardo Morales, has made banking his career since 1923, excepting seven years during the depression when he was an executive of a sugar mill in Puerto Rico.

Born in Spain February 7, 1902, he is a son of Cristobal and Maria Rosa Morales, both deceased and buried in Puerto Rico, where the family moved in 1913. His father was in the import and export business.

Eduardo was educated in American schools in Puerto Rico, graduating from San Juan High School in 1922, and supplemented his education with correspondence courses. He also took courses in Banking and Commercial Law under the American Institute of Banking. In 1923 he started his career as a clerk in the First National Bank of San Juan and remained with that institution for eleven years, advancing through the various steps until he became an officer of the bank.

Following the bank moratorium of the early national depression, he took a position as office manager and treasurer of a sugar mill in Puerto Rico and continued there until 1940. In 1940-41 he was Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Puerto Rico Housing Authority. He returned to banking in 1941 as manager of the new San Juan branch of the Banco Credito and Ahorro Ponceno.

Mr. Morales came to Miami in 1945 to organize the Pan American Bank of Miami and was executive vice president and a director of this bank until late March 1957. From April 1957 to June 1958 he was first vice president and a director of the Mercantile National Bank of Miami Beach. In July 1958 he became associated with the Metropolitan Bank of Miami as senior vice president and a director and in March 1961 was made president of the bank, continuing as a director.

Mr. Morales is a founder member of La Gorce Country Club, a member of Coral Reef Yacht Club, a former member of the Lions Club and the Elks of Miami, a former director of the Miami Red Cross, and a member of Gesu Catholic Church, Miami. His principal recreation is golf.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 15, 1925, Eduardo Morales married Ana Bustamante, daughter of Enrique and Josefa (Ruiz) Bustamante, and a graduate of San Juan High School. Mr. and Mrs. Morales are the parents of two sons:

1. Edward A. Morales, born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in August 1931. He attended elementary school in Puerto Rico, graduated from Miami High School and Miami University, where he was a member of the ROTC, and served two and a half years in the United States Air Force with the top rank of First Lieutenant. He is now vice president and half owner of a mortgage company in Miami.

2. Joseph E. Morales, born in San Juan in 1939, graduated from Miami High School and Miami University, is associated with the Institutional Mortgage Company of Miami.

The Morales have one grandchild, Edward Anthony, son of Edward, now age seven years.

MICHAEL J. ZOROVICH

One of our young presidents of million-dollar business enterprises is Michael J. Zorovich of Miami, President of Acme Concrete Corporation, the second largest business of its kind in Florida and one of the largest in the South.

Born in New York City August 20, 1922, Michael is a son of Samuel and Tina (Harabagli) Zorovich, who now make their home in Florida in the winter and in Long Island, New York, in the summer.

The father, Samuel Zorovich, is another classical example of the American success story. Born in Yugoslavia he came to the United States in his teens and settled in the lower east side of Manhattan, New York. Starting as a laborer, he was subsequently a steel worker, plasterer, captain of a big boat, and taxi cab operator, becoming the owner of one of the largest fleets of cabs in New York City. He sold his taxi cab business in 1958. In 1947 he came to Miami and with his son Michael, who preceded him here in 1946, organized the Acme Concrete Corporation, over which he presided until 1958, when he became Chairman of the Board and his son became President.

Michael Zorovich graduated from St. Agnes High School, New York City, in 1939 and from Notre Dame University, Indiana, in 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He played football at Notre Dame in 1941-42. During World War II, from 1943 to 1946, he served in the United States Army Infantry as a sergeant and in the Army Air Corps. He did twenty months overseas in the European theatre, was wounded and received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Married in Chicago June 29, 1946, to Betty Ivens, daughter of George and Mary Ivens of Chicago, Michael Zorovich brought his bride to Florida and they made their home in Miami Shores, where they are members of St. Rose of Lima Church and their three oldest children attend St. Rose's School. They now have five children: Michael, Jr., Steven, Lisa, Gregory, and Claudia.

Mr. Zorovich is a member of the Young Presidents Organization.

W. L. PHILBRICK

The owner and operator of Philbrick Colonial Funeral Home in Miami, W. L. Philbrick, opened one of the first funeral homes in Miami and has a couple of other firsts to his credit.

Born in Tallahassee, Florida, October 5, 1900, he is a son of the prominent physician, Dr. Edward Edwin Philbrick, a native of England, who came to Florida in 1873 and practiced medicine in Tallahassee from 1888 to 1924. He was a graduate of New York University School of Medicine. Prior to his becoming a physician and surgeon he was a building contractor and a brick manufacturer. He moved to Miami in 1924 and continued his medical practice there until 1928. Dr. Philbrick is credited with the discovery of phosphate in Florida. His wife, mother of W. L. Philbrick, was Minnie E. Townsend.

Our Mr. Philbrick was educated in the public schools of Jacksonville and went to the Cincinnati College of Embalming for his professional training. He came to Miami in 1919 and opened the first funeral home there on May 1, 1922. He was the first to establish limousine-type ambulance service in Miami and the first to offer marine ambulance service (the operation of a private ambulance boat to serve the port of Miami).

In addition to the original Home at 660 West Flagler Street, Miami, Mr. Philbrick has enlarged his business to include a Home in Coral Gables, one in South Miami, one in Miami Shores, and one in Hialeah-Miami Springs.

In professional organizations Mr. Philbrick is a past president of the Florida Funeral Directors Association and a member of the National Funeral Directors Association. Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau, the University of Miami Sustaining Foundation, president of the Florida Society for Crippled Children, past president of the Miami Beach Lions Club, a member of the Methodist Church and past president of the Wm. Jennings Bryan Memorial Bible Class. In fraternal organizations he is an Elk of Miami Lodge #948; a member of F. and A. M. Ocean Bay Lodge of Miami Beach, all bodies of the Scottish and York rites, Knights Templar Commandery, and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami. During World War II he was active in the Dade County Council of Defense, helping in organizing casualty stations and the blackout system.

On October 5, 1931, in Miami W. L. Philbrick married Christine Jarvis Seel, a native of Ilion, New York, daughter of Arthur and Christina (Bogel) Seel, who came to Miami in 1921. Mr. Seel was a brick mason by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Philbrick are the parents of twins (Jack and Jill) born in Miami April 10, 1935.

1. Jackson E. Philbrick graduated from Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Georgia, and from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science in 1961 and will be associated with his father in the Philbrick Funeral Homes. He married Marlene Buckeldee of Monterey, California, and they have a daughter, Carrie, born in Miami November 27, 1959.

2. Jill Elizabeth Philbrick graduated from Miss Harris's School for Girls, Miami, and from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in the class of 1958.

REGINALD LAMAR WILLIAMS

A Miami attorney since 1938, Reginald L. Williams is the third generation of the Williams family born in Florida. Two former governors of Florida, Fred Cone and John Branch, are on the Williams family tree. So is Myrna Loy, the actress, whose real name is Myrna Williams.

When Llewellyn Williams (great-great-grandfather of Reginald Lamar) lost his wife in North Carolina, he sold his cattle and lands and divided the proceeds between his three older sons and himself. They drew lots, and one went west to Alabama, one went east to Wilmington, North Carolina, and one went north. The father and youngest son, Robert, came south, first settling in Georgia and eventually moving on to Florida, trying to get away from the "civilization" of the railroad; but Henry B. Plant's railroad finally caught up with him even in Florida.

Robert Williams was fourteen years old when he came to Florida with his father. His son, Ephraim, was born in Sumter County, and so was his grandson, Benjamin Dillon Williams, who was employed by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad all his life and died in 1955. He is buried in Tampa.

Son of Benjamin Dillon and Lily Skeels Williams (a native of Baker County, Florida) Reginald Lamar Williams was born in Jacksonville September 22, 1912. Growing up in Tampa, he graduated from the H. B. Plant High School in 1929 and went on to study law at the University of Florida, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1934. Admitted to the Florida bar that year, he practiced his profession in Tampa until 1938, at which time he moved to Miami. He is now a member of the firm of Dixon, DeJarnette, Bradford, Williams, McKay and Kimbrell.

During World War II Mr. Williams served in the United States Army, Field Artillery, and was thirty-four months overseas in North Africa and Italy. He received the Bronze Star, five campaign medals and two foreign decorations—Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division), and Cavalier Officer of the Italian "Order of Sts. Maurice and Lazarus." Entering as a First Lieutenant, he is now a retired Lieutenant Colonel.

While at Fort Bragg, Lt. Col. Williams met another officer by the name of Williams who was from North Carolina and turned out to be a cousin. He was trying to trace the descendants of the other Williams brothers and had succeeded in tracing the Alabama brother and his family. It was he who discovered the relationship of the actress, Myrna Loy.

At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Lt. Williams met Lt. Helen Werner, an Army nurse just returned from the Philippines. They were married at Fort Sill on April 10, 1942. A native of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Adolph and Carolina (Ball) Werner and is a graduate of Santa Rosa Academy of San Antonio. At the handsome Williams home in Coral Gables she indulges her hobby of raising orchids. She has beautiful blooms hanging in a spectacular display around their swimming pool and also cultivates them in a conservatory. A son, Richard Lamar Williams, born in Coral Gables November 27, 1947, is now a student at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Mr. Williams is a member of the American Bar Association and of its House of Delegates, representing Dade County; a member of the Florida Bar (President for 1962-63), and the Dade County Bar (past president of the latter, 1956-57); a member of the Miami Club, the Century Club, the Beach Colony Club, the Army and Navy Club of Coral Gables and the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables. At the University of Florida he was a member of Blue Key, honorary leadership society, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi, social fraternity, and Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity. His church is the Methodist; his recreation, golf.

HARRY I. LIPTON

The late Harry I. Lipton of Miami was a lawyer, financier and leader in Jewish community and Zionist affairs.

Born in Poland December 6, 1897, and son of Isidor and Ida Lipton, he was brought to the United States as a child. His parents settled at Latrobe, Pennsylvania. After receiving his education in elementary and high schools, Harry Lipton attended the University of Pittsburgh and graduated with honors.

Prior to the close of World War I he became a member of the Engineers Corps and at the conclusion of the war attended Oxford University as a student of the American Expeditionary Forces. While in London he served for six months as secretary to the noted Moses Gaster, Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic Jews of Great Britain.

Following his return home, Harry Lipton entered the Harvard Law School and graduated three years later. Together with his roommate, Baron de Hirsh Meyer, he travelled in Europe and North Africa, and spent four months in Palestine, where he was inspired by the la-

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bors and sacrifices of the early Zionist pioneers. He developed an intense interest in Zionism, which remained a passion until his last day.

Lipton began to practice law in Pittsburgh and came to Miami in 1925 in the interests of a client. Swept away by the excitement of the land boom, he decided to remain and opened a law office with Baron de Hirsh Meyer, who later became a city councilman of Miami Beach.

Harry I. Lipton always had a penchant for finance and banking. As the real estate boom was breaking, he invested his last $5,000 in the Dollar Savings Bank of Miami. The bank examiners closed it ten days later. Yet this experience did not discourage him. During the depression the Miami Beach Bank and Trust Company closed its doors. Lipton organized a committee of the depositors and induced Philip Liberman, a retired businessman of New York, to purchase the bank assets from the state. Lipton became the attorney and director of the reopened bank. Out of small beginnings this institution grew and paid off all the depositors who had money in the bank before it closed. Subsequently the name was changed to the Mercantile National Bank of Miami Beach. Today this bank has resources in the sum of $49,000,000 and is an important institution in the Florida banking system.

Banking connections brought Mr. Lipton's attention to the plans of the New Deal for initiating the chain of Federal Savings and Loan Associations. Among the first to apply for a charter, Lipton founded, in 1933, the Dade Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami, which was the second of the Federal institutions organized in the United States. The experiment succeeded and the initial investment of $7,500 has expanded to the resources of $170,000,000. When Harry I. Lipton died in 1936, his brother, Joseph Lipton, succeeded him and has remained president of the Dade Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami.

Several months before his passing, Lipton also obtained a charter for, and organized, the American Bank and Trust Company of Miami. After his death this bank passed into a different group and was ultimately absorbed by the First National Bank of Miami. But his flair for organizing was not confined to banks. In 1935 he had the Town of Surfside incorporated and became its first municipal judge.

A strong sense of public welfare motivated Harry Lipton's actions. After the 1926 hurricane he was a member of the Rehabilitation Committee which assisted those who sustained losses and needed help. Active in the Miami Zionist District, he attended national conventions and in 1935 was a delegate to the World Zionist Congress at Zurich, Switzerland. From 1930 to the year of his death, Lipton, together with Harry Simonhoff, conducted the annual campaigns which raised funds for the United Palestine Appeal and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

He assisted Louis Topkis of Wilmington, Delaware, in organizing the Beth Jacob Congregation on Miami Beach. This was the third synagogue in Greater Miami. Today the number exceeds forty. He served three terms as president of Beth Jacob Congregation and was a Mason, Shriner and a member of the B'nai B'rith.

In 1930 Harry I. Lipton married Ethel Stern of Chicago. At the age of thirty-nine he died, on October 21, 1936, in Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City, following an operation. Surviving him were his widow, Ethel Stern Lipton, his parents, his three brothers, Joseph M., Samuel, and Simon, his sister Helen, all of Miami.

JOSEPH M. LIPTON

President of one of the first thirty-five largest Federal Savings and Loan Associations in the United States, Joseph M. Lipton has been an outstanding leader in community business, civic and fraternal activity since his arrival in Miami in 1925. As one of the founders and head of Dade Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami, he has guided that institution in continuous and successful growth until its resources are now over 175 million dollars. Today the Association has five offices serving Dade County.

Son of Isidor (a merchant) and Ida Lipton, both born in Poland in 1874, Joseph M. Lipton was born September 9, 1900, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he attended public and high school. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics.

For a brief time after coming to Miami in 1925, Joseph Lipton was identified with the real estate activity of the period. However, he soon turned to life insurance and later to general insurance, founding the J. M. Lipton Insurance Agency, Inc. This agency has steadily progressed until it is now one of the leading insurance agencies in Miami. Mr. Lipton holds a Chartered Life Underwriter degree (C.L.U.), a professional insurance degree.

He is a past president of the Florida Savings and Loan League, has served as Florida Director of the United States Savings and Loan League, and is a member of the latter's Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation Law and Regulations Committee.

In civic organizations he is a member of the Miami Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, the Citizens Committee of the University of Miami, and has served in the Dade County Chapter of the American Red Cross as treasurer and as General Chairman of the 1951 Fund Drive.

He is a trustee of Mount Sinai Hospital, a life member of Y.M.H.A., a patron of the Outstanding Citizens Awards for Sholem Lodge of B'nai B'rith, and is president of Temple Emanu-El. He was appointed chairman of the 1961 Greater Miami Combined Jewish Appeal campaign and was a member of the Seventh United Jewish Appeal Study Mission to Rome and Israel, which took place in October 1960.

He also holds membership in the James Carnell Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, Mahi Temple and the Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His college fraternity is Pi Lambda Phi, and he is an active director of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Club. Golf is his hobby.

In Paterson, New Jersey, on September 24, 1933, Joseph M. Lipton married Anne Abrash, daughter of Samuel and Rose Abrash, natives of Poland, who was born in Paterson, New Jersey, January 22, 1907. The Liptons reside in Miami Beach at 651 47th Street. They have a son and a daughter, both born in Miami, both married: Ronald A. Lipton, born June 28, 1934, and Mrs. Harriet Harris, born December 28, 1936.

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GEORGE THOMAS BAILEY, JR.

One of the fifteen Young Presidents of South Florida who head million dollar businesses, G. Tom Bailey, Jr. is president of Bailey's Lumber Yards, Inc., which was founded by his father in 1925. In order to belong to the 1300-member national Young Presidents Organization, a man must head a business which grosses a million dollars a year, have at least fifty employees, and be ready to retire when he is forty-nine. Members of the YPO are necessarily ambitious, capable, independent and hard working young men.

Born in Miami December 20, 1925, G. Tom Bailey, Jr., is a son of G. Tom, Sr., who died in Miami January 30, 1960, at the age of seventy-one. Tom Jr.'s mother, Bessie Lott Bailey, died in March 1960 and is buried in Douglas, Georgia, her birthplace.

George Thomas Bailey, Sr. was born on a farm in Sun Hill, Georgia. His father, also Tom Bailey, ran a saw mill and lumber yard in Brunswick, Georgia, and there the son served his apprenticeship in the lumber business. He later had a saw mill in Alabama and served as a deputy sheriff in that state. Coming to Miami, Florida, in 1924, he established his lumber yard in the peak of the Florida boom and served as its president until his death.

Mr. Bailey, Sr. was a self-educated man and well read. He was a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, a member of the Miami lodge and Mahi Temple Shrine, and a member of the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables. In addition to his Miami residence at 1615 Micanopy Avenue, he had a home in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

G. Tom Bailey Jr. graduated from Miami High School in 1941 and from the University of Florida in 1949, meanwhile serving in the United States Air Force in World War II from 1943 to 1945. He was a flight engineer on a B-29 with the rank of sergeant first class.

On completing his education young Mr. Bailey entered his father's business and succeeded to the presidency of the firm upon the death of his father in 1960. Bailey's Lumber Yards, Inc. has four yards in South Florida and employs approximately 100 people.

Mr. Bailey is a director of the Florida Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association, and is past president of the Reserve Supply of Florida, Inc. In addition to his membership in the YPO, he is a member of Miami Kiwanis Club, the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables, the Hole-in-One-Club, and Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity of the University of Florida.

He has four children:

1. Joyce, born at Gainesville, Florida, March 20, 1947.
2. George Thomas, IV, born at Gainesville, February 7, 1949.
3. Barbara Jeanette, born in Miami, July 1, 1952.
4. Elizabeth Patricia, born in Miami, March 27, 1957.

Joyce is a student at the Ponce de Leon Junior High School, Coral Gables. Tom IV and Barbara are attending the Sunset Elementary School.

Mr. Bailey is now married to Katherine A. Raich of Miami.

LELAND J. MEDINA

National Bakers Service, Inc., makers of "Hollywood" bread, is one of the nation's pioneers in the field of low calorie products. Formerly based in Chicago, the firm moved its headquarters to Hollywood, Florida, in June 1961, in line with its expansion program. The company now licenses about 260 baking concerns in the United States and Canada for the use of its franchised products. Mrs. Eleanor R. Hansberry, founder and president of the firm, is a local resident.

The executive vice president of National Bakers Service, Inc., Leland J. Medina, who is also a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, has been with the company since 1945. He was appointed executive vice president and general manager at the board meeting June 16, 1961. Previously he had wide experience in sales management with several concerns.

Born in Modesto, California, November 29, 1896, he is a son of Frank J., a native of France, and Catherine (Magee) Medina, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States in the 19th century. His father, who was a linguist, speaking many languages, subsequently moved to Modesto, California, and operated a grocery business there. For a brief period he tried prospecting in Alaska. He died in 1914; his wife in 1928.

Leland Medina graduated from Modesto High School in 1913 and from the University of California in 1918 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He served in the first World War, 1917 to 1919, as a Second Lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps at United States Army General Hospital #21, Denver, Colorado, where he served as Registrar and Commanding Officers of Patients. At that time this was the largest Army hospital for tuberculosis in the United States. For a short time following his discharge, Mr. Medina was athletic coach in the Rocky Mountain Division of the American Red Cross.

His career as a salesman began in 1920 and by the end of that year he was national sales manager for the Green River Division of Schoenhofer Company of Chicago. From 1922 to 1925 he was sales manager and executive secretary of R. Stutrke Company of Chicago, manufacturers of machinery. From 1925 to 1934 he was with the Trustee System Service Company of Chicago, starting as field trainee and winding up as general sales manager. From 1935 to 1937 he was national sales manager for Dartnell Corporation of Chicago; 1937 to 1939, regional sales manager covering New England in the Appliance Division of Brunswick Blake Collender Company; and, finally, 1939 to 1945, national sales manager in the Stenotype Division of LaSalle Extension University.

In 1945 he came to National Bakers Service, Inc. of Chicago as director of franchise sales. In 1948 he was made a vice president and board member of the firm, and in 1958 he became senior vice president and a member of the Executive Committee, later being elected executive vice president and general manager.

Mr. Medina has been married twice; first to Florence Sengpiel of Chicago, who died in 1947. His present wife was Amy E. Williamson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Williamson of Fairfield, Iowa. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science degree and also has a Master's degree in Social Science from Columbia University.

TULLY F. DUNLAP

The Riverside Bank in Miami completed the first twenty years of its existence on May 19, 1961. Founded by Calvin Oak, one of the state's pioneer bankers, who served as President and Chairman of the Board until his death on December 8, 1952, the bank was built and continues to operate on the sound, conservative principles of banking in which Mr. Oak was schooled, but at the same time maintains a friendly understanding and personal relationship between management, personnel and customers. In the years since 1941 there have been many changes and much progress. Through hurricanes, wars, booms and recessions, the bank has maintained a steady course and continued to grow. The officers and personnel like to feel that Riverside Bank is a personal friend to its many customers, and believe that the faith of its depositors is reflected in its growth over the past twenty years.

Tully F. Dunlap, who succeeded Mr. Oak as President of Riverside Bank, has been with the institution since its organization in 1941. He was born in Midland City, Alabama, October 22, 1916, son of Charles H. and Verlon M. (Avant) Dunlap, both also natives of Alabama. His father, who was in the life insurance business and retired in 1960, moved the family to Miami in 1925. Tully Dunlap graduated from Miami Edison Senior High School and attended evening classes at the University of Miami.

His banking career began in 1935 at the First National Bank of Miami, where he worked for five years, leaving there to join the new Riverside Bank as Cashier. Having been promoted to Vice-President and then to Executive Vice-President, he was elected President following the death of Mr. Oak in December, 1952, and was at that time the youngest bank president in the State of Florida.

Among the Riverside Bank's amusing and amazing experiences during the first twenty years was one in which Mr. Dunlap "starred," and for which he received nation-wide recognition. In 1954 he captured a bank robber by tackling him as he was about to leave with a sack containing $20,000. There have been false alarms, when an employee inadvertently tripped an alarm and scores of policemen converged upon the scene. It was comforting to know that they could get there in a hurry if needed. Under this category also was the time a baby was born in the bank's parking lot, with the policeman guard assisting in the delivery. Then there was the case of the lady who when asked by the teller to identify herself pulled out her false teeth. Her name was engraved on the upper plate.

During World War II Mr. Dunlap served three years in the United States Army and saw action in the China-Burma-India theater of operations; discharged in 1946 with the rank of sergeant.

He is chairman of the Dade County Bankers Association, second vice-president of the Florida Bankers Association, and vice-president of the Independent Bankers of Florida. A charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Southwest Miami, he is also a past Lieutenant Governor of Division 11, Florida District of Kiwanis International. He is a member of the Hospital Advisory Board of Dade County, the Board of Directors of the Boys Club of Miami, and the Board of Deacons of Shenandoah Presbyterian Church; also a member of Biscayne Bay F. and A. M. Lodge #124, the Scottish Rite and Mahi Temple Shrine. Gardening, tennis, and swimming are his favorite recreations.

Tully F. Dunlap married Mary Doughton Miller, daughter of Anne R. (Rhoads) and John C. Miller of Miami. Mr. Miller is retired. Mrs. Dunlap wos born in Delaware and graduated from Miami Senior High School. The Dunlaps have two children, both born in Miami: Robert F., born February 19, 1950, and Mary Elizabeth (Betsy), born November 4, 1953. Both go to Palmetto Elementary School, Miami.

When Mr. Dunlap took over the office of President of the Riverside Bank in 1952, Mrs. Flavia deCamp Oak, widow of Calvin Oak, became Chairman of the Board. The Senior Vice-President is Vernor L. Lowe, who has had more than thirty years banking experience. Other members of the Board of Directors are O. B. Simmons, Jr., a partner in the law firm of Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Simmons and Dunwody, legal counsel for the bank; and A. M. Tyler, who was associated with the original Tanner's Grocery Stores until he founded his own restaurant chain, "Tyler's," now numbering four. These distinguished persons bring to the Board their combined knowledge of business, banking, law and people, and determine the policies that help the bank to grow and prosper as well as give the best possible service to its customers and stockholders.

JAMES W. BURDIN

The Executive Vice-President of the Greater Miami Federal Savings and Loan Association, James W. Burdin, has held that position since the bank opened in 1954. He is also a director of the institution.

Mr. Burdin was born in Miami January 26, 1926, son of the Miami merchant, Howard Lee Burdin, a native of Selma, Alabama, who came to Florida during the boom of 1925. The father was a sergeant in the famous Rainbow Division during the first World War and was wounded in the Battle of Chateau-Thierry. James's mother was Elizabeth Rivers, a native of Montgomery, Alabama.

James Burdin graduated from Miami High School in 1943 and from the University of North Carolina in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, meanwhile serving in the United States Navy during World War II, 1944 to 1945, as an apprentice seaman.

From 1947 to 1954 Mr. Burdin was associated with the Miami Certified Public Accountant firm of Ring, Mahony and Arner, and in 1951 became a member of the American Institute of Accountants. When the Greater Miami Federal Savings and Loan Association opened its doors in June 1954, Mr. Burdin became identified with this institution as Executive Vice-President and Director. Since then the bank has registered phenomenal growth. During the year 1960 savings increased by more than $5,000,000, keeping this institution in the forefront of the South's fastest-growing savings and loan associations.

Mr. Burdin is a member of the downtown Miami Kiwanis Club, the Miami University Club, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and Coral Gables Presbyterian Church. Golf is his recreation.

On April 14, 1956, in Coral Gables, James M. Burdin married Ann Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall of Columbus, Ohio.

LINDSEY HOPKINS

Prominent in the investment and securities business in Miami, Lindsey Hopkins, Chairman of the Board of the Security Trust Company, has been a resident of Miami since 1935 and was formerly in the investment business in Atlanta, Georgia.

Son of Lindsey and Lenora (Balsley) Hopkins, he was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, March 10, 1908. His family having moved to Georgia, he attended the University of Georgia from 1927 to 1929.

His first employment was in the field of sales and service in the Advertising Department of the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, Georgia, in which employment he spent two years. He first came to Miami in 1931 as Assistant Manager of Lindsey Hopkins, Properties, an investment of his father's. Returning to Atlanta in 1933, he entered the Investment Department of Courts and Company, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and was there until 1935, when he became manager of the Miami Beach branch of the investment firm of Abbott, Proctor and Paine, also a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

From 1945 to 1959 Mr. Hopkins was president of the Montauk Beach Company, Inc., Long Beach, New York. He is a director as well as Chairman of the Board of Security Trust Company of Miami and is also a director of the Carl G. Fisher Corporation, the Sperry Corporation, and the Coca-Cola Company.

Mr. Hopkins is a trustee of the Good Samaritan Clinic in Atlanta, Georgia a member of the Peachtree Golf Club, Piedmont Driving Club and Capital City Club, all of Atlanta. In Miami Beach he is a member of the Surf Club and the LaGorce Country Club. Golf is his favorite recreation. His biographical outline appears in "Who's Who in America."

On April 2, 1932, Lindsey Hopkins married Dorothy Smith, daughter of James Allen and Nannette (Carter) Smith. Mrs. Hopkins attended Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia, and Wesleyan College in Macon. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have two sons, Hugh Lindsey and Carter Wayne.

Hugh Lindsey Hopkins, born in Miami March 3, 1936, graduated from McCallie Military School, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and from the University of Georgia in 1961 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. On December 20, 1960, he married Lilly Rebecca Wilson of Augusta, Georgia. He is now with the Trust Company of Georgia at Atlanta.

Carter Wayne Hopkins, born in Miami April 7, 1940, also graduated from McCallie Military School and is now a student at the University of Georgia.

OSCAR F. MILLER

President and Director of Security Trust Company of Miami, Oscar F. Miller is also President of the Carl G. Fisher Corporation of Miami, and until recently was Executive Vice-President and Director of the Montauk Beach Company of Long Island, New York.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 10, 1902, Mr. Miller is a son of Oscar F. and Susie K. (Riddle) Miller. His father operated a chain of theatres in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He died in 1905; his widow, in 1947.

Oscar Miller attended St. John's Military Academy at Delefield, Wisconsin, and Columbus High School in Columbus, Georgia; also the University of Georgia, where he studied law and graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1925. From 1926 to 1938 he served as Assistant Counsel for The Coca Cola Company in Atlanta.

Mr. Miller came to Miami in 1938 and was one of the organizers of the Security Trust Company, which he has served as president from its foundation to the present date. It was in 1938, also, that he became Executive Vice-President and a director of the Montauk Beach Company of Long Island, New York, which position he held until 1959.

Mr. Miller retains his membership in the Georgia Bar Association and in the Piedmont-Driving Club of Atlanta, Georgia. Locally he is a member of the Committee of One Hundred, St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Coral Gables, the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables, the Surf Club, Century Club, and Coral Harbour Yacht Club of Nassau.

He was married in Atlanta on January 6, 1934, to Mary Phillips Orme, daughter of Frank and Mary (Phillips) Orme. Mrs. Miller attended Washington Seminary in Atlanta.

The Millers have two children, born in Miami:

1. Oscar F. Miller, Jr., born October 6, 1941; a graduate of Sewanee Military Academy and now a student at the University of Miami.

2. Philip Orme Miller, born May 9, 1945; a student at Coral Gables High School.

C. CLYDE ATKINS

Prominent in the legal profession, C. Clyde Atkins of Miami served as president of the Dade County Bar Association in 1954-55 and as president of The Florida Bar in 1960-61.

Mr. Atkins was born in Washington, D.C., November 23, 1914, son of C. C. and Marguerite (Criste) Atkins. His mother is living in Miami. His father died in 1929. A druggist, he operated a pharmacy in Miami for nine years and formerly was a druggist in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Attending local parochial and public schools, C. Clyde Atkins graduated from Miami High School in 1931, attended the University of Miami, and continued his education at the University of Florida, where he received his Bachelor of Laws degree in June of 1936.

For the first four and a half years of his career he practiced law in Stuart, Florida. Returning to Miami in 1941, he served the City of Miami as Associate Municipal Judge in the years 1946 to 1948. Steadily and unobtrusively he rose to a position of prominence in his profession.

In addition to his membership in the county bar association and the state bar, Mr. Atkins is a member of the American Bar Association and of its House of Delegates. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

At the University of Florida he was a member of the Blue Key honorary service fraternity; also of Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity and Tau Kappa Alpha, forensic fraternity. In civic and social groups, he is a member of the Miami Kiwanis Club, the Coral Gables Country Club, and the Little Flower Church of Coral Gables. Photography is his hobby.

On January 18, 1937, at Gesu Church in Miami, C. Clyde Atkins married Esther Castillo of Miami, daughter of Joseph A. and Juliana (Diaz) Castillo. Mrs. Atkins is a graduate of Gesu High School, Miami. The Atkins family includes:

1. Sister Mary Carla, O.P., born in Stuart, Florida,

September 16, 1939, a graduate of St. Theresa High School, Coral Gables.

2. Carla Atkins, born in Miami April 20, 1942, a graduate of Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach, and now a student at Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

3. C. Clyde Atkins, Jr., born May 10, 1944, a student at Christopher Columbus High School.

M. LEWIS HALL

A prominent Miami attorney and successful cattle rancher, M. Lewis Hall of the law firm of Hall and Hedrick, has been a resident of Miami since 1932. Prior to that he practiced his profession in Fort Lauderdale for more than a decade, during which time he served as Municipal Judge and City Attorney of Fort Lauderdale.

He was born in Greensboro, Georgia, June 14, 1900, son of Guy W. and Lillie E. (Lewis) Hall. His mother died in 1903. His father, a retired farmer and merchant and former County Clerk of Greene County, Georgia, is living at St. Simons, Georgia.

M. Lewis Hall graduated from Greensboro High School in 1917 and from the University of Georgia Law School in 1919 with an LL.B. degree. Admitted to the bar the same year, he began his practice in Greensboro but before the year was out moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In 1932 he moved to Miami and has carried on a successful general practice of law there since then. He and his three sons own the Hall Building in which their offices are located.

Mr. Hall is a director of Belcher Oil Company of Miami and its subsidiaries. Cattle raising has been an avocation of his since 1937. He owns three ranches, located in Charlotte, DeSoto and Glades counties and has about 2,000 head of cattle, specializing in the Santa Gertrudis breed.

In World War I Lewis Hall was a private in the Infantry of the United States Army. In World War II he served for three years in the Army Air Corps with the top rank of Major and saw action in England and in Africa.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Dade County Bar Association; a 32nd degree Mason, member of the Royal Arch Masons and Jesters and of Mahi Temple Shrine; an Elk of Fort Lauderdale Lodge; a member of the Riviera Country Club; an active Democrat and a Baptist. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports.

On August 2, 1923, M. Lewis Hall married Mary Frances Dawson, daughter of the late Frank L. and Mollie (Thomas) Dawson of Elsberry, Missouri. Mrs. Hall, a graduate of the University of Missouri, is 1961-62 President of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hall were all born in Fort Lauderdale:

1. M. Lewis Hall, Jr., on August 14, 1924.

2. Frank D. Hall, on October 14, 1927.

3. Vincent T. Hall, on August 2, 1932.

All three are lawyers and members of their father's firm. All graduated from Coral Gables High School. M. Lewis, Jr. received his A.B. degree from Princeton University in 1947 and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1950. Frank graduated from Duke University with an A.B. in 1949 and from the University of Florida Law School in 1951. Vincent also earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Duke University, graduating in 1954, and studied law at the University of Miami, graduating in 1958.

WILLIAM C. STEEL

William C. Steel, a member of the firm of Scott, McCarthy, Preston, Steel and Gilleland, is president of Dade County Bar Association for the year 1961-62.

He was born in Cincinnati, Iowa, February 6, 1916, son of David Steel, a retired merchant, and Myrtle Stickler Steel, who died in 1954.

After graduating from Iowa Falls High School (1933), and Ellsworth Junior College (1935), he entered Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938, and took his legal studies at Harvard Law School, graduating in 1941, with the LL.B. degree. Thereafter he took additional studies at the University of Miami. During World War II he served as a Warrant Officer in the Judge Advocate General's Department, attached to the Air Transport Command of the United States Army Air Force, from 1943 to 1946.

At Miami, Florida, in 1946, Mr. Steel commenced his practice of law with the firm of Loftin, Anderson, Scott, McCarthy and Preston. He became a member of the firm in 1951, and is now a partner in its successor, the firm having undergone the usual name changes in the history of a law firm.

Mr. Steel is a member of the New York Bar (admitted 1942), the Florida Bar (admitted 1946), the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Dade County Bar Association, of which he is currently president.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Consumers Water Company; has been General Counsel for Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company since 1956; and was Division Solicitor for the Florida East Coast Railway Company from 1956 to 1960. He is a past Commander of the Miami Springs post of the American Legion and past president of Grace Lutheran Church of Miami Springs (1958).

In Iowa Falls, Iowa, on August 24, 1940, William C. Steel married Margaret Gordon, daughter of Dr. L. E. and Bess Gordon. Mrs. Steel is a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri (1936), and of Grinnell College, where she received an A.B. degree in 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Steel have one daughter, Jane Gordon Steel, born in Miami, Florida, on May 9, 1946. She is now a student at Hialeah High School.

L. ALLEN MORRIS

A member and past president of the Florida chapter of the Young Presidents Organization, L. Allen Morris of Miami, founder and president of The Allen Morris Company, real estate and property management, and of The Allen Morris Mortgage Company, is also president and director of nineteen other real estate companies or corporations and of a shopping center, Northside Center, Inc.; chairman of the board and director of an insurance agency, Fincher Agency, Inc.; director of Piedmont Southern Life Insurance Company, and of The Metropolitan Bank of Miami. He is also president and director of The Allen Morris Foundation, a

charitable organization, and is a member of numerous professional, civic, educational, religious and social organizations.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, January 7, 1914, he is a son of the late Lonnie Allen Morris (died 1936) and Winnie (Calbeck) Morris, who is living in Los Angeles, California. He was graduated from Boys High School, Atlanta, in 1932, and from Georgia School of Technology in 1936 with a B.S. degree in General Science.

From 1936 to 1939 he was with Vick Chemical Company of New York in their sales division; 1939 to 1940, was Advertising Manager for Haverty Furniture Company, Atlanta; and in 1940 established his own advertising agency in Atlanta. This enterprise was interrupted by World War II.

Entering the United States Navy in 1941 as an Ensign, he was promoted and served in the European and Africa-Mediterranean theater of operations until 1946, earning a commendation from the late Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal, and is now a Captain in the United States Naval Reserve.

After the war Allen Morris was Advertising Manager for Scripto, Inc. at Atlanta, Georgia, for one year; then became associated with the Keyes Company of Miami and was president of that company until April of 1958, at which time he organized The Allen Morris Company.

The other real estate companies of which Mr. Morris is president and director are: Daytona Beach Properties, Inc., Dollar Realty Company, Kemo Corporation, Lummus Island, Inc., Mark I. Realty Corporation, Midtown Properties, Inc., Allen Morris Associates, Inc., Morris Realty Company, Northside Properties, Inc., Panama Properties, Inc., Ridgewood Properties, Inc., South Florida Properties, Inc., Southdale Center, Inc., Southwest Properties, Inc., The Right Investment Corporation, 300 Third Corporation, West Garden Corporation, West Palm Properties, Inc., and Wilmo Company.

He is a member of the following professional organizations: Miami Board of Realtors, Florida Board of Realtors, National Association of Real Estate Boards, National Institute of Real Estate Brokers (past vice president and governor), National Institute of Real Estate Management (CPM), American Society of Real Estate Counselors, American Society of Appraisers, Society of Residential Appraisers, International Traders Club, Mortgage Bankers Association of Greater Miami, and Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida.

In civic organizations he is a member of the Dade County (past director) and Florida Chambers of Commerce, the Government Research Council of Dade County, the Economic Society of South Florida, Miami Rotary Club and Rotary International, University of Miami Citizens Board (past officer and director), Goodwill Industries (director), United Fund (director), Dade County Chapter of the American Red Cross (director and past chapter chairman), American National Red Cross (Governor), Selective Service Division of the U.S. Naval Reserve, Miami (past C.O.), The Orange Bowl Committee, Florida Presbyterian College (trustee and treasurer), Granada Presbyterian Church (Elder and chairman of Building Committee).

He is a past president of the Miami Georgia Tech Club and a member of the following fraternities of Georgia Tech: Pi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Anak Society and Pi Delta Sigma. His social clubs include: The Committee of One Hundred, The Miami Club, El Centro Club, Riviera Country Club, Coral Gables Country Club, The River Club of Jacksonville, The Commerce Club of Atlanta, The Capital City Club of Atlanta, Piedmont Driving Club of Atlanta, and The Army-Navy Club of Washington, D.C.

On February 28, 1940, in Atlanta, Georgia, L. Allen Morris married Ida Martha Akers, daughter of William and Ida (King) Akers of Atlanta, and a graduate of Gunston Hall, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Morris is a member of the Junior League and president of Women of the Church of Granada Presbyterian Church of Coral Gables.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris are the parents of three children:

1. Ida Akers Morris, born July 4, 1941, at Charleston, South Carolina, graduated from Coral Gables High School and is now a student at Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Virginia.

2. Kathryn C. Morris, born February 16, 1945, at Clearwater, Florida; a student at Coral Gables High School.

3. William Allen Morris, born April 11, 1952, at Coral Gables, Florida; a student at David Fairchild Elementary School.

JOHN GRAVES THOMPSON

A member of the law firm of Smathers, Thompson and Dyer, John Graves Thompson has been practicing law in Miami since 1932, following his father in the profession, and has played an active part in the civic life of Greater Miami, including a term as Mayor of Miami Shores.

He was born in Bement, Illinois, October 23, 1906, son of George Mershon and Lois (Graves) Thompson. His mother, daughter of Dr. E. H. and Amelia (Matthews) Graves, was also born in Illinois. His father, son of Dr. George W. Thompson, a dentist, and Alice A. (Ramsey) Thompson, both natives of Washington County, Pennsylvania, was born in Lanark, Illinois, March 7, 1875. A graduate of the University of Illinois, he practiced law in Bement until 1925, when he moved his family to Miami, Florida. There he distinguished himself as one of the ablest attorneys in South Florida. He died September 12, 1939.

John G. Thompson graduated from Bement Township High School in 1924 and attended the University of Illinois for one year. Coming to Florida with his parents in 1925, he completed his college education in 1928 at the University of Florida, where he was a Blue Key man and a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He studied law at the University of Florida and was admitted to the Florida bar in 1932. For seven years he practiced law with his father as a member of the firm of Thompson and Thompson. After the death of his father in 1939 he continued his practice independently until August of 1941. At that time the firm of Smathers, Thompson, Maxwell and Dyer was formed, with offices at 1301 duPont Building, where the present firm of Smathers, Thompson and Dyer continues to conduct a general practice of law.

Mr. Thompson is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Dade County Bar Association. In 1958 he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Barry College, which also conferred upon him its Laudare medal.

Influential in civic affairs, Mr. Thompson is an active Democrat and was elected Mayor of Miami Shores for the year 1943-44. He was president of the Welfare Planning Council of Dade County (1959-60); a mem-

ber of the Board of Jackson Memorial Hospital; a member of the USO National Council; a former director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; a past president of the Dade County Community Chest; a past president and member since its founding of the Orange Bowl Committee. From 1939 to 1948 he was president of the Miami Travelers Aid Society, and he is also a past president and chairman of the board of the National Travelers Aid Association. He is a Rotarian; a member of the First Christian Church, in which his father was particularly active; a member of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, University Club, Washington, D.C., and New York Athletic Club.

John Graves Thompson was married in Miami on June 30, 1932, to Elizabeth Bowen, daughter of Crate D. and Jessamine (Bolvin) Bowen. Her father was a prominent attorney in Miami. The Thompsons have two daughters, both born in Miami:

1. Joanne Bolvin Thompson, born April 1, 1934, now Mrs. Joseph S. Gratton. She attended the Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia at Fredericksburg. Mr. Gratton is a graduate of Cornell University and now owns the Gratton Ford agency in Cumberland, Maryland. Joanne and Joseph Gratton have three children: 1) John Wiley Gratton, born in Miami March 27, 1958; 2) Joseph S. Gratton, Jr., born in Miami January 16, 1960; 3) James Avery Gratton, born in Cumberland, Maryland, March 18, 1961.

2. Barbara Graves Thompson, born November 14, 1936, now Mrs. N. Eugene Patterson of Travers City, Michigan. She also attended Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of Miami University of Oxford, Ohio, and is now a Lieutenant in the United States Coast Guard, stationed at Travers City, Michigan. Barbara and Eugene Patterson now have two children: 1) Jeffrey Wade Patterson, born in Pensacola, Florida, March 22, 1959; 2) Julia Lynne Patterson, born in Jacksonville, North Carolina, October 26, 1960.

GERALD A. KELLER

President of the North Shore Bank of Miami Beach, Gerald A. Keller chose banking for his career at the age of eighteen when he started as a runner at the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He was born in Spangler, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1910, son of William E. Keller, a stationary engineer, and Barbara (Sourd) Keller, both deceased. Following his graduation from South Hills High School in Pittsburgh in 1928, he went to work in the Mellon National Bank of that city and saved his earnings for further education. He attended the University of Pittsburgh for two years, 1931 and 1932. Returning to the Mellon Bank in 1933, he remained there until 1939, advancing to the position of assistant head bookkeeper.

In 1939 he came to Miami and became a member of the staff of Miami Beach First National Bank, where he performed various banking duties until he entered military service in World War II. Joining the United States Army Corps of Engineers in 1943, he served as a staff sergeant in both the European and Pacific theatres of operation until 1946.

After his wartime service Mr. Keller returned to Miami Beach First National Bank and served as assistant loan teller. In February 1947 he joined the North Shore Bank of Miami Beach as assistant cashier and in the course of time was promoted to cashier, vice-president, and executive vice-president. On January 1, 1960, he was elected president and a director of the bank.

Mr. Keller is a member of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, and Miami Shores Presbyterian Church.

On October 1, 1952, he married Martha Anderson Pruitt, daughter of Harrison and Ann (Anderson) Pruitt. Mrs. Keller is a native of Anderson, South Carolina, a graduate of Girls High School of Anderson, South Carolina, and Erskine College at Due West. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have a son, Gerald A. Jr., born in Miami February 25, 1954.

WALTER HUMKEY

A member of the law firm of Fowler, White, Gillen, Humkey and Trenam, Walter Humkey is active in a number of professional organizations, federal and international as well as state and local.

He was born in Lebanon, Kentucky, June 26, 1912, son of the late Walter Humkey, a hardware merchant in Lebanon for many years, who died in 1950, and of Hayes (Osborne) Humkey, who died in December, 1956. Both his parents were natives of Kentucky.

Walter graduated from St. Augustine's High School in the class of 1930 and attended Centre College in 1932. Coming to the University of Florida, he earned a B.S.B.A. degree, and an LL.B. degree there, graduating from the Law College in 1938, and was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida in 1939.

His first year in practice was in Jacksonville, Florida, and, excepting three years in the Navy during World War II, he has practiced law in Miami continuously since then. The above-named firm has its principal offices in Tampa, where it was originally formed in 1943 as Fowler and White, and in 1946 the firm name was changed to its present form. The Miami office is in the Industrial Bank Building, and the St. Petersburg office is in the Florida National Bank Building.

From November, 1942, to November, 1945, Walter Humkey served in the United States Navy and was a Lieutenant and Commanding officer of the USS LST 31 in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Mr. Humkey is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar; past president (1952-53) of the Dade County Bar Association; a member of the United States Maritime Law Association; the American College of Trial Lawyers; the Federation of Insurance Counsel; the International Association of Insurance Counsel, and is on the Executive Committee of the latter.

In social and religious circles he is a member of the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables and the Church of the Epiphany. Golf is his recreation.

He was married in Jacksonville, November 22, 1939, to Rosemary Erskine, daughter of Joseph and Marie Erskine of Jacksonville and a graduate of Lee High School and St. Genevieve-in-the-Pines, a private school in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Humkey have two children, both students at Epiphany School, Miami:

1. Barbara Ann, born in Jacksonville, February, 1950.

2. Joseph Humkey, born in Miami, November 28, 1954.

DR. WILLIAM HOMER WALKER

While history is being recorded, its unfinished pages reflect the activities, accomplishments and ambitions of one of America's most outstanding and beloved citizens; a man renowned in his chosen field of endeavor—business and finance; a man dedicated to the principles of democracy in our great republic, and who has devoted his every energy to the civic, cultural and spiritual growth of his community and state; a man who has been a devoted father, husband, and a counsellor to thousands of fellow citizens.

Today, Dr. William Homer Walker, at 77 years, is still very active and sets a rapid pace for his business colleagues and associates as Chairman of the Board of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami, Florida, an organization founded by Dr. Walker in 1933. It has the distinction of being the Nation's Oldest Federal Savings and Loan Association, holding United States Charter Number One. Strangely enough, Dr. Walker began this association after he came to Florida to retire. Because of his unbounded faith in the growth and future of South Florida, it was apparent that, under his guidance and leadership, the Association would prosper. Today it is the largest institution of its kind in the South, with assets in excess of 300 million dollars. Its home office and four branch offices employ more than 240 persons. Its sound and steady, yet phenomenal, strides have given Greater Miami a strong spoke in the wheel of business, industry and sound economy.

His sense of responsibility, tenacity, ability to evaluate situations and people—these and other factors enabled Dr. Walker to accomplish his desired goals. And today he is still seeking new horizons, not for himself but for his associates and his fellow man.

Dr. Walker was born on September 14, 1883, in Erie, Pennsylvania, the second-oldest of six children of Francis John and May Lillian Walker. He was graduated from Erie High School, having had the honor of being class president. In 1902 he entered the University of Pennsylvania as a student in the Wharton School and holds a B.S. in Economics from that university. Dr. Walker was active in all branches of college life, being a member of the Philomathean Debating Society, the Friars Honorary Society, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and chairman of the University Debating Council. In 1905 he won the University Debating Championship. That same year he was elected president of the Wharton School Students Association.

After completing his college education Dr. Walker immediately entered business with the Erie Lithographing and Printing Company and in a very short time was advanced to the position of Superintendent and Assistant Manager of the company. Later he became Efficiency Advisor and Assistant Purchasing Agent of the Consolidated Lithographing Company of New York, which was a merger comprising the producers of two-thirds of the output of poster lithography in the United States.

In 1913 Dr. Walker organized the School of Business Administration at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and served as its Dean until 1926. Duquesne awarded him the degree of LL.D in 1917. While serving as Dean he was appointed to the editorial staff of the Alexander Hamilton Institute of New York City, during which time he wrote three textbooks on Business Organization, Economics and Finance. These books were used in 23 American universities.

In addition to his reputation as educator and author, Dr. Walker has always been recognized as an organizer and promoter. Just before World War I he organized a war-strength company of Infantry at Duquesne University. When war broke out he was tendered a commission as Captain in the Army, but was commandeered by Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, later Secretary of the United States Treasury, to assist in the acquisition of war funds. Working with Mr. Mellon, he organized and directed the six major drives for war funds in Western Pennsylvania in 1917 and 1918. Following one of these drives, President Wilson wrote that, "In my opinion, this is the largest per capita, free will offering ever taken in any cause in any major city in the United States."

Having lost two young daughters by pneumonia, Dr. Walker decided in 1927 to move his family to Florida. His family at that time consisted of his wife, the former Valerie Anita Trubey, whom he had married in 1906, and his four sons: William Homer Walker, Jr., born May 12, 1907; Robert Van Dusen Walker, born November 26, 1917; Frank John Walker, born March 20, 1919, and Joseph Henry Walker, born September 29, 1920.

During the period 1928 to 1933 he administered various personal properties in the Miami and Miami Beach areas, but, having always led a most vigorous life, he decided to go back into active business. This he did by organizing the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami, and taking an active interest in every phase of the Federal Savings and Loan System. From 1938 to 1943 he served as Director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is a past president of the Florida Savings and Loan League and of the Southeastern Group Conference of the United States Savings and Loan League.

From 1947 to 1949 Dr. Walker served as Director of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, and in 1949 was elected its President. He served as Director-at-Large of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce from 1954 to 1960. In 1951 he was appointed to the Voluntary Credit Restraint Committee of the Federal Reserve Board, the only member from the South to serve on this national committee. In 1958 he was appointed Director of the United Fund of Dade County.

Dr. Walker's public service is highlighted most recently by his chairmanship of the Inter-American Center Authority, a state commission empowered to establish an Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center in the Miami, Florida, area. The Center is a project intended to bring together, in closer understanding and trade, the peoples of the United States and Latin America. Dr. Walker served as Acting Chairman from 1950 until 1957 and was appointed Honorary Lifetime Chairman in 1960.

At the present time Dr. Walker is a member of the Newcomen Society of North America, the Committee of One Hundred of Miami Beach, the Surf Club, LaGorce Country Club of Miami Beach, and Miami Shores Country Club.

Dr. Walker resides in Miami Shores Village with his wife, the former Margaret Dolores Heitman, whom he married in 1938 after the death of his first wife. Their son, John Bernard Walker, born February 17, 1940, is a student at the University of Miami. Their daughter, Dolores Judith, born October 27, 1938, is married to Joseph Krebs, Jr., and resides in Miami.

Dr. Walker's four sons by his first marriage are all

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successful businessmen and residents of Miami Shores Village. William H. Walker, Jr., is president and general counsel for the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami; Robert V. Walker is executive vice-president and general manager of First Federal; and Joseph H. Walker, an attorney, is vice-president in charge of branch operations and assistant manager of First Federal. Frank J. Walker is a design and construction consultant operating his own corporation.

MARTIN LUTHER MERSHON

Practicing law in Florida since 1912 and in Miami since 1919, Martin Luther Mershon is one of the top-rated lawyers in Dade County and the State of Florida.

M. L., or "Luther," Mershon is the son of Judge Martin L. Mershon, a native Floridian, who in the '70's was Superior Court Judge for the Brunswick Circuit in Georgia and later practiced law in Brunswick, and in Tampa, Kissimmee, Orlando, and Fernandina, in Florida. Judge Mershon was one of the lawyers who attended the second term of the Circuit Court held in Dade County in April, 1887. He was celebrated for his eloquence as a trial lawyer and as a public speaker. He played a very active part in the political development of both Georgia and Florida. He attended the Democratic party conventions, and actively participated in the state and national campaigns.

The Mershons (originally spelled "Marchand") were French Huguenots who came to America in 1685, first to New York and then to New Jersey. After the American Revolution, one branch of the family drifted south, through Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia. Judge Mershon's parents moved on to Florida, settling about 1826 near Monticello, Jefferson County, where the future Judge was born in 1839. He served in the Monticello Company with the Florida troops in the Confederate Army from 1861 to 1865.

Judge Mershon was married twice, his second marriage being in 1890 to Belle Bearden from Laurens County, South Carolina, whose family had come to Florida after the War Between the States, and was then living in Kissimmee. Judge Mershon died in 1904 at the age of 65 and is buried in the old Spanish cemetery "Bosque Bella," in Fernandina. His widow died in Miami, in 1922, aged 57.

Son of Judge Martin L. and Belle (Bearden) Mershon, Martin Luther Mershon was born in Brunswick, Georgia, August 10, 1891, and received his early education in the public schools of Georgia. He attended Fernandina High School and the University of Florida, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1912. Admitted to the Florida Bar in June, 1912, he practiced in Leesburg until August, 1913. From then until May, 1918, he practiced in Ocala. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, he served in the United States Army in World War I until January 1, 1919.

On returning to civilian life, Mr. Mershon settled in Miami and became associated in practice with Judge H. F. Atkinson and R. Freeman Burdine. On April 1, 1920, he and W. I. Evans formed a partnership under the name of Evans and Mershon. Judge Atkinson joined the firm in 1921 and the name became Atkinson, Evans and Mershon. In 1923 Judge Atkinson was elected Judge of the Circuit Court for Dade and Monroe Counties, and retired from the firm. In 1933 Herbert S. Sawyer became a partner and the firm name became Evans, Mershon and Sawyer, under which name the firm continued a general civil practice of law until Mr. Evans' death in 1938. The law firm became one of the best known in the State. The number of its partners and associates has continued to increase, and its name is now Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Simmons and Dunwody, with offices in the First National Bank Building, Miami, Florida.

Mr. Mershon has engaged as a trial lawyer in numerous litigations which have settled questions of property rights and of zoning law. In 1930 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Law Examiners and served until 1933. He became a member of the Florida State Board of Control in January, 1944, serving until June, 1947. He is a member of the American Bar, the Florida Bar, and the Dade County Bar Association, and was president of the latter in 1932-33. He was a member of the "Fabisinski Committee" appointed by Governor LeRoy Collins, which recommended the Pupil Assignment Law adopted by the Florida Legislature in 1955, and later served on the Governor's Race Relations Committee. He is a director and past president of the Southeastern Division of the Children's Home Society of Florida, as well as vice-president and director of Miami Heart Institute. In 1942 he was chairman of the Alien Enemy Hearing Board for the Southern District of Florida. He received a special award of the Boys' Clubs of America for meritorious service as Secretary-Treasurer of Miami's Boys' Club Foundation. He is a member of the American Legion, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Riviera Country Club, Coral Gables Country Club, The Miami Club, and of Trinity Methodist Church, and is listed in "Who's Who in America."

In 1927 Mr. Mershon married the former Marie Turner, of Valdosta, Georgia, daughter of E. L. and Clara M. (Mann) Turner. They have twin daughters, Nancy Belle and Betty Marie, born December 17, 1935.

Nancy Belle graduated from Coral Gables High School and attended Florida State University and the University of Miami. In 1957 she married William M. De Long, a graduate of the University of Miami, who served as a sergeant in the United States Marines in the Korean War. They live in Miami and have a daughter, Donna Marie, born in 1959.

Betty Marie also graduated from Coral Gables High School and attended Florida State University and Stephens College. In 1958 she married H. James Catlin, Jr., of Miami, and they have two children: Cynthia Anne, born in January, 1960, and Catherine Marie, born in July, 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Mershon reside at 3603 Granada Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida.

LEONARD L. ABESS

Thirty years as a Certified Public Accountant in Florida is the record of Leonard L. Abess, now Chairman of the Board of the Industrial National Bank of Miami and the North Shore Bank of Miami Beach. Mr. Abess is prominent in civic and social welfare organizations in the Miami area.

Son of a general contractor, Kalman Abess, who died in 1921, and of Anna (Feiner) Abess, also deceased, Leonard L. Abess was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on March 28, 1904. He graduated from Central High School, Washington, D.C., and from New York University, New York City, in 1925 as a Certified Public Accountant.

Arriving in Miami on August 3, 1925, he shortly thereafter set himself up in business as a Certified Pub-

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lic Accountant and continued in the practice of accounting until 1955. During that long period he served twelve years on the Florida State Board of Accountancy, serving under three Florida Governors, David Sholtz, Fred Cone, and Spessard Holland.

Mr. Abess is a past president of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In civic organizations he is a member and former vice-president of Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of Miami and Florida State Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Citizens Board of the University of Miami, member of the Orange Bowl Committee, and past president of Dade County Community Chest. Incidentally, he and Baron deHirsch Meyer donated the Community Chest Building in Miami and the James E. Scott Community Center.

He is treasurer of the Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami Beach, a member of Temple Israel, Miami, and is the recipient of several awards, among which are the annual award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the award of the Anti-Defamation League. He is also a member of the Newcomen Society, Miami Beach Rotary Club, the Miami Rotary Club, the Miami Club, the River Club of Jacksonville, and Harmonie Club of New York. Golf and fishing are his recreations.

On March 25, 1936, Leonard L. Abess married Bertha Ungar, daughter of Arthur and Marcella (Marshall) Ungar, who attended the Pine Manor School in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Abess are the parents of three children: 1. Linda Abess Ellis, born June 10, 1939, who graduated from Miami Beach High School and attended Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts. 2. Marcella Ungar Abess, born October 10, 1944, a student at Everglades School for Girls in Miami. 3. Leonard L., Jr., born July 27, 1948, a student at Miami Country Day School.

OSCAR EARLE DOOLY

Oscar E. Dooly of Miami, prominent realtor and investment banker, has been actively engaged in these lines of business since 1930, and is one of the civic and social leaders of Miami.

He was born in Talbotton, Georgia, June 5, 1900, son of Oscar Earle and Ada Belle (Lumms) Dooly. His mother recently passed her 80th birthday at her home in Columbus, Georgia. His father, who died February 29, 1936, was a banker in Georgia and Florida and during the latter part of his career was vice-president of the Mechanics and Metals Bank of New York, now Chase Manhattan National Bank.

Oscar Dooly's education was gained in the schools of Georgia, including a year (1917-18) at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville.

In Miami in 1930 he established his real estate business, now Oscar E. Dooly Associates, Realtors, and also became senior partner in Oscar E. Dooly and Company, Investment Bankers, which firm is a member of the Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore Stock Exchanges. Mr. Dooly was also vice-president and a director of the Associated Concrete Pipe Company of Florida, Inc., until it was sold to Lock Joint Pipe Company in 1959. He was one of the organizers of Richard's Department Store in Miami and served as director until 1955. He is now a director of Sottile, Inc.

Mr. Dooly is a member of the Miami and Miami Beach Boards of Realtors, the Florida Association of Realtors, the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the Florida Security Dealers Association and the National Association of Securities Dealers.

In civic affairs, he is a member of the Miami and Miami Beach Chambers of Commerce; past Chairman of Finance and Treasurer of the United Fund of Miami; past director and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Community Chest of Dade County; past president of the Orange Bowl Committee; Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Executive Committee and of the Finance and Endowment Committee of the University of Miami, and was the recipient of the Gold Medal Award of Merit of that University.

In social groups, Mr. Dooly is a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, and the Sons of the American Revolution; a past treasurer and past president and now Chairman of the Board of Governors of LaGorce Country Club of Miami; a member of the Miami Club, the Surf Club, the Bath Club and the Indian Creek Country Club of Miami Beach. He is also a member of Bankers of America, New York City, and the Capital City Club of Atlanta, Georgia. Golf and horseback riding are his hobbies.

On May 16, 1923, in Greer, South Carolina, Oscar E. Dooly married Constance Davenport, daughter of Clifton and Clara (Marchant) Davenport of that town. Mrs. Dooly attended Brenau School for Girls in Gainesville, Georgia, and was a member of the first graduating class of the University of Miami, which opened in 1926.

A daughter, Caren Dooly, born July 28, 1940, graduated from Edison High School, Miami, and attended the University of Georgia. On June 10, 1961, she married Richard L. Tatum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tatum of Atlanta, Georgia. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, class of 1961, with an A.B. degree, and is now attending the University's School of Law.

Mr. Dooly's biography appears in "Who's Who in America."

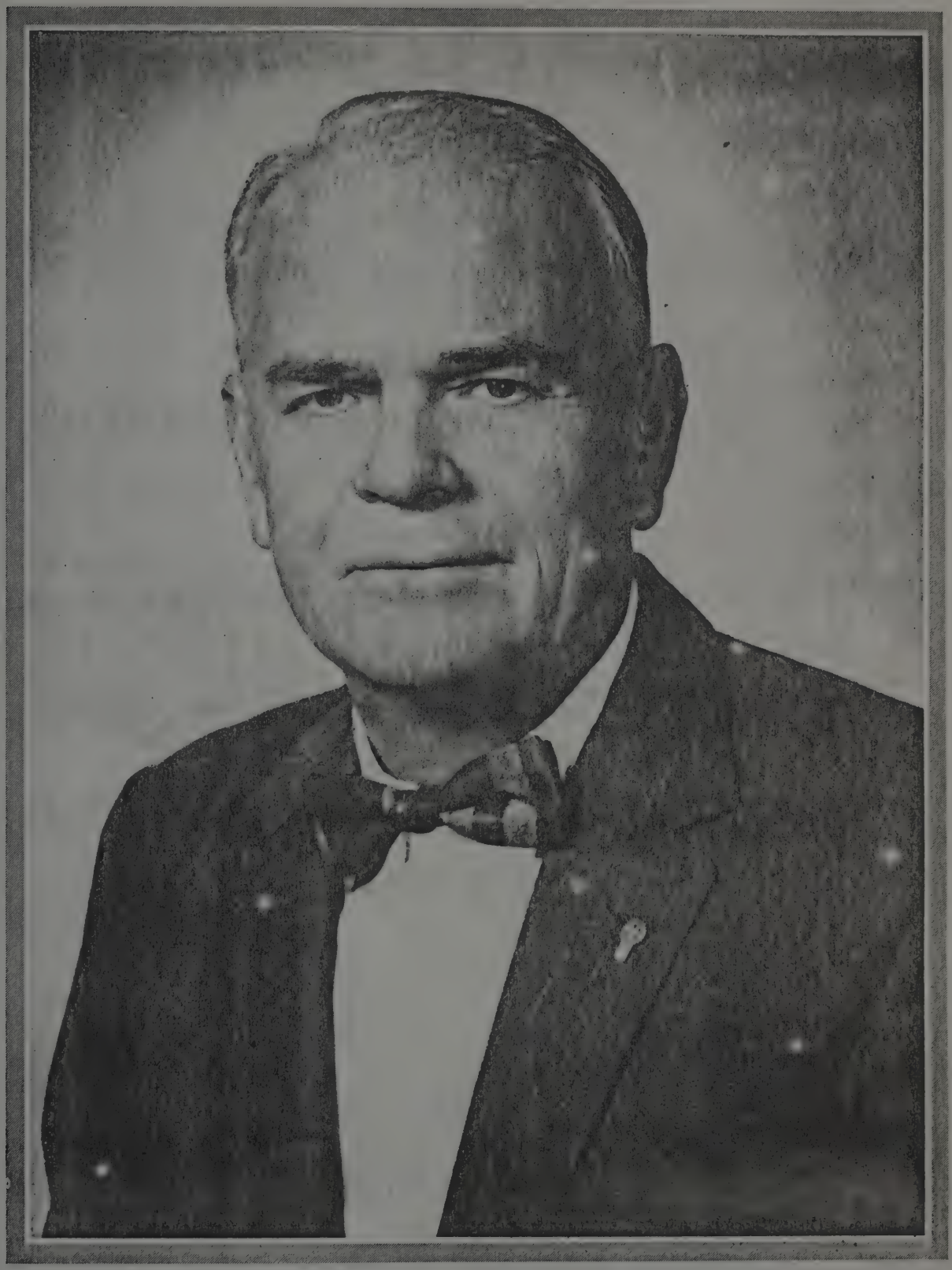
ARLIE M. TYLER

The founder and president of the Tyler Restaurant System, which now has four restaurants in Miami, Arlie M. Tyler has made a success of two business enterprises. He operated a retail grocery business in Miami for thirty-three years, not counting his apprenticeship of four years as an employee of Robert L. Tipton. Mr. Tyler is a charter member of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Bank of Miami. He has been active in civic affairs, particularly in Chamber of Commerce work.

He was born on a farm nine miles north of Valdosta, Georgia, March 1, 1901, son of Noah H. Tyler, a native of Georgia and farmer all his life, who died in 1934 at the age of 83; and of Susie Jones Tyler, who was born in Bulloch County, Georgia, and died in 1914 at the age of 60.

Soon after his graduation from Bethany District School in Lowndes County, Georgia, Arlie Tyler came to Miami, Florida, in 1919, and went to work for Robert L. Tipton, retail grocer. He worked two weeks without pay and at the end of the third week was paid twelve dollars. After two years and seven months, he was promoted to General Manager with a salary of $100 a week—unbelievable pay in those days.

In November of 1923 he resigned from this position to establish his own grocery store, located at 1263 West



Arlie M. Tyler

Flagler Street, Miami, and continued in the grocery business there until 1956, when his company was merged with Grand Union, one of the ten largest grocery companies in the United States. At that time Mr. Tyler retired from the retail grocery business. Ten of his employees had been with him the greater part of his thirty-three years in the grocery business, their aggregate time totaling 280 years. His system with his employees has been to put everyone on his honor, with no bosses.

Sensing that Miami had a great need for a family type restaurant with good food at moderate prices, Mr. Tyler established his first restaurant in 1946. The Tyler System's four restaurants now do a total volume of over one-and-a-half million dollars worth of business in a year.

Mr. Tyler is a member of the Florida Restaurant Association and the National Restaurant Association. He is a past director of the Miami Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Florida State and the United States Chambers of Commerce. He has been a member of Miami Rotary Club since 1933. A 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite and Mahi Temple Shrine, he has been a member of Miami F. and A.M. Lodge #247 since 1922, being one of the youngest Master Masons to be raised in Florida. He is also a member of the Central Baptist Church in Miami and the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables. For recreation he likes fishing and hunting.

Mr. Tyler has five children, three by a previous marriage: 1. Frances, Mrs. Louis Germaine, born March 3, 1922. 2. Mitchell H., born September 26, 1925. 3. Helen, born April 7, 1930. He has two children by his present wife, Gladys Regina Hall, whom he married on September 16, 1934: 1. Arlie M., Jr., born February 3, 1936. 2. Bobbie Jean, Mrs. Jack Miller, born September 22, 1937. Mrs. Tyler is a native of Georgia, daughter of Abbie Lee and Annie Starling Hall.

All the children graduated from high school in Miami. Frances attended Florida State University at Tallahassee. Helen attended Nursing School at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami. A. M. Jr. attended Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. He also took a course at the Florida Restaurant School of Florida State University and is now General Manager of the Tyler Restaurant System. Bobby Jean Tyler graduated "cum laude" from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, in 1958.

To date there are nine grandchildren: Corrine, Gloria, Carol and David Germaine, children of Frances; Roddy and Stevie Tyler, children of Mitchell; Deke Lee, Debbie and Staten Tyler, children of A. M. Tyler, Jr.

The senior Tylers reside at 20 North Prospect Drive, Coral Gables.

LON WORTH CROW

Actively engaged in the business life of Miami where he was prominent in real estate and mortgage banking for nearly half a century, Lon Worth Crow concerned himself with practically every kind of vital problem connected with his city and its life. He had a keen sense of civic pride and loyalty to Miami and worked tirelessly for its welfare and growth. He was a man of many accomplishments and lasting friendships, and his kindness, generosity and complete sincerity of purpose greatly endeared him to all who knew him.

Mr. Crow was born in Palmyra, Iowa, September 25, 1877, son of John Thomas and Elizabeth Jane Crow, both natives of Iowa. He completed his general education in St. Charles, Iowa, and took business training at Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines. Embarking upon the business world at the age of 16, he lived briefly in West Port, Mississippi; then moved to Mobile, Alabama, where for two years he was principal of Southern Business University.

At the turn of the century, Mr. Crow moved to West Florida and operated a successful sawmill and lumber business until 1913, when he moved to Miami and entered the real estate business. He was one of the early members of the Miami Realty Board, which he served as a director for 27 years and as its president for two successive terms during 1924 and 1925, when the City was going through one of its most progressive periods. As president of the Miami Chamber of Commerce for two years, 1926 to 1927, Mr. Crow resolved the many administrative problems with which that body was confronted during the difficult times following the 1926 hurricane. He did not lose faith in the future of Miami, as did some after the real estate "bust" of 1926, but continued his many contributions to the City's development. Largely through his effort and influence, the Sea Board Air Line Railroad extended its facilities to Miami.

In 1931 he was elected president of the Florida Association of Realtors in recognition of his leadership in the real estate industry. He was one of the early members of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and served as president of the South Florida Chapter in 1950.

In 1935, after 22 successful years in the real estate business in Miami, Mr. Crow incorporated the Lon Worth Crow Company, assuming the position of president while his son, Lon Worth Crow, Jr., became vice-president. Today this company is one of the largest and most-respected mortgage companies in the entire state, servicing in excess of $110 million in mortgage loans for more than 50 life insurance companies, mutual savings banks and other institutional investors.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. Crow was active in Trinity Methodist Church, South, serving as a trustee for many years. He served on the Board of Jackson Memorial Hospital, was a member of the Citizens Development Council of the University of Miami, a member of the Committee of One Hundred and the Miami Rotary Club.

In 1903, he married Estella Mae Leggett, a graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, where she majored in dramatic art and gained wide popularity for her dramatic interpretations. Mrs. Crow has been prominent in the civic and social life of Miami. She is a member of the D.A.R., a life member of the National Council of Women, and a life member and former president of the Miami Woman's Club. The building which houses the Woman's Club and the Flagler Memorial Library was begun during her administration as president of the club.

Lon Worth Crow, Jr., son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Crow, was born July 7, 1912.

The death of Lon Worth Crow occurred on May 28, 1958, and was an occasion of sincere sorrow and regret. He will be remembered with affection by all whose privilege it was to know him, for his contribution to the life of his times was a significant one.

Louis Ward Crow

LON WORTH CROW, JR.

President, treasurer and director of Lon Worth Crow Company, mortgage bankers of Miami, Lon Worth Crow, Jr., has been an officer of the firm since its incorporation in 1935. Like his father, he has taken an active interest in civic activities.

Son of the late Lon Worth, Sr., and Estella Mae (Leggett) Crow, he was born in Bentonville, Texas, July 7, 1912. After graduating from Miami High School in 1928, he continued his education at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, graduating in 1930. He then attended the University of Florida and graduated in 1933, with an A.B. degree. As an aid in his anticipated busines career, he studied law at the University of Miami, graduating cum laude with an LL.B. in 1937.

Mr. Crow, Jr., became vice-president of Lon Worth Crow Company in May, 1935, while he was still attending law school. On June 21, 1955, he became president of the company.

Enlisting in the Navy in World War II, he served, from 1942 until his discharge as a lieutenant, senior grade, in 1946, with the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Real Estate Division, on the East Coast and in Guam and the Philippines, in connection with land acquisition for naval facilities.

Mr. Crow is a past president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Greater Miami, past president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida, and has served five consecutive years as a member of the Board of Governors of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. He is a member of the Miami Board of Realtors, The American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and the Florida Bar Association. He is presently a director of the Miami Rotary Club, vice-president of the Citizens Committee of the University of Miami and a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Church of South Miami.

He is past president of the Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce, past director of the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Committee of One Hundred, the Miami Club, the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables and Sigma Nu social fraternity.

Lon Worth Crow, Jr., has three children by a former marriage, all born in Coral Gables:

1. Lon Worth Crow, III, born June 14, 1940, graduated from Coral Gables High School and is attending the University of Florida.

2. Mary Katherine Crow, born December 28, 1942, graduated from Palmetto High School and is also a student at the University of Florida.

3. Philip Graham Crow, born October 1, 1949, is a student at Palmetto Junior High School.

Mr. Crow is married to the former Patricia Ann Lathrop of Worcester, Massachusetts. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, Middletown, Connecticut, and attended Skidmore College, Sarasota Springs, New York. Patricia and Lon Worth Crow, Jr., are the parents of Michael Lathrop Crow, born September 14, 1960, and Karen Lisa Crow, born August 7, 1961.

THEODORE V. MOORE

President of Moore Furniture Company of Miami, which was founded by his father in 1918, Theodore V. Moore is a second generation native Floridian and a grandson of Theodore Vivian Moore, the "Pineapple King", who had several hundred acres of land under cultivation in the area which is now Miami Shores. The grandfather was one of the group who drew up the charter for Miami's city manager form of government. Universally honored and respected among his contemporaries, he held the admiration of all who knew him for his keen insight in world affairs and his friendliness and delightful qualities of character and mind. More about the original T. V. Moore follows in a separate sketch.

Son of Thedorore W. and Ruth (Speakman) Moore, the present T. V. Moore (originally designated III, having an uncle T. V. Jr.) was born in Miami July 26, 1922. He graduated from Miami Edison High School in 1938, from Duke University in 1943 with an A. B. degree, and attended the University of Florida, specializing in Business Administration. During World War II he served in the Air Force in the European theatre for three years and was awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry.

Mr. Moore started with the Moore Furniture Company in his teens and did everything from running the elevator during summer vacations to clerking, selling, and finally became president of the company when his father retired. He is treasurer of the Miami Furniture Dealers Association, and a past president of the Florida Furniture Dealers Association of which he is now a board member.

From the following list of present and past memberships and offices held, it will be apparent that Mr. Moore is active and prominent in civic affairs. He is a member of Miami Chamber of Commerce, a director of Miami Better Business Bureau, past director of the Greater Miami Shippers Association, and the Greater Miami Executives Association, a member and past director of the Miami Shores Rotary Club, a member of the Citizens Board of the University of Miami, a Dade County Jury Commissioner, a member of Draft Board #47, past director of the American Red Cross of Dade County, past member of the board of the United Fund and past chairman of the Big Gifts Division, past president of the Travelers Aid Society, and a member of the board and treasurer of the Crippled Children's Society. He is also a member of Miami Shores Presbyterian Church, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Miami Bath Club, Emerald Yacht Club, Commodore Yacht Club, and Coral Reef Yacht Club.

On December 3, 1946, in Miami, Theodore V. Moore married Beverly Garner, daughter of James G. and Alberta (Willis) Garner, and a graduate of Miami Edison High School and Stephen's College, Columbia, Missouri. The Moores have four children, all born in Miami: Kathryn Anne, James Wilson, Janice Gayle, and Gerald Willis.

THEODORE VIVIAN MOORE

This Florida pioneer, who for many years was engaged in horticultural and agricultural pursuits in Florida, was born at Mount Tirzah in Person County, North Carolina, October 14, 1857, son of Theophilus Wilson and Mary (Smith) Moore, who came to Florida from North Carolina. He was educated in public and private schools, including Horner and Graves Military School at Oxford, North Carolina.

Locating first in northeast Florida, he raised oranges along the St. Johns River and pineapples by the

Indian River. He also raised tropical fruits and vegetables in Dade County, where he had a large plantation on the present site of Miami Shores.

Interested in public affairs, he was a Representative from St. Johns County in the Florida State Legislature in the regular and special sessions of 1889 and 1890. He took a leading part in the promotion of the community's interests and earned the gratitude and admiration of his contemporaries. His contributions to Miami were significant, and several residential sections of the city are named for him. He was a charter member of the Miami Rotary Club.

In 1895 Thedore V. Moore, the first, married Mary Sorensen of West Virginia, a daughter of John Sorensen of the Danish Army. Mrs. Moore was an intensely civic-minded citizen. She was one of the first presidents of the Miami Woman's Club and later first vice president of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs; a member of the Everglades National Park Commission, president of the Council of Garden Club Presidents, president of the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies, and a foremost worker in the interests of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Theodore V. and Mary Sorensen Moore were the parents of three children:

1. Theodore W. Moore, born in 1896 in Brevard County, who was educated at Webb Preparatory School in Tennessee and at the University of North Carolina. He served in naval aviation during World War I and founded Moore Furniture Company in Miami. He is a member of the American Legion and the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1920 he married Ruth Speakman of Meadville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Speakman, and they became the parents of three children: T. V. Moore, III, Mary Pauline, and Richard Channing Moore.

2. Mary Pauline Moore, who in 1921 married Mr. James E. Fussell, then secretary-treasurer of the Moore Furniture Company. Their daughter is Patricia Moore Fussell.

3. T. V. Moore, Jr., born February 26, 1906, in Miami, who was vice president of the Moore Furniture Company. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and belonged to Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. In 1936 he married Jessie Smith of Kentucky.

T. V. Moore (the First) died in Miami December 4, 1927. He was loved and trusted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and his death was a cause of deep regret in Miami and throughout the state.

HERBERT SMITH SAWYER

A member of the firm of Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Simmons and Dunwody, Herbert S. Sawyer has been practicing law in Miami since 1930. Before coming to Miami Mr. Sawyer practiced his profession in Sarasota, Florida, for eight years, during which time he served as Prosecuting Attorney for Sarasota County and, in 1929-30, was State Attorney of the 27th Circuit.

Son of William Riley and Ann Bryant (Riggs) Sawyer, he was born in Merritt, North Carolina, December 12, 1889. His father, a farmer, was born in Tyrrell County, North Carolina, in 1845, and died in October, 1922. His mother was born in Pamlico County, North Carolina, in 1854, and died in October, 1931.

Herbert Sawyer received his early education in the district schools of Pamlico County, North Carolina, and in 1912 graduated from Guilford College in the town of that name in North Carolina. Coming to Jacksonville, Florida, he worked there for a while and then took up the study of law at the University of Florida, from which he was graduated with the LL.B. degree in 1916, and was admitted to practice in Florida that year.

His first law practice was with the firm of Reynolds and Rogers in Jacksonville, where he continued until he entered the Army Air Force in World War I. With the rank of Second Lieutenant, he served seven months overseas with the 492nd Aero Squadron, which he commanded for a time, and was discharged in July, 1919, having completed eighteen months in the service.

Returning to Jacksonville in 1919, Herbert Sawyer formed a law partnership with Fred B. Noble and under the name of Noble and Sawyer practiced there until 1922. Moving to Sarasota, he continued his legal practice there in the firm of Sawyer, Surrancy, Carter and Keen, and during his years in Sarasota, as already stated, served in public office as Prosecuting Attorney and State Attorney.

Resigning as State Attorney in 1930, he came to Miami and was associated with Shutts and Bowen until 1933, at which time he became a partner in the firm of Evans, Mershon and Sawyer, predecessor of the present firm.

Mr. Sawyer is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Dade County Bar Association; a past director of the First National Bank of Coral Gables; past District Governor of Kiwanis International, Florida District, and a member of Miami Kiwanis Club; past vice-president of the Miami YMCA; a member of the Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. Golf has been his recreation.

In 1934, Mr. Sawyer married Virginia Davis, daughter of Henry M. and Mary (Knight) Davis of Clarksville, Tennessee. Mrs. Sawyer attended Bowling Green College in Kentucky.

By an earlier marriage Mr. Sawyer has a daughter, June, born September 28, 1925, now Mrs. Wallace I. Garrick of Miami Springs. June graduated from high school in Bristol, Connecticut, and attended Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Her husband is a graduate of the University of Miami Law School and is practicing law in the firm of Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Simmons and Dunwody. Mr. Garrick served as a pilot in the Army Air Force with the rank of Captain in the Korean War, and won four air medals, the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is now a captain in the Air Force Reserves. June and Wallace Garrick have a daughter, Alice Garrick, born in Connecticut in October, 1946.

JOSEPH MICHAEL FITZGERALD

A Miami attorney since 1946, Joseph M. Fitzgerald is a former member of the faculty of the University of Miami Undergraduate School and of the School of Law.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1915, he is a son of Michael P. Fitzgerald, a tavern keeper, who died in 1952, and of Catherine (Hayes) Fitzgerald, who died in 1944. Joseph graduated from Mount St. Mary's High School in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in 1935 and four years later received his A.B. degree from Mount St. Mary's College. He began his study of law at

Georgetown University in 1939 and received his LL.B. degree from the University of Miami in 1946. Meanwhile, from July, 1942, to July, 1946, he served in the United States Navy in the Pacific theater of World War II with the rank of Lieutenant Commander on leaving the service.

Admitted to practice law in Florida in 1946, he has carried on a general practice since then and for a time served on the teaching faculty of the University of Miami. He is also a director of the Boulevard National Bank of Miami.

Mr. Fitzgerald is one of the founders of the Catholic Lawyers Guild and of the Emerald Society of South Florida, and is now National President of Mount St. Mary's College Alumni. His hobbies are fishing, walking and reading.

At St. Rita's Church in Alexandria, Virginia, on August 2, 1941, Joseph Michael Fitzgerald married Grace Elizabeth Finegan, daughter of Frank G. and Grace (Roper) Finegan, and a graduate of St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she received her B.S. degree in 1939. The Fitzgeralds have five children.

1. Mary Frances, born in Philadelphia, July 10, 1942, graduated from Assumption Academy, Miami, and is now a student at Cabrini College, Radnor, Pennsylvania.
2. Joseph Michael, Jr., born in Norfolk, Virginia, October 14, 1943, graduated from Christopher Columbus High School, Miami, in 1961 and is a student at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala.
3. Kathleen Laboure, born in Miami, October 9, 1949.
4. John Patrick, born in Miami, March 22, 1953.
5. Timothy DePaul, born in Miami, October 22, 1956.

VERNER L. LOWE

Now senior vice president and a director of the Riverside Bank, Miami, Verner L. Lowe has been in banking since 1923, excepting two years with the Florida Power and Light Company.

He was born in Miami, December 30, 1905, son of the late Captain Iver L. Lowe and Gunilla (Sjostrom) Lowe. His father, a native of Florida, was a yacht captain. For many years he was captain for A. J. Fay, the president of Father John's Medicine Company of Lowell, Massachusetts, and also served as captain for Mrs. James Donohue, daughter of F. W. Woolworth, the Five-and-Ten magnate. Captain Lowe died in 1952. Verner Lowe's mother was a native of Sweden who came to America with her family as a child, first settling in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, and later in North Andover, Massachusetts. She came to Miami in 1898 and was married there. She died in 1938.

Verner Lowe attended Miami High School and in January, 1923, started his banking career as a runner for the Bank of Bay Biscayne. He later served as bookkeeper, teller, and head bookkeeper. In January, 1931, he went to the First National Bank of Miami, where in the course of nine years he was bookkeeper, teller, head teller, and finally assistant cashier. Leaving the First National Bank in December, 1939, he entered the Florida National Bank and Trust Company and served there in the capacity of teller for three years. It was then he digressed from the field of banking to the Florida Power and Light Company, and was employed in the Miami Beach office and in field work until May of 1945, at which time he returned to banking, joining the staff of the Riverside Bank of Miami. Shortly thereafter he was elected cashier, later becoming vice-president and cashier and finally senior vice-president in January, 1959. He was elected a director of the bank in June, 1957.

Mr. Lowe is a member and treasurer of the Exchange Club of Riverside, Miami, a member of the South Florida Cruising Club, and of the Episcopal Church. He takes his recreation in boating, fishing and playing golf.

In Fort Lauderdale on September 11, 1930, Verner Lowe married Louise C. Martin-Vegue, daughter of Jabez Martin-Vegue and Annie Pinder, a native of Key West, Florida. They have a daughter, Myrna Louise, a graduate of Miami High School, who on July 28, 1956, married Roy C. Fleeman, Jr., of Miami, Florida. They have two children, Roy, Jr., II, and Melinda.

ERNST G. WINTTER

A young funeral director in Hollywood, Ernst G. Wintter entered this profession in 1955, when he graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming. In February of 1961 he purchased the Alan Wright Funeral Home in Hollywood which is now known as the Wintter Funeral Chapel.

Born in Flint, Michigan, April 18, 1934, he is a son of Ernst W. and Edith J. (Constable) Wintter, now residents of Miami. Having attended Gesu High School in Miami in 1950-51, he graduated from St. Rita High School in Detroit, Michigan, in 1952. For the next two years he was with the United States Army Engineers, serving in Japan and Okinawa, and attained the rank of corporal.

After his graduation from the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1955, Mr. Wintter came to Florida. He received his Florida's embalmer's license in 1959 and his funeral director's license in 1960. Meanwhile he was attending the University of Miami, from which he was graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Mr. Wintter is a member of Florida Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors Association, and Alpha Chapter of Phi Sigma Eta, the professional morticians' fraternity. Active in civic and fraternal organizations, he is a member of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Hollywood, also the Dania Chamber of Commerce; Elks Lodge #1732 and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #919, both of Hollywood; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2500 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #41 of Hollywood, and American Legion Post #304 of Dania. He is also a member of Knights of Columbus Council #4851 of Hollywood, the Holy Name Society and the Ushers' Club of the Church of the Little Flower, Hollywood, which is his parish. His hobby is flying, and he has a private flying license.

In Detroit, Michigan, on October 9, 1954, Ernst G. Wintter married Colette M. Shannon, daughter of John and Mildred (Smith) Shannon of Detroit, and a graduate of the Dominican High School in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Wintter now have four children, the first born in Fort Lauderdale, the other three in Miami. They are:

1. Juli Wynn, born May 31, 1956.
2. Ernst John, born April 20, 1957.
2. Shelley Lynn, born July 17, 1958.
4. Colette Renee, born June 30, 1959.

WILLIAM GRESHAM WARD

Senior member of the firm of Ward and Ward, William G. Ward, prominent lawyer of Miami, has been practicing his profession there since 1923.

Born in Lancaster, Kentucky, April 15, 1901, he is a son of Richard Gresham and Laura (Hackney) Ward. His father was a lumberman in Kentucky and Ohio. He came to Miami when his son was in high school and engaged in the real estate and insurance business until he retired in 1942. He died in 1946.

William G. Ward attended Hughes High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Miami High School, from which he was graduated in 1918. Entering the University of Florida in 1919, he was a student in the College of Engineering, then changed to the College of Law and was graduated in May of 1923 with his LL.B. degree.

Admitted to practice law in Florida in 1923, he began his practice with Judge H. P. Branning in Miami. Within a year he became a partner in the firm of Stapp, Vining and Ward. Years later, upon the death of Mr. Stapp, the firm became Ward and Ward with the admission of a brother of William's, Harold F. Ward, as partner. William Ward's son is now a member of the firm.

A member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Dade County Bar Association, Mr. Ward is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts of Florida and in the United States Supreme Court.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Ward is a past president of the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Miami Kiwanis Club, past president of the Orange Bowl Committee, and is a member of the board of directors of the Ryder System of Miami. He is an Elk, a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity, a member of Riviera Presbyterian Church of South Miami, and a charter member of the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables.

On June 17, 1926, in Miami, he married Rubye Douglass, daughter of George A. and Anna (Lummus) Douglass of a pioneer family of Florida. They are the parents of two children: Marilyan, who married James L. Hiss of Miami, and William Douglass Ward, whose sketch follows.

WILLIAM DOUGLASS WARD

A partner in the firm of Ward and Ward, William Douglass Ward is following his father's lead professionally and has been practicing law in Florida since 1955.

Son of William Gresham Ward and Rubye Douglass Ward, he was born in Miami May 2, 1930. Through his maternal grandmother, Anna Lummus, he is a descendant of one of the early settlers of Miami.

He graduated from Ponce de Leon High School, Coral Gables, in 1948; attended the University of Florida until 1951, and then entered the Law College of the University of Miami, from which he was graduated with the LL.B. degree in 1954; and was admitted to practice law in Florida in January, 1955. During the next two years he served in the United States Army Transportation Corps with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Ward is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, Dade County Bar Association, and is chairman of the Real Property Committee on uniform forms of action for the Florida Bar. He is a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity and Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity, the Miami Kiwanis Club, the Orange Bowl Committee, the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables and the Riviera Presbyterian Church of South Miami. In high school and college he participated in all forms of sports and a variety of sports now occupy his leisure hours.

On September 8, 1951, William Douglass Ward married Lois Ayers Sealander of Miami, daughter of Carl and Stella Ayers Sealander. Mrs. Ward graduated from Ponce de Leon High School in 1949 and attended Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, and Florida State University. Mr. and Mrs. Ward now have three children, all born in Miami:

1. Linda, born August 5, 1952.
2. Carolyn, born March 18, 1957.
3. Carl Douglass, born May 4, 1959.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS LANE, SR.

William Augustus Lane, Sr., a successful lawyer in Miami, Florida, was born in Quitman, Georgia, on January 31, 1895, the son of William Augustus Lane and Ida Clifton (Rogers) Lane, both deceased. His father practiced law in Quitman for many years, was a former mayor of Quitman, and represented Brooks County in the Georgia Legislature.

Mr. Lane had his primary education in Tifton High School, Tifton, Georgia, then entered the Georgia School of Technology where he received his degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science in 1917. He then entered the First Officers Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Georgia, was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Field Artillery Reserves and served in the United States and France during World War I.

In 1920 he attended the School of Business Administration of Columbia University, New York, and in 1921 entered the law school at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. In 1922 he entered the law school of the University of Arizona where he received his LL.B. degree in 1924.

He began the practice of law in 1925 in Miami where he has practiced continuously since that time, and is now the senior partner in the law firm of Lane, Primm, Lane & Carrier, with offices in the Security Trust Building.

Mr. Lane is a member of the Florida Bar Association, the Dade County Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a member of the American Judicature Society, The Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Miami Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America. He is a past president of the Dade County Bar Association, of the Miami Lions Club and of the Executives Association of Greater Miami, and was the first president of the Crime Commission of Greater Miami. He is a past chairman of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the American Bar Association, and is a member of Christ Methodist Church in Miami.

Mr. Lane married Marie Margaret Bennett, daughter of the Charles E. Bennetts of Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Lane died in 1954 and in 1958 Mr. Lane married Edith S. Ahbe, daughter of Mr. Frederic R. Ahbe and the late Mrs. Ahbe, of Coral Gables, Florida. He has two children by his first marriage and two grandchildren:

William Augustus Lane, Jr., his son, was born in Tucson, Arizona, on November 2, 1923, graduated from Miami Senior High School, received an A.B. degree

from Duke University in 1944 and an LL.B. degree from the University of Miami Law School in 1949. During World War II he served in the United States Navy as a lieutenant (j.g.) and is now a partner in his father's law firm in Miami.

Sarah Margaret Lane, his daughter, now Mrs. Robert C. Bonner, of Coral Gables, Florida, was born in Miami on January 25, 1928, graduated from Miami Senior High School, and received her A.B. degree from the University of Florida in 1952.

The Bonners have two children: Robert C. Bonner III, born May 2, 1952, and Lane Marie Bonner, born December 25, 1953.

WILLIAM CLINTON GREEN

William Clinton Green, an attorney and member of the firm of Green and Hastings, has been practicing law in Miami since 1930 and is a prominent member of numerous professional associations.

Son of William Henry Green, a lumber broker, and Nettie Lorrene Mont-Brooks, he was born in Tyler, Florida, January 14, 1907. His father died in 1941. His mother is living at Williston, Florida.

His family having moved from the west to the east coast of Florida, Clinton Green graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1926. During the next year he attended the University of Florida and, the following year, the University of Miami. Having acquired a legal education by private study, he was admitted to the practice of law in Florida on February 16, 1930, and since then, excepting his years in military service in World War II, has carried on his practice in Miami. During the depression year of 1934 he worked with the National Recovery Administration and the Civil Works Administration as a member of the Florida Advisory Council.

In 1943 Mr. Green entered the United States Army and, after graduating from Judge Advocate General School at the University of Michigan in 1944, served with the rank of First Lieutenant as Judge Advocate of the General Engineer District in the Philippines for eleven months. He won the Philippine Liberation Medal with bronze star, the Asiatic-Pacific Medal with star for the Luzon campaign, the American Defense Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He is a member of the Judge Advocate Generals Association, the Reserve Officers Association, the Society of Military Engineers, and the Military Order of the World Wars, Miami chapter.

In professional organizations Mr. Green is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Dade County Bar Association, of which he is a past director (1960); the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers; the American Judicature Society; the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the Law-Science Academy of America; the National Association of Claimants' Counsel of America. He is a director of the University of Miami Law Center and a member of the Finance Committee on Continuing Legal Education.

In social circles Mr. Green is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon national college fraternity; of Miami Beach Rod and Reel Club (his hobby being fishing); and attends the First Presbyterian Church of Coral Gables. He is listed in Marquis' "Who's Who in America."

William Clinton Green's present wife, whom he married January 28, 1955, is Phoebe Diehl, daughter of Carl and Roberta (Patchell) Diehl. Mrs. Green attended Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Green is the father of seven children, three by a previous marriage. They are: William Marvin Green, Janice Arlene (Green) Grothe, Marjorie Jeanette, Melinda Jane, Melissa Anne, Melanie Roberta, and Marcia Loreen Green.

SAMUEL BLANK

The founder and active head of National Brands, Inc., distributors of beer and nationally known brands of groceries, Samuel Blank has been operating in Florida since 1925, and is also head of several other large companies in Florida. He is a prominent and influential figure in the beer industry and in civic and fraternal organizations.

Son of Morris and Jennie (Polonsky) Blank, both born in Russia, in 1869 and 1870 respectively, Samuel Blank was born in New York City April 23, 1896, and was educated in the public schools of New York. Prior to the time of his coming to Florida, he was engaged in the bakery business in New York.

Coming to Miami in 1925, he established Florida Sugar Distributors, Inc., selling sugar and flour to bakeries in the Greater Miami area. He later expanded this business to include the sale of other grocery items to hotels, restaurants and institutions. In 1933 he added Premium Beer to the list and in 1940 adopted the firm's present name, National Brands, Inc., now distributors of Budweiser and Michelob Beer and nationally known brands of groceries. Mr. Blank is President and Chairman of the Board of this corporation and also of National Wines, Inc. (wine bottlers and distributors), and of State Truck Rental, Inc. In addition, he is Chairman of the Board of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Companies of Orlando, Lakeland and Melbourne, and Chairman of the Board of Seaboard Warehouse Terminals, Inc.

Mr. Blank is a trustee of the University of Miami; a founder and trustee of Mt. Sinai Hospital of Greater Miami; a director of the National Beer Wholesalers Association of America and of Beer Industry of Florida; a director of the Industrial National Bank of Miami; a former vice-president and director of Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Florida State Chamber of Commerce as well. He is a former vice-president and director of the United Fund of Dade County; a director of the Goodwill Industries of Dade County; a director and former president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation; a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and member of the Florida Region Executive Board. During World War II he was chairman of the Greater Miami Army-Navy Committee of the U.S.O.

His fraternal affiliations are with B'nai B'rith, Miami Beach Lodge; Hibiscus Lodge #275, F. & A. M., Miami Consistory and Mahi Temple; B.P.O.E. Lodge #1601 of Miami Beach; and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. He is a member of the Newcomen Society in North America, Brandeis University Club of Miami, the Variety Club of Greater Miami, Westview Country Club and the Standard Club of Greater Miami. His synagogue is Temple Emanu-El of Miami Beach.

In Brooklyn, New York, on June 20, 1915, Samuel Blank married Beatrice Miller, daughter of James and Sena Miller, both born in Russia. Mr. and Mrs. Blank

are the parents of two daughters and a son: Marion (Mrs. Stanley Frehling), born October 9, 1918, in Brooklyn, New York; Rose (Mrs. Sanford Kramer), born January 3, 1921, in Brooklyn, New York; and Jerome, born September 30, 1927, in Coral Gables, Florida. Jerome is vice-president of National Brands, Inc.

Samuel Blank's biographical outline appears in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Commerce and Industry," by A. N. Marquis Company, and also in "Poor's Register of Directors and Executives."

Mr. and Mrs. Blank reside at Imperial House, 5255 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach.

CHARLES CAY PAPY, JR.

Charles Cay Papy, Jr., of the law firm of Papy, Talbot and Carruthers, Miami, is a member of a pioneer law-minded family of Florida. His great uncle, Marianna Papy, was the first Attorney General of the State of Florida. His father, Charles C. Papy, Sr., a retired detective of the City of Miami, was born in Tallahassee October 9, 1901, and was educated in the schools of Tallahassee. He brought his family to Miami in 1919 and for twenty-eight years prior to his retirement in 1955 was in law enforcement work with the Miami Police Department.

Charles, Jr.'s, mother was Mary Crame, who was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He himself was born in Miami August 18, 1927, and graduated from Miami High School in 1945. He subsequently attended the University of Florida and the University of Miami Law School, graduated in 1953 with the LL.B. degree, and was admitted to practice law in Florida that year, since which time he has specialized as a trial lawyer.

Mr. Papy is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Dade County Bar Association. Active in church work, he is past president of the Everglades Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, a deacon of the Granada Presbyterian Church of Coral Gables, where he also has been teaching the Men's Bible Class for many years, and is a member of the Development Board of the Presbyterian College at St. Petersburg. He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity. Bird hunting is his hobby.

On May 28, 1948, in Miami, Charles C. Papy, Jr., married June Marlowe, daughter of the late Rossie F and Wannie (Windgate) Marlowe. She also is a native Floridian and a graduate of Summerlin High School, Bartow.

The Papys have two sons, born in Miami: Charles C. III, born February 6, 1952; Stephen Arnold, born January 16, 1956.

REDMOND BUNN GAUTIER, JR.

A member of the law firm of Worley, Gautier and Dawes, Redmond B. Gautier, Jr., has practiced law in Miami since 1932 and has served in the State Legislature, both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate.

Born in Miami April 3, 1909, he is a son of the late Redmond B. Gautier, Sr., who was a prominent lawyer in Miami for more than thirty-five years and was a former Mayor of Miami. Mrs. Ida M. (Miller) Gautier, mother of R. B., Jr., resides in Miami.

Mr. Gautier attended Miami High School, Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia, from which he was graduated in 1927, and Washington and Lee University of Lexington, Virginia. He attended night law school and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1932. He then became associated with Lee W. Worley in the firm of Worley and Gautier, which won a reputation for its work in civil practice.

During World War II, in 1943, Mr. Gautier volunteered for service in the United States Navy Air Force and was a naval pilot with the rank of Lieutenant until his honorable discharge in 1945.

He was first elected to represent Dade County in the Florida Legislature in 1942 and again in 1946. Elected as State Senator from his district, he served in the 1949, 1951, 1953 and 1955 sessions, during which time he was identified with a bill creating the Florida Turnpike Authority, the University of Miami Medical School and the new government known as Home Rule for Dade County.

Mr. Gautier is a director and vice-president, as well as General Counsel, for the Greater Miami Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Dade County Bar Association; the American Legion, the Miami Kiwanis Club and the Elks. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and is an honorary member of the University of Miami Alumni Association. He is Chairman of the Council of the School of Medicine of the University of Miami and is on the Board of Directors of the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables; also, a member of the Indian Creek Country Club of Miami Beach. His church is Methodist; his recreation, golf.

On November 19, 1937, Redmond B. Gautier, Jr., married Frances Roe of Grand Rapids, Michigan, daughter of Francis Roe and Clair Smith. They have a son, Gary Bunn Gautier, born in May, 1939; and a daughter, Vicki Frances Gautier, born in February, 1948. Gary graduated from Coral Gables High School and is now in the Junior class at the University of Miami. Vicki is a student at St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Miami.

DAN CHAPPELL

A former candidate for Governor of Florida and ex-representative of Dade County in the State Legislature, Dan Chappell is one of the leading lawyers of Miami, where he has been practicing his profession since 1924.

Mr. Chappel was born in Americus, Georgia, October 1, 1896, son of William H. Chappell, who was a farmer in Georgia, and Florie (Allen) Chappell. He graduated from Americus High School in 1914, attended Georgia School of Technology in 1915-16 and Emory University in 1917, his education at the latter institution being interrupted by World War I, in which he served as a pilot in the United States Signal Corps or Aviation Service of the Army, as the Air Force was then known, with the rank of Lieutenant.

Following his honorable discharge from the Army in 1919, Mr. Chappell studied law in the office of Shipp and Sheppard of Americus, Georgia, and was admitted to practice law in the State of Georgia in December of 1919. He established himself in a general practice in his home town and in 1920 was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Sumter County, Georgia, in which office he served until he came to Miami in 1924.

Entering the political arena in Florida, he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1929 and, being re-elected, served until 1935, the year in which he became a candidate for the governorship of the State. At that

time he was senior member of the law firm of Chappell, Brown and Allen.

Mr. Chappell is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Dade County Bar Association and is admitted to practice before all courts, State and Federal, including the United States Supreme Court.

As a side-line business and hobby, Mr. Chappell breeds thoroughbred horses and races them under the name of Sunshine Stables. He is also a director of Miami Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He is a Mason of the local F. and A. M. lodge and all bodies up to and including the York Rite, Knights Templar Commandery and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; an Elk; a member of the American Legion, past Commander of John D. Mathis Post in Americus, Georgia; and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He was married in Miami on November 12, 1926, to Dorothy Dekle, daughter of R. L. and Daisy (Cobb) Dekle of Cordele, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Chappell are the parents of two daughters, Dorothy and Donna. Dorothy, now Mrs. Johnson Davis of Miami, was born in Miami in 1929. She graduated from Miami High School, attended St. Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri, and graduated from the University of Georgia. She has two children, Jay and Joy Davis. Donna Chappell, born in Miami in 1931, also graduated from Miami High School and attended the University of Georgia.

THOMAS H. TEASLEY

A member of the firm of Padgett, Teasley and Niles, Thomas H. Teasley has been practicing law in Dade County since 1936. He is also a director of several Hill York companies, of Lucerne Packing Company of Princeton, Florida, and various other companies.

Born in Jeff Davis County, Georgia, July 5, 1911, he is a son of Chester B. Teasley, former owner and operator of peach and apple orchards in Georgia, who is now retired at the age of 78 and is residing in Canton, Georgia. Mr. Teasley's mother, the former Audrey D. Adams, now 71, is living in Miami.

Thomas H. Teasley graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1927 and from Bailey Military Institute at Greenwood, South Carolina. He then attended Emory Junior College at Oxford, Georgia, and subsequently studied law at John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, from which he was graduated in 1936 with the LL.B. degree. He was admitted to practice law in Florida that same year. His entire practice has been centered in Dade County and, since 1958, in Coral Gables. He practices before all courts of the State of Florida, the Federal courts and Tax courts.

Mr. Teasley is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, Dade County and Coral Gables Bar Associations; of Phi Alpha Delta legal and Delta Sigma Phi social fraternities; of Coral Gables Rotary Club, Miami Beach Rod and Reel Club, Emerald Bay Yacht Club, Miami Shores Country Club, Miami Shores Men's Club and the Community Church of Miami Shores. Fishing and boating are his favorite recreations.

He was married in Miami on December 24, 1936, to Linda V. Partee of North Miami, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. Partee. Mrs. Teasley, a graduate of Miami Edison High School, attended Florida Southern College, Peabody College and the University of Georgia and taught in the Dade County public schools.

A son, Thomas Sawyer Teasley, was born in Miami Beach September 8, 1942. He graduated from North Miami Senior High School and is now a student at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute in Miami.

DAVID H. HENDRICK

A member of the firm of Turner, Hendrick, Fascell and Guilford of Coral Gables, David H. Hendrick has been practicing law in the Miami area since 1938, excepting three years in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Hendrick was a city commissioner of Coral Gables for eight years and served two terms as Mayor of Coral Gables. He is a director of the City National Bank of Coral Gables and of the University Federal Savings and Loan Association of Coral Gables.

Son of the late David H. and Shirley (Cord) Hendrick, he was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1914. Prior to his death in 1955, his father was associated with Burdine's of Miami for about twenty-three years. He is buried in Flagler Memorial Park, Miami. Mr. Hendrick's mother died August 3, 1961.

His family having moved to Florida, David Hendrick graduated from Orlando High School in 1932. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of Miami Law School in 1938 and, admitted to the Florida bar, practiced law in Miami until the end of 1942.

Entering the United States Navy as an Ensign in January, 1943, Mr. Hendrick served until January, 1946.

Following his return from the service, he established his practice in Coral Gables in partnership with Mr. Benjamin W. Turner. In 1950 the Honorable Dante B. Fascell, United States Congressman from the Fourth Congressional District, became a partner, and in 1961 Mr. Frank Guilford, Jr., became a partner and Mr. J. Kirk McDonald an associate. All are graduates of the University of Miami Law School.

Mr. Hendrick served on the City Commission of Coral Gables from 1947 to 1955 and as Mayor of Coral Gables from 1951 to 1955. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Dade County and Coral Gables Bar Associations; is past president of both the Junior and the Senior Chambers of Commerce of Coral Gables, past president and a member of the Coral Gables Rotary Club, and former vestryman and a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. He has also served, over the years, as an officer and director of various community and civic organizations.

In Miami on June 28, 1940, David H. Hendrick married Milly Beckstrom, daughter of Ross and Mildred Peterson Beckstrom. She is a graduate of Ponce de Leon High School, Coral Gables, and attended Florida State University and the University of Miami. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick are the parents of two children: Barbara L. Hendrick, born October 6, 1941, and David R. Hendrick, born October 7, 1942. Both were born in Coral Gables, graduated from Coral Gables High School and are now students at the University of Miami.

JUDGE CHARLES H. SPOONER

Serving as Municipal Judge of the City of Coral Gables since 1957, Charles H. Spooner has been practicing law in Coral Gables since 1952, when he received his LL.B. degree from the University of Miami Law School.

The Spooner family is a pioneer one in Florida, having

settled in Gadsden County in the late 18th century. Judge Spooner's father was a farmer in northwest Florida all his life. He died in 1935. The Judge's mother was Minnie Adella Murray, a native of Georgia.

Born in Quincy, Florida March 7, 1918, Charles H. Spooner graduated from Quincy High School in 1935 and attended the University of Florida for two years. During World War II, from 1943 to 1945, he served in the United States Army as an agent in the Criminal Investigation Department.

No doubt this experience influenced his decision at a later date to take up the study of law. Graduating from the University of Miami Law School in 1952, he was admitted to practice law in Florida on June 9 of that year, and since then has followed his profession in Coral Gables. Appointed Municipal Judge of Coral Gables in 1957, he still holds that office.

Mr. Spooner is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Dade County and Coral Gables Bar Associations, and is a former director of the local association. He holds membership in the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, the Coral Gables Country Club, and the First Methodist Church of Coral Gables, in which he serves as a steward. Swimming is his favorite recreation.

Charles H. Spooner was married in Miami on February 10, 1940, to Kathryn Butler, daughter of Robert and Pauline Hardy Butler. Mrs. Spooner was born in Winter Haven, Florida, and is a graduate of Winter Haven High School. Mr. and Mrs. Spooner are the parents of three children, all born in Miami.

1. C. Murray Spooner, born September 16, 1941, graduated from Coral Gables High School in 1959 and is now a student at the University of Florida.

2. Janet Kay Spooner, born July 28, 1947, is a student at the Ponce de Leon Junior High School in Coral Gables.

3. Stephen Porter Spooner, born January 16, 1949, is a student at Ponce de Leon Junior High School.

DENIS V. RENUART

Renuart Lumber Yards, Inc., was established in Coral Gables in 1923, before that Miami suburb was incorporated as a separate municipality, and now has several branches throughout southern Florida.

The founder of this company was Adhemar Renuart, a native of Belgium who was brought to Canada in his infancy, who first established his lumber business in the province of Manitoba. He died in 1948, and he and his wife, who was Mary Joseph Dumesnil, are buried in Miami.

Denis V. Renuart, son of Adhemar and Mary Joseph Renuart, has been president of Renuart Lumber Yards since his father retired in 1945 and became chairman of the board. Mr. Renuart is prominent in the business and civic life of Coral Gables.

Born in St. Pierre, Manitoba, Canada, January 5, 1901, he received his early education in local schools and attended St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1917-18. During summer vacations while attending school he became acquainted with his father's business and since 1923 has been an officer of the company.

Mr. Renuart is a director of the Coral Gables First National Bank, Coral Gables Federal Savings and Loan Association, the Greater Miami Traffic Association and Woodlawn Park Cemetery. He is a past president of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Citizens Board of the University of Miami, the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables, and the Serra Club of Miami. His fraternal organizations are the Elks of Coral Gables and the Knights of Columbus, and he is also a member of St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Holy Name Society of the Little Flower Church of Coral Gables, of which he and his family are devout members. Traveling is his preference as recreation.

In St. Pierre, Manitoba, Canada, on November 11, 1919, Denis V. Renuart married Edith Prefontaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Prefontaine. Her father was a member of Parliament from the Province of Manitoba for more than thirty-five years, and a member of the Manitoba cabinet.

The Renuarts have seven children:

1. Denise, born in St. Pierre, Canada, September 22, 1920.

2. Raymond, born in St. Pierre, January 8, 1922. He served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Force in World War II and was killed in Japan in 1945.

3. Victor, born May 10, 1923, in St. Pierre, served in the United States Army in the Philippines in World War II.

4. Albert, born August 2, 1925, in Coral Gables, served in the United States Marines in the Pacific.

5. Gilbert, born March 4, 1927, in Coral Gables, served in the United States Navy in World War II.

6. John, born January 17, 1931, in Coral Gables.

7. Louise, born May 20, 1935, in Coral Gables.

LELAND HYZER

The senior member of the law firm of Hyzer, Knight and Lund, Leland Hyzer has been practicing his profession in Miami since 1925, and is a prominent member of the bar and of civic organizations.

He was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, September 23, 1896, son of William W. and Alice D. (Crotsenburg) Hyzer, both deceased.

Leland Hyzer graduated from Janesville High School in 1915, and from the University of Wisconsin in 1922, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, followed by the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1923.

Admitted to practice law in the state of Wisconsin in 1923, he followed his profession in Milwaukee for one year before coming to Florida. He was admitted to the Florida bar in 1925, and has conducted his legal practice in Miami since then.

Mr. Hyzer was a candidate for the office of United States Congressman on the Republican ticket in 1956, and in 1958, he ran for a seat in the United States Senate.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Dade County Bar Association; a director of the Coconut Grove Bank, and a past president of the Coconut Grove Rotary Club; a member of Coconut Grove F. & A. M. Lodge #258 and of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He plays golf at the Riviera Country Club and is also a member of Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and the Bath Club of Miami Beach.

Having served in the United States Army in both World Wars—as a Second Lieutenant in World War I and with the rank of Major in the Judge Advocate General Department in World War II—Mr. Hyzer is a member of the Military Order of World Wars, of Coconut Grove's Lindley DeGarmo Post of the American

Legion, and of the Army and Navy Club of Coral Gables.

On November 12, 1948, in Miami, Leland Hyzer married Eleanor Gilchrist Harper, daughter of Harry A. and Francelia (Still) Gilchrist. By her first marriage Mrs. Hyzer has two children, whose father was killed in World War II. They are:

1. Henry Thomas Harper, III, born December 3, 1941, who graduated from Coral Gables High School and is now a student at Stetson University.

2. Harriet Francelia Harper, born January 13, 1943, who is a graduate of LaChatelaine School at St. Blaise, Switzerland, and is now a student at the University of Miami.

JAMES ARTHUR RYDER

One of the most outstanding members of the Young Presidents Organization is James A. Ryder, President and Chairman of the Board of Ryder System, Inc.

James Arthur Ryder was born in Columbus, Ohio, July 28, 1913, son of Harry F. and Anna Bennett Ryder. He was six years old when his father, a heavy construction contractor, brought the family to Miami, Florida, in 1919.

Jim, his older brothers, Harry (deceased) and Ralph, and his younger sister, Ruth, attended public schools. At Miami Edison High School Jim was an outstanding athlete. As first-string center on the football team he was an aggressive, rough, but fair, player. He always has played hard; at Edison his nose was broken, and in 1958, in a badminton game with his older son, Jim. Jr., he slipped while rushing the net and broke his right leg.

All the Ryders were avid sailing enthusiasts, growing up along Miami's Biscayne Bay. They were hard-fighting, salty racing competitors and Jim particularly is remembered as a helmsman who always sailed to win.

Upon graduation from high school in 1932, being financially unable to go to college, Jim Ryder took a job on Miami Beach, mixing cement on a construction job. Within a few days he saw inefficiency in the way the cement handlers stood around while he mixed another batch for their use.

He asked the foreman for a second mixing box, reported for work early enough to prepare one box and set up the second with cement and sand, but no water. When the first "mix" was about depleted, Jim watered the second and had cement waiting for the workers when the first box was empty. It got him his first pay raise.

That striving for efficiency has been an earmark of Jim Ryder throughout his business life. Recently a newsman asked him what he thought of a young man's chances in today's world. "Better than ever before," he replied. "All that is being done now will be done better in the future."

While working as a construction job laborer, Ryder learned that the men who drove trucks hauling material to the job made more money than he did. He put a few dollars down on a 1931 Model-A Ford stake truck, quit his laboring job, and rattled off into the trucking business.

For awhile he was a one-man operation, driving into the night, hauling anything he could contract to carry—beach debris, lumber, concrete blocks. He kept books on his windshield, writing notations with chalk and erasing entries with the heel of his fist. Then to get better production from his one truck, Ryder hired a friend to drive when he was not behind the wheel. Together, the pair worked almost around the clock.

Ryder Trucking Company was formed in 1933, and during the next five years Ryder built up a small local drayage business. During this period, for nearly a year Ryder drove a truckload of concrete blocks to Palm Beach, a distance of 80 miles, several nights a week; unloaded his cargo, and returned to Miami in time for a short sleep before starting the new day at seven A.M.

Ryder's future course was set firmly in 1938, when he sold a beer distributor on the then-new idea of leasing his delivery trucks. Ryder provided five units, plus servicing, and he was underway as a pioneer in a business that, in 1960, was to see Ryder Truck Rental, Inc., the nation's largest truck-leasing operation—doing business at an annual rate of more than $50 million, with 14,000 trucks, tractors and trailers serving United States and Canadian industry from 169 locations in both countries.

Jim Ryder's biggest plunge came in 1952, when he scraped together all his assets, mortgaged his modest home, borrowed to the hilt, and paid $1,950,000 cash for Great Southern Trucking Company, the largest motor freight carrier in the Southeast. The case of the cat-swallowing mouse put Ryder into the motor freight field. Today the Ryder carriers, the Great Southern, T.S.C. Motor Freight Lines, and Loo-Mac Freight Lines, divisions of Ryder Truck Lines, Southern-Plaza Express, and Ryder Tank Line (a bulk commodity carrier), are among the nation's top trucking operations, running 3,850 trucks in 32 states to produce revenues that will top $50 million in 1961.

Ryder System, Inc., parent of the subsidiary operating companies, was formed in March, 1955, with Jim Ryder as President and Chairman of the Board. Ryder System stock went on the over-the-counter market at $10 per common share. In mid-1959, when the stock was selling at about $70, it was split, two for one.

On September 19, 1960, the System was listed simultaneously on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange. Since becoming publicly held, Ryder Sytem's gross revenues have increased 308%, making it one of the fastest-growing companies in the United States.

In 1939 James A. Ryder married the former Miss June Sharpe of Miami, daughter of his first woman employee. They have two sons, James, Jr., born September 19, 1940, now a student at the University of North Carolina, and Jonathan, born August 1, 1948. Both sons were born in Miami.

Ryder and his family live at 4055 Douglas Road in Coconut Grove, the oldest section of Miami. They are a close family and spend much time together when Jim Ryder is in the city and not at his office, which is but two miles away from the Ryder home, in a new seven-story building overlooking Biscayne Bay.

Pet of the Ryder family, but particularly of Jim Ryder, is a black German Shepherd named Nero. Jim has had a half-dozen dogs in his life, all Shepherds, all named Nero. Asked to name his most prized possessions recently by a writer, Ryder ticked off on his fingers: "My family, my health, and my dog, Nero."

When Ryder System was smaller, Jim Ryder could boast that he knew every employee by name; he was "Jim" to dockhands and drivers. Fast growth by internal expansion and acquisition (19 leasing and carrier companies have been added to the System since 1955)

has increased Ryder employees to more than 6,100 and spread them through 37 states and into Canada. Jim Ryder, seeking to meet every employee of the "Big R" company, is this year visiting 100 cities where it operates. He will hit two cities a day, breakfasting with local managers, touring installations, shaking hands, asking questions and answering those of people he meets.

He has tremendous energy—wears down those who travel with him. He will average traveling from four to six thousand miles a month, works almost constantly, and while aloft between cities keeps a secretary busy dictating letters and memos. Ryder is a heavy notemaker and streams his thoughts to members of his management team.

At the age of 48, Ryder is ruggedly healthy and unusually sensitive to any change in his physical condition. He exercises regularly, swims in his private pool daily, plays badminton singles by the hour under a blazing Florida sky, and often walks at a brisk pace the two miles to his office. He watches his weight carefully, holding it around 175 pounds, and does not smoke. On awakening he grades the way he feels, marking in a bedside notebook the score, from 100 downward. He contends he knows himself so well that he can score 97 one day and 98 the next, and feel the difference.

Mr. Ryder is a member of the San Francisco Stock Exchange, a director of the Industrial National Bank and a member of the following service organizations: Business Advisory Panel of the President's Committee for Traffic Safety; Traffic Club of Greater Miami; American Transporatation Association; American Institute of Management; Dade County Citizens Safety Council (President); Chamber of Commerce of the United States and Florida State Chamber of Commerce (Director at large of latter); National Association of Manufacturers (Board of Directors); University of Miami Citizens Board and Board of Trustees of the University of Miami; Miami Exchange Club; United Fund (Director); Goodwill Industries (Chairman); A.T.A. Foundation (Board of Trustees); American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry (Board of Governors); Biscayne Methodist Home (Director).

He holds membership in the Opera Guild and in the following clubs: Bath Club, Surf Club, Miami Club, Coral Reef Yacht, Coral Harbour Yacht, Pier 66 Yacht, Key Largo Anglers, En Centro de Las Americas, River Club (Jacksonville), and Capital City Club (Atlanta).

JOHN R. RING

A member of a pioneer family of Miami, John R. Ring, like his older brother, the late R. Warner Ring, is following the career of Certified Public Accountant. He has been associated with the firm of Ring, Mahony and Arner since January, 1934, and is now senior active partner. The firm has offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Jacksonville.

John R. Ring was born in Miami December 29, 1913, son of Richard John, a native of Cadiz, Pennsylvania, and Mary A. (Meskill) Ring, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Both parents are deceased. His father, who was a construction engineer, moved the family to Miami in 1902 and helped build the Magic City.

John R. attended private and public schools in Miami, graduating from Miami High School in 1931, and studied accounting by correspondence with LaSalle University.

He is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of its Ethics Committee. He is also a discussion leader in its Public Relations Clinic. He is an active member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, which he has served as an officer and member of its Executive Committee and is now a member of the Legislative Committee. In the local Dade County chapter of the Florida Institute of CPA's he has served as a member of the Board of Directors and as an officer.

In civic organizations Mr. Ring is past campaign chairman of the United Fund and is presently serving as treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees. He is an active member of the Orange Bowl Committee, and during Governor Collins' administration was chairman of the Florida State Racing Commission. He is now president of the Dade County Economic Development Council; a member of the University of Miami Citizens Board and of the University of Miami Medical School Council. He is also a member of the Miami Kiwanis Club, the Miami Club, and the Riviera Country Club of Coral Gables. Golf, fishing and hunting are his favorite sports. He is of the Roman Catholic faith.

On August 16, 1939, in Miami, John R. Ring married Mary Elsie Weems, daughter of William A. and Maud (Corbett) Weems.

THOMAS JESSUP PANCOAST

One of the founders of the City of Miami Beach and one of the most influential figures in its economic, civic and social affairs was Thomas Jessup Pancoast.

Born July 13, 1865, in Moorestown, New Jersey, Thomas J. Pancoast was the son of Josiah Dunn and Sarah Middleton Pancoast. He received his early education in Moorestown schools including the Friends High School.

He began his business career by working for a Philadelphia wholesale textile firm. On January 17, 1889, he married Katherine Rogers Collins, daughter of John S. Collins and Rachel Collins of Moorestown, New Jersey. As a result of the plans for this marriage a partnership was formed in 1888 named Collins and Pancoast, which established a new businesss in Merchantville, New Jersey, to sell coal, farm equipment, lumber, hardware and other builders supplies.

A home was built in Merchantville, and Mr. Pancoast soon became one of the town's respected citizens. When a bank was established he became one of its directors. By 1903 there were three children, and as the years passed there was no suggestion that this family would ever change its location or occupation.

In 1911, John S. Collins invited Mr. and Mrs. Pancoast and other members of the Collins family to visit Florida. Mr. Collins was financially involved in farming development of the raw land lying east of the small city of Miami between Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The purpose of the invitation was to secure financial participation. The visitors agreed to extend financial help if the project could include much of the 1600 acre holding as a real estate development.

It was decided a bridge would have to be built across Biscayne Bay, and that one family would have to move to Miami to take charge of the project. Mr. and Mrs. Pancoast felt the challenge of building a

resort along the tropical beaches and agreed to move to Miami after selling their northern business and home.

By 1912 the move was made. Mr. Pancoast established an office for the new development company called the Miami Beach Improvement Company. He directed the building of a two and one-half mile wooden bridge across Biscayne Bay. The first subdivision was platted in 1912, although the bridge was not completed until the following year. There followed years of clearing, bulkheading, filling, plating and marketing.

As property was sold, buildings were built and a famous city was beginning. Developers of adjoining lands cooperated and the new city of Miami Beach was incorporated. Mr. Pancoast was one of the great constructive influences of this city, of the county, and of the state until his death in 1941. He was a part of numberless organizations, committees and drives.

Some of the projects which took much of his time were the East Coast Canal, the Everglades National Park, a free port project (which did not mature), and the introduction of the avocado to cities spread all over the northern states. He helped found the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and was its president for the first twenty-one years of its existence. He was an eager supporter of the University of Miami during its formative years.

Oglethorpe University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Public Service on May 25, 1941, with the following words of presentation:

"The degree of Doctor of Public Service upon Thomas Jessup Pancoast, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Miami Beach; dreamer and doer in the development of cities; life long servant of the economic ideals of his community. Presented by Dr. Ivan E. Allen."

He served as a City Councilman for two terms and was elected mayor 1918 to 1920. He was on the executive board of the Committee of One Hundred. His clubs included the Miami Rotary Club, the Surf Club, Rod and Reel Club, and the Miami Beach Golf Club, of which he was president.

Mr. Pancoast was the principal executive of the Miami Beach Improvement Company, Vice President of the Pancoast Hotel Company, President of Allison Realty Company, and Vice President and later President of the Miami Beach Bay Shore Company. This latter company was formed by a combination of certain Carl G. Fisher interests with certain Collins and Pancoast interests and became one of the major land and hotel development enterprises on Miami Beach.

Mr. Pancoast's church was the Society of Friends. At his death in 1941 he was survived by his widow and his three sons, Josiah Arthur, Russell Thorn, and Norman Lester.

JOHN AVERY COLLINS GUYTON

Retired since 1945, J. Avery Guyton of Miami was for many years an executive of several oil companies and also of several other business enterprises in Miami. He represented Dade County for nine and a half years as director of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway and has been active in civic and social groups for the welfare of his community.

Son of John Thomas and Camille (Collins) Guyton, he was born March 8, 1894, at Bayou Goula, Louisiana. His father, who was a sugar plantation owner and farmer in Louisiana, was born in Winchester, Kentucky, in 1859 and died in December, 1928. John Avery's mother was born in Louisiana and died when he was six years old, in 1900. He was educated in the public schools of Bayou Goula, Louisiana, and Galveston, Texas, where he was sent at the age of twelve to be with his uncle, W. A. Guyton, a wholesale and retail oil distributor, operator of W. A. Guyton Company at Galveston.

From 1908 to 1916 Avery Guyton worked with his uncle in the oil business, and then was sent to Miami, Florida, as agent for the Guyton and Moore Company in the distribution of oil. During World War I he served ten months in the Naval Reserve at Key West. Returning to Miami in December, 1918, he took part in the reorganization of the Belcher Oil Company, with which the Guyton and Moore Company was merged, and became manager of the oil department. In 1933 he became vice-president and general manager of this company and stayed with it until his retirement in 1945.

In 1923, also, Mr. Guyton assisted in organizing the Orange State Oil Company in Miami and became vice-president of that company. He was also secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Seaboard Petroleum Oil Company of Jacksonville and an executive of Central Oil Company of Tampa. In addition to his oil business, he had an interest in the General Laundries Corporation, Bay Supply Company, Belcher Towing Company, and Florida Title Company, all of Miami, and was vice-president of all of these companies.

Mr. Guyton is a past vice-president of the Miami Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Rotary Club for forty years and served on its board of directors; a director of the Y.M.C.A.; a member of Trinity Methodist Church; Elks Lodge #948; Blue Lodge, Biscayne Bay #124, F. & A. M., Galveston Consistory and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; and has assisted in Community Chest Drives. His clubs are the Miami Country Club and the Blowing Rock Country Club, North Carolina. He has also been a member of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and the Rod and Reel Club.

On June 25, 1919, at Sanford, Florida, Mr. Guyton married Alice Bryan Coffee, who was born in Sanford June 17, 1900, and died August 13, 1955. She was a daughter of Hill Bryan Coffee and Clara Williams of Pensacola, Florida. Five children were born of the marriage, all born in Miami.

1. Alice Coffee Guyton, born May 9, 1920, married Robert C. Hector. They have four children: Bryan, Alice, Robert, and Emily.

2. Clara Camille Guyton, born February 4, 1922, married Theodore H. Guething. There were four children by this union.

3. John Avery Guyton, Jr., born November 7, 1924, is not married.

4. Thomas Bryan Guyton, born October 23, 1926, married Mary Evelyn C. Stewart and they have two children: Thomas Bryan, Jr., and Mary Evelyn C. S. Guyton.

5. Robert Edward Guyton, born January 10, 1930, is not married.

On December 17, 1958, in Miami, Mr. Guyton married Evelyn Jane Gills, who was born in Arkansas September 12, 1914.

J. A. Simpson

DR. FRANK BOWMAN SESSA

As Librarian and Instructor in History, Dr. Frank Bowman Sessa was associated with the University of Miami for five years and is now Director of Public Libraries for the City of Miami.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1911, son of Thomas G. and Margaret (Bowman) Sessa. His mother was born in Paterson, New Jersey, December 13, 1884; his father in Washington, D.C., March 21, 1886. He was a lawyer and banker; a graduate of Harvard University in the class of 1908, and a graduate of the New York Law School.

Dr. Sessa's education was obtained entirely in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. From 1918 to 1925 he attended the Linden, the Colfax and the Rogers Schools. In 1929 he was graduated from Peabody High School. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1933 and his M.A. degree in 1934 from the same university, where he continued to do graduate work for the next three years. From 1940 to 1942 he studied Library Science at the Carnegie Institute of Technology and received the B.L.S. degree. He returned to the University of Pittsburgh in the summer of 1948 and the two following summers, working for his Ph.D. degree in History, which he received in 1950.

During World War II, from February, 1943, to June, 1946, Frank Sessa was on active duty as a United States naval officer. During the Korean War and for some time after, from 1951 to 1954, he was Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve Surface Division 6-44. He is presently an instructor in the Naval Reserve Officers School at the University of Miami with the rank of CDR.

Dr. Sessa came to the University of Miami in 1946 as Circulation Librarian. In 1947, he became an instructor in History there and in 1950, upon receiving his doctorate, became Assistant Professor of History. He has been Director of Public Libraries for the City of Miami since 1951.

He is a member of the Council of the American Library Association, Chairman of its Advisory Committee to the Membership Committee, and Chairman of the Committee to Study Bases of Financial Support to Public Libraries. He is a past President (1959-60) of the Florida Library Association and a member of its Executive Board; a member of Southeastern Library Association and the Dade County Library Association. He is also First Vice-President of the Florida Historical Society and Book Review Editor of the Florida Historical Quarterly.

Dr. Sessa is a member of Beta Phi Mu, International Library Science honorary fraternity, and of Phi Alpha Theta, honorary History fraternity. In civic and social circles he is a member of Miami Rotary Club, Coconut Grove Civic Club, and Coral Gables Country Club. His church is Plymouth Congregational of Coconut Grove. He is listed in "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in the South and Southeast," and "Who's Who in American Education."

In New Haven, Connecticut, on December 19, 1942, Frank Bowman Sessa married Anne Marshall Johnston of New Haven, Connecticut. She was born May 11, 1915, in Lowell, Massachusetts. Both her parents, John S. Johnston (age 75) and Anne Strachan Johnston (age 70), were born in Motherwell, Scotland. Dr. and Mrs. Sessa are the parents of three children:

1. Anne Marshall Sessa, born February 28, 1950.
2. Jane Thomas Sessa, born November 9, 1951.
3. Gale Francesca Sessa, born October 29, 1954.

All were born in Coral Gables, Florida.

RUBY LEACH CARSON

The author of the chapter on Dade County in this History is well known among historians and other writers of Florida and is numbered among Miami's best-known and most-beloved club women. She has been an interested observer of the growth of Florida, and particularly the Miami area, since 1916, and has known personally many of its pioneers. The Historical Association of Southern Florida was born at a meeting in her home in 1940. She holds an M.A. degree in History from the University of Florida, taught History at the University of Miami for two years, and is the author of about 200 published articles on Florida and Florida history, as well as a child's history of the state, under the name, "Fabulous Florida." She is also the author of the Florida story in Silver-Burdette's "Children of the U.S.A."

Ruby Leach was born in Joplin, Missouri, daughter of John Milton Leach, a native of Pennsylvania, and Minnie (Robinson) Leach, who was born in Virginia. At the time of her birth her father was a mining engineer in Joplin, Missouri. In 1915 the family moved to Florida City, Dade County, Florida, where Mr. Leach was engaged in farming.

Ruby had her elementary and high school education in Joplin, Missouri. Her college education was divided between Florida State College for Women, the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, the University of Miami, where she received her A.B. degree with a History major, and the University of Florida in Gainesville, where she earned a Master's degree in History.

At the Florida State College in Tallahassee, in the spring of 1915, she was made founding editor of the "Florida Flambeau," which is still published by the Florida State University as its college paper.

In 1916 she came to Miami to join the staff of the Miami Metropolis as a reporter. The late S. Bobo Dean, publisher and owner of the Metropolis, realized Ruby's versatility in writing and often gave her hard assignments. On one occasion she gathered some extremely important information regarding lawbreakers by concealing her identity with a black wig and flashy clothes. Result: a page-one scoop. On another spectacular assignment she covered the "Rodes Tour" for a national news service. In two private cars Charley Rodes of Fort Lauderdale took 52 relatives up and down the Pacific coast, through the West into Mexico.

Among the interesting experiences of her career during her carefree days as a bachelor girl, Ruby was one of a party of five who went on a self-supporting missionary trip and treasure hunt in Central America. At the height of the hurricane season, in a smallish schooner, they set forth on their adventurous journey, which proved highly exciting and, therefore, entirely satisfying.

In 1923 Ruby gave up her career on the Miami newspaper and became co-founder and assistant editor of the Homestead Leader, which was established that year by her brother-in-law and sister, Ben and Marjorie Archer. She was with them for two years, then engaged in free-lance writing. Earning her M.A. degree at the University of Florida increased her desire

to write about Florida history, and in the years that followed she wrote numerous historical sketches on many parts of the state. As an interested observer of all sections of Dade County, she welcomed the opportunity to meet and talk with pioneers from whom she gained valuable information for her stories, which featured fact rather than fiction.

In 1926 Ruby Leach married James M. Carson, a Miami lawyer, member of a pioneer Florida family and author of law books. They both loved travel and took several trips abroad. He died in 1950.

Mrs. Carson has also written some poetry, and many of her poems link the charm of far places with the lore of past ages. No less an authority than Vivian Laramore Rader, poet laureate of Florida, said, "The inner light of the spirit illumines her poems as well as her personality, for Ruby Leach Carson lends to life the lyric of an understanding heart."

When the women of Florida were first organized politically in 1931 Mrs. Carson was made "General of the Florida Army of Democratic Women." This group, with Ruby as leader, helped to raise money to elect a Democratic president.

She is a member and former director of the Florida Historical Society; a founding member and director of the Historical Association of Southern Florida; a member of the Miami branch of the League of American Pen Women; patroness for Sigma Alpha Iota, honor music sorority at the University of Miami; and a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Her daughter, Carol Carson, born in Miami, received a medical degree from Loma Linda University, California, in 1955, and married a classmate, Thomas A. Stanford, M.D., the day after they received their degrees. Dr. Thomas became an orthopedic surgeon and Dr. Carol became an anesthesiologist. They practice in Orlando. Their children are Brian, age five; Cindy, age three; and David, one.

Mrs. Carson's son, Jackson C. Carson, born in Miami, attended the University of Florida and is a veteran of the Korean War. He married Jean Alison Hoyt of Miami in 1954 and they have two daughters: Crissanda, age six; Randee, age four.

A brother of Mrs. Carson, Vernon Leach, a retired combustion engineer with 22 patents on coal burners to his credit, is well known for his technical writings on engineering. He resides in Homestead, Florida.

Her other brother, Lester L. Leach of Dayton, Ohio after World War II was one of the three mechanical engineers in America chosen to visit engineering centers in Western Europe to give advice and help in engineering projects.

DR. CHARLTON WATSON TEBEAU

Professor of History at the University of Miami since 1939, Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau has made the study and teaching of history his life work. He is best known for his interest in local history, his two publications to date being *The Chokoloskee Bay Country* and *Florida's Last Frontier*, a history of Collier County. He has lectured widely on the history of southern Florida and continues his studies of the area in preparation for other writing. One of the organizers of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, he has edited its journal, Tequesta, since 1946 and has encouraged many people to contribute articles of pioneer history. He has also written a number of articles for the forthcoming edition of Eycyclopedia Brittannica.

One of seven sons of James William and Florence Ellen (Davis) Tebeau, Charlton Watson Tebeau was born in Rincon, Georgia, May 27, 1904. His mother was born June 13, 1879. His father, born January 19, 1879, was a farmer, building contractor and country banker.

Dr. Tebeau received his secondary education at Effingham Academy in Springfield, Georgia; his A.B. degree from the University of Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1930; an A.M. from the State University of Iowa in 1931, and a Ph.D. in History from the same university in 1933.

That was a bad year for getting a college teaching job—or almost any job. His first was in a six-week summer school in 1934; his second, as educational advisor to 2,000 C.C.C. boys. In 1935 he secured a teaching position in the History Department of North Dakota State College at Fargo, and continued there until he came to the University of Miami in 1939.

Soon after coming to Miami Dr. Tebeau began to work with local and state historical organizations. Into *Florida's Last Frontier* went two years of casual and three years of intensive work, which included traveling hundreds of miles over remote areas, searching out and interviewing pioneer residents. "Being a Georgia cracker," Dr. Tebeau said, with that shy smile that is characteristic of him, "I had no difficulty in speaking to these people."

The research was made possible by a grant made to the University of Miami in 1950 by the three sons of the late Barron G. Collier, developer of the county. Extensive notes compiled by David Graham Copeland, for many years resident manager of the Collier properties, who was planning a history of the county when he died in 1949, were placed at Dr. Tebeau"s disposal. He also made use of newspaper files and public records of Everglades and Fort Myers.

Dr. Tebeau emphasizes two points about the writing of local history. First, the local historian must also be an amateur naturalist, anthropologist and archaeologist. Second, no one ever made a national reputation by writing local history. "It will never get you anywhere," he said, "but I don't want to go anywhere."

His books are written in an easy narrative style, a type of writing seldom seen in history books. The comment on his work which he prizes the most is the laconic remark of an old-timer: "I ain't found no lies in it yet."

Dr. Tebeau assisted as technical adviser during the filming of "Wind Over the Everglades." He was president of the Florida Historical Society in 1949-1951. In additon to this Society and the Historical Association of Southern Florida, he is also a member of Southern Historical Association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and the American Historical Association.

He was president of the Miami Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi fraternity in 1959-60 and is also a member of Phi Alpha Theta, Theta Chi and Pi Gamma Mu. His church affiliation is Lutheran. Fishing is one of his hobbies.

At Chapman, Kansas, on August 31, 1937, Charlton W. Tebeau married Violet Marie Hassler, who was born in that city on November 11, 1900. Her father, Edward A. Hassler (1853-1941) was born in Browns Mills, Pennsylvania; her mother (1862-1954), in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Tebeau is a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia and holds a Master of Arts degree from the Northwestern University School of Speech. Dr. Tebeau said, "I could hardly have done this work without the cooperation of my wife. She has encouraged me and has done my household chores during my history hunting trips."

ABE ARONOVITZ

Known as "Honest Abe" for his candor and championing of the underdog, the late Abe Aronovitz, who served two years as Mayor of Miami, also played the role of Kingmaker by his political activities in local government over a long period of years. In his obituary the Miami Herald said:

"Mr. Aronovitz was irascible, independent and honorable. . . . He took on the public utilities and public officials with equal vigor and abandon. He fought with the police department and the transit companies, with night clubs and gamblers, slum owners and the railroad. He took them all on, and whether he won or lost, he never gave up. He was a wasp and a giant."

Except for his two years as Mayor and short appointments as Assistant City Attorney and Solicitor for the Civil Service Commission, these and other activities were the voluntary labors of a private citizen without official rank or status.

Born in New York City October 15, 1899, he was a son of David and Kate (Friedman) Aronovitz, who moved to Key West, Florida, in 1889 and lived there for the remainder of their lives. Abe was born while his parents were prolonging their summer vacation up North. He attended West Palm Beach High School and Stetson University, where he received his law degree in 1917, and began his practice of law in Jacksonville. Showing an early interest in politics, he made an unsuccessful bid for the City Council in Jacksonville when he was twenty-three.

He came to Miami in 1922, when that city was girding itself for the most fantastic real estate boom on record. Like many others, Abe made a fortune on paper, and after the "bust" was wiped out. Then his interest in politics reasserted itself, and in 1927 he ran for the City Commission. Defeated but not discouraged, he continued his political activities for the next thirty-three years.

Consciously or unconsciously, Abe Aronovitz patterned his career after those scrapping lawyers for the people, the heroes of his youth, the greatest of whom was Louis D. Brandeis. But unlike some of them, he was not a starry-eyed, impractical idealist. He knew what he wanted and went after his objectives regardless of cost. If necessary, he would personally pay for large advertisments in the newspapers to endorse or condemn candidates or issues.

His flair for politics led to a detailed understanding of the inner workings behind the facade. He knew what went on in the police department, in the city manager's office, and in other divisions of the government. His fearless criticisms had meaning. When he addressed an audience the public could see that he knew what he was talking about.

It was inevitable that he should lock horns with the Florida Power and Light Company, the most powerful corporation within the state. For many years he carried on a bitter feud with this public monopoly over rates and services. Local politicos maintained that it was his fight against this company that retarded Abe's political advancement and accounted for his two subsequent defeats in his running for the City Commission, in 1938 and 1941. He tried again in 1953, opposed by his old enemy and the Miami Herald. All the political wiseacres predicted defeat, but when the ballots were counted Abe received the highest vote, and automatically became Mayor of Miami. It was long-overdue recognition for years of devoted service to public affairs.

The success of Abe Aronovitz in public affairs created surprise because he was far removed from the stereotype politician. Neither ingratiating nor spell-binding, he lacked the arts of the demagogue on the soap box. No handshaker, back-slapper or baby-kisser was he; and he did not make campaign promises which he never intended to carry out.

In appearance he somewhat resembled Will Rogers—even spoke with a drawl and on occasion flashed a phrase charged with dry humor. He had a similar carelessness of demeanor, and never looked quite dressed up. Yet people found something wholesome and even attractive in his homey features. He carried himself with an unaffected humility. Never officious, pompous or effusive, he was easily approachable, and the plain people felt a sympathetic relationship with him.

But affection is not enough to explain his political influence. There had to be faith in the man, in his capacities, in his objectives. Confidence spread when poor people became convinced that he was really interested in their welfare. The test came when humble folks found that he would help them in legal difficulties with or without a fee.

Those who feared radical changes in municipal government when Abe became Mayor were agreeably surprised. City affairs went on quite smoothly. Citizens felt satisfied that Miami was in safe hands as they watched Mayor Aronovitz preside. A close undersanding of city institutions and a grasp of civic problems were reflected in his questions and answers during public hearings. The people were impressed with his sense of fairness, with his efforts to be just when private interests clashed with the public welfare.

The Miami Herald, which had opposed him, offered its cooperation after the election and complimented him on his stand on various issues. But the test came when the Florida Power and Light Company came up for renewal of its franchise. Here was an opportunity to settle old scores. But Mayor Aronovitz simply tried to get the best terms for the city and when convinced that the deal was the best obtainable, granted his old foe a new franchise for thirty years. After Abe's death the president of the company said, "He was a very fair man to negotiate with. I think he was a man who had the best interests of the people at heart."

Another instance of Mr. Aronovitz's fearless battling of dragons was his action against the Ku Klux Klan, following a cross-burning incident and subsequent attempt to oust a minister who had invited a Negro preacher to speak from his pulpit during Brotherhood Week. Abe drew up an ordinance to make illegal the burning of crosses or marching through the streets of Miami in masked regalia. The City passed the statute and other cities later followed suit.

Because of ill health, Abe served only two years of his four-year term as Mayor of Miami, resigning in 1955 on the advice of his doctors. But his interest in politics never flagged. To quote the Miami Herald, "he continued to play a prominent and often dominating role in city and county politics."

On July 11, 1960, Abe Aronovitz breathed his last at the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, one of the many institutions which benefited from his labors. In Jewish affairs he had never aspired to executive honors. He was a member of Temple Israel, the Zionist District, B'nai B'rith and the Anti-Defamation League, in which he rendered important services.

The fact that today Jews are elected to important

positions by a county-wide electorate that is 92% Gentile is in no small degree due to the public and political activities of Abe Aronovitz. No one would deny him a niche in Greater Miami's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Aronovitz was first married to Rose Goldstein, who died in 1944. By this marriage he had two children, Carol and Eugene. In 1946 he married Dorothy Siegel. Their daughter, Edith, is now about thirteen years old. (Condensed from writings of Harry Simonhoff.)

JUDGE FRED J. WARD

Now in his third year as Municipal Judge of Hallandale, Fred J. Ward of the law firm of Crouch and Ward has been practicing law in Hallandale since he graduated from law school in 1956.

His father, Frederick J. Ward, was also a lawyer, a graduate of Fordham University, and practiced law in Newark, New Jersey, before coming to Miami in 1938. He died in October 1957. Judge Ward's mother was Mary C. Schreiber, who now resides in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Born in Miami, Florida, May 9, 1929, Fred J. Ward graduated from St. Leo Preparatory School at St. Leo, Florida, in 1946 and from the University of Florida in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. From 1951 to 1953 he served in the United States Army in the Korean War as a Second Lieutenant, attached to the Armored Division.

After his return from the Army he entered the University of Miami Law School and received his LL.B. degree in 1956. He was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida that year and became associated with Lee S. Crouch, forming the firm of Crouch and Ward.

When first appointed Municipal Judge by the Hallandale City Commission in 1957, Fred Ward was only twenty-eight years old. He has been reappointed each year since then.

Judge Ward is a member of the Florida State Bar, the Broward County Bar Association and the Greater Hollywood Bar Association. He has been elected president of the Hallandale Kiwanis Club for 1961.

In Fort Lauderdale on January 26, 1957, Fred J. Ward married Betty Yelle, a daughter of Roy and Edna Yelle, and a graduate of Brownville High School, Brownville, New York. They now have two children, both born in Fort Lauderdale:

1. Fred J. Jr., born January 9, 1958.
2. Jacqueline Ann, born April 28, 1960.

Judge Ward and family are members of St. Matthews Catholic Church, Hallandale.

FRANK M. PORTO

Owner and operator of hotels in Hollywood, Frank M. Porto is one of the civic leaders of that community where he is active in a large number of organizations.

Son of Anthony and Angelina (Simmons) Porto, he was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, September 3, 1915, and was educated in the Colony School there. His mother is still living in Wallingford. The father died in April 1960.

Before moving to Hollywood in November 1945, the family owned and operated a truck line in Wallingford, Connecticut, the T. Porto and Sons Motor Transportation Company. On coming to Florida they entered the hotel business, purchasing the Sea Crest Hotel, Hollywood, and leased the Hollywood Beach Casino in 1945. In 1955 they purchased the Sheldon Hotel at Hollywood Beach. Since the death of his father Frank Porto is owner of the two hotels and is secretary and treasurer of the Casino.

Mr. Porto is a director of the Apartment and Hotel Association of Hollywood and a member of the Florida Hotel Association and the Hotel Greeters of America; a member and past president of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Hollywood Beach Improvement Association and of the South Chapter of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association; a director of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hollywood. He is a past president of the Hollywood Kiwanis Club, a member of the Committee of One Hundred of Florida, the American-Italian Civic Club, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Navy League of the United States, Hollywood Elks Lodge #1732, the Propeller Club, Hollywood Men's Golf Association, and the Church of the Little Flower. Bowling appears to be his favorite recreation, but he enjoys all sports.

At Meriden, Connecticut, on July 26, 1942, he married Olga S. Grinewsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Grinewsky of Meriden. They have two children:

1. Frank M. Jr., born in Meriden, Connecticut, March 8, 1946; now a student at Olsen Junior High School.
2. Lynn Marie, born in Hollywood, Florida, January 7, 1949; a student at Hollywood Central Elementary School.

BENNETT L. DAVID, JR.

Son of one of the founding fathers of Hollywood, Florida, Bennett L. David, Jr., attorney and counselor-at-law, entered the legal profession comparatively late in life, having done a number of things previously. He was one of three outstanding members of his graduating class at Miami Law School and the winner of the Roger Sorino Memorial award. Mr. David has been a City Commissioner of Hollywood since 1953 and served as vice mayor from 1953 to 1955 and again 1957 to 1959.

His father, the late Bennett L. David, who died in 1941, was a City Commissioner of Hollywood from 1929 to 1935 and Postmaster for two years before his death. He was a leading merchant in Hollywood, one of the organizers and a charter member of the board of directors of the Hollywood Federal Savings and Loan Association, whose board he served until his death; and was associated with many civic activities for the welfare of the City of Hollywood. His wife, Bennett Jr.'s mother, was Mildred L. McGowan. She lives in Hollywood.

Born in Comer, Georgia, August 5, 1916, Bennett L. David, Jr. graduated from South Broward High School, Hollywood, in the class of 1934. The following year he was Athletic Director for the City of Hollywood. From 1935 to 1941 he was a clerk and carrier for the Hollywood Post Office and was for a time the only carrier to serve the entire city.

On December 10, 1941, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served for the duration of World War II, discharged March 7, 1946, as Yeoman first class.

During the following year he was Sports Editor for the Hollywood Sun-Tattler. From 1947 to 1949 he was Executive Secretary of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Then for five or six years, from 1949 to 1954, he had his own printing and office supply business in Hollywood.

Entering the University of Miami Law School in

1954, he graduated with the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1956 and was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida in 1957. He is a member of the State, the Broward County and the Greater Hollywood Bar Associations and of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Mr. David is one of the organizers and now treasurer and a director of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is a member of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the Hollywood Kiwanis Club (past secretary), the Committee of 100, American Legion Post #92 and Elks Lodge #1732 of Hollywood. He has been a member of the Official Board of the Hollywood Temple Methodist Church for twelve years and has taught an adult class in Sunday School.

At Athens, Georgia, on May 4, 1947, Bennett L. David, Jr. married Sara Cook, daughter of Paul D. and Nell (Richardson) Cook, who was educated in a private girls' school in Greensboro, North Carolina. They have three children, born in Hollywood:

1. Bennett L. David, III, born August 25, 1948.
2. Jeffrey C. David, born September 4, 1949.
3. Julia L. David, born May 24, 1957.

Bennett, III, is now a student at Olsen Junior High School.

DONALD WILLIAM HULMES

Engaged in a general practice of law in Hollywood since 1951, Donald W. Hulmes is serving as attorney for the Broward County School Board and for the Citizens Bank of Broward County, West Hollywood.

Son of Seth and Lois (Paulson) Hulmes, he was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1927. His parents both reside in Hollywood. His father, a retired steel manufacturer, managed the water plant of the City of Hollywood for some time after coming to Florida to retire.

Donald Hulmes graduated from the Military Academy at Fork Union, Virginia, in 1944 and enlisted in the United States Navy, serving as Seaman first class in the South Pacific for the remainder of World War II. After his discharge from the Navy he entered the University of Miami, where he completed a pre-law course and continued in the Law School for another three years, graduating in 1951, and was admitted to practice law in Florida that year.

Mr. Hulmes is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County and Greater Hollywood Bar Associations, and of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. He was president of the Hollywood Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1954-55; is a member of the City Council of the City of Lauderhill, Florida; a former Assistant Scout Master in Hollywood, and a member of the Episcopal Church. Golf is his favorite recreation.

Donald W. Hulmes was married in Hollywood October 11, 1952, to Nancy Wenger of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Laban and Nancy (Horsts) Wenger, a graduate of Schaefferstown High School, Pennsylvania, and of Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She is a Registered Nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Hulmes now have three children, all born in Hollywood:

1. Donna Lee, born in 1955.
2. Jeffrey Donald, born in 1956.
3. Lori Ann, born in 1960.

RALPH R. QUILLIAN

Ralph R. Quillian practiced law in Georgia for twenty-five years before coming to Hollywood, Florida, where he has been in practice since 1953, and is now (1960) president of the Broward County Bar Association and chairman of the Florida Council of Bar Association Presidents.

Mr. Quillian is a member of the family of seven sons and one daughter of Dr. John Wiley and Lucy (Zachry) Quillian. Dr. Quillian graduated from Atlanta Medical College (now Emory Medical College) in 1887, first in his class, and followed the medical profession for eight years. He then became a Methodist minister and a Doctor of Divinity and from that time on preached in the North Georgia Conference. A great part of his ministry was spent in Atlanta. He died in 1934, his wife in 1956, and both are buried in Atlanta.

Born in Elberton, Georgia, July 15, 1904, Ralph Quillian completed his high school course at Gainesville High School, Georgia, in three years, 1918 to 1921. He graduated from Emory College of Law, Atlanta, with the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1927, and was third in his class. Admitted to the practice of law in Georgia, for the next twenty-five years he practiced law in Atlanta until, in 1953, he took up his residence in Hollywood, Florida.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, president of the Broward County Bar Association and past president of the Hollywood Bar Association; a former President of "The Lawyers Club" of Atlanta; a member of the Hollywood Committee of One Hundred and of the Episcopal Church. For recreation he likes to fish and enjoys a game of chess.

In April 1932 at Richmond, Virginia, Ralph Quillian married Virginia Turman, daughter of R. L. and Maude (Pollard) Turman of Atlanta and niece of former Governor Pollard of Virginia. A daughter, Beverly Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Quillian in Atlanta on April 15, 1934. She graduated from Northside High School, Atlanta, and from the University of Georgia, and married Richard C. Edwards of Atlanta. They have two children, Randall and Markham Edwards.

The first Mrs. Quillian died in June 1956 and Mr. Quillian has since then married Emilie Pritchett Morgan, daughter of William Pritchett of Dublin, Georgia, one of the founders of the Macon, Dublin and Savannah Railroad. Mrs. Quillian is a Mayflower descendant and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The surviving members of Mr. Quillian's family are his sister, Mrs. Harry L. Cleveland of Coral Gables, and two brothers: Dr. Warren W. Quillian, M.D., of Coral Gables and Claude B. Quillian of Bradenton, who is in the field of Education.

JOHN EDWIN MAY

Creator of such out-of-this-world architecture as is seen in the restaurant by that name in Hallandale is John Edwin May, who has been practicing his profession in that city since 1956.

Son of a retired lumber dealer, he was born in Lexington, Nebraska, June 29, 1921. His parents, Charles and Ruth (Kennedy) May, are both natives of Nebraska.

John E. May graduated from Lexington High School in 1939, and attended Cornell University, Ithaca, New

York, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts. Enlisting in the United States Navy in 1942, he served in both the Atlantic and South Pacific theaters of World War II and was discharged in 1945 as Petty Officer second class.

From 1945 to 1956 he worked as a draftsman for a number of prominent architects in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, attending evening classes at the Miami University School of Architecture, and in 1956 established himself as a full-fledged architect in Hallandale.

Mr. May is the designer of the following buildings: Taromina Cooperative Apartments and Golden Bay Lodge in Hallandale Beach; Out of This World Restaurant, Seymour's Food Mart, the First Baptist Church, and Hallandale Elementary School, all in Hallandale; Sunshine Villa in Dania; and many others. A colored picture of the above-named restaurant appears in a national technical magazine with the following remarks:

"Architects have declared war on monotony to give a new look to Institutions. For example, John Edwin May, AIA, evolved a boldly different design of consecutive triangles for the Out of This World Restaurant in Hallandale, Florida. Texture balance is achieved with brick concrete bents, rough coral rock in inverted triangular areas and contrasting wood fascia."

Mr. May is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the National Council of Architectural Registration, and the Florida Architects Association; also a member of the Hallandale Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post #310 of Hallandale, and St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Travel is his hobby.

He was married at Boston, Massachusetts, March 17, 1945, to Marion Pole, who was born in Los Angeles, daughter of Francis C. Pole, a native of London, England, and Margaret Brady Pole from Dunfermline, Scotland. Mrs. May is a graduate of St. Anthony's High School, Fort Lauderdale. The Mays have four children, all born in Hollywood:

1. John E. Jr., born December 14, 1946, a student at Chaminade High School, Hollywood.
2. Therese Margaret, born April 25, 1950, a student at The Little Flower School, Hollywood.
3. Charles Francis, born September 29, 1951, also attending The Little Flower School.
4. Gerald Keith, born August 28, 1955.

HARVEY FORD

A brilliant young lawyer of West Hollywood, Harvey Ford was a "cum laude" graduate of the University of Miami Law School in 1951 and while there was tapped for Iron Arrow, the highest men's leadership society. He also became a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the honorary leadership-scholarship fraternity.

Mr. Ford's father, Frank, a retired merchant, and his mother, the former Mae Hopman, reside in Miami. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, February 20, 1927. He graduated from Morristown High School, Morristown, New Jersey, and attended Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. From June 1945 to November 1946 he served in the United States Army in the Canal Zone. On his return from military service he entered the University of Miami and received his LL.B. degree from the Law School in 1951.

Admitted to practice law in the State of Florida that year, he served as a special assistant to the Attorney General during the 1951 session of the Florida Legislature. The following year, 1951-52, he was an associate in the law firm of DeCostas, Maer and Floyd of Miami. In 1952-53 he was associated with Councilman Melvin J. Richard of Miami Beach; from 1953 to 1955 was a partner in Hoffman and Ford, Hollywood; 1955 to 1957, a partner in Abrams, Anton and Ford, Hollywood; and since 1957 has had his own law office in West Hollywood. In 1957-58 he was Special Master in Chancery under appointment of the Circuit Judges of Broward County.

Mr. Ford is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association, the Greater Hollywood Bar Association, of which he is a former director, and has served as Executive Editor of the Miami Law Quarterly. He has been admitted to practice before the Federal District Court, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States Supreme Court, and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Formerly active in the Hollywood Junior Chamber of Commerce, he is a past director of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and a member of Hollywood Lions Club. He is past secretary of the Board of Governors and past president of the Brotherhood of Temple Sinai of Hollywood. Mrs. Ford is vice president of the Sisterhood.

Bowling and music are Harvey Ford's hobbies. He plays the clarinet and the saxophone, and while at the University of Miami he had a Band scholarship as well as a Law Review scholarship. Incidentally, he served as chairman of the Women's International Four Ball Golf Tournament.

Harvey Ford was married in Miami July 7, 1951, to Sheila Posner, daughter of Louis and Ada (Greenwald) Posner. Mrs. Ford is a graduate of Miami High School, class of 1948, and attended the University of Miami. The Fords have three children:

1. Linda Barbara, born in Miami December 29, 1952.
2. Michael I., born in Miami April 12, 1954.
3. Deborah Sue, born in Hollywood October 1, 1955.

Linda and Michael attend Colbert Elementary School and Debbie is a student at Erminie Powell's Hollywood Kindergarten.

RICHARD ELMO BRADY

A member of the firm of Long, Brady and Barone, Richard Elmo Brady has been practicing law in Hallandale, Florida, since 1957. He is a former Assistant County Solicitor for Broward County and currently Town Judge of Pembroke Park, Florida.

Born in Lincoln, Illinois, February 1, 1927, he is a son of Walter S. and Thelma E. (Gentry) Brady. His mother was born in Harlan County, Kentucky, in 1901; his father in southern Indiana in 1899. Walter Brady is a construction contractor. He has served as Commissioner of DeWitt County, Illinois, Town Councilman of Kenney, Illinois, and District Treasurer of Tunbridge Township Fire Protection, of which he was an original organizer. He served in the United States Navy in World War I.

Richard Brady graduated from Public School #79, Kenney, Illinois, in 1940, and from Kenney Community High School in 1946. In the meantime he left school to enlist in the United States Navy and served twenty-two months in the Southwest Pacific theater of World War II, having the rating of Seaman first class on discharge. After his service in the Navy and subsequent

graduation from high school, he spent two semesters at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, one semester at James Milikin University, Decatur, Illinois, and then entered Indiana University, where he earned the undergraduate degree of Bachelor of Science in Law, and received the Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Indiana Law School in 1953.

His first employment after graduation was with the Allstate Insurance Company, Indianapolis branch. Coming to Florida in January, 1957, he entered the private practice of law in Broward County, first in partnership with Robert S. McConnaughty, then in partnership with Quentin V. Long. Quentin Long and Richard Brady are two of the principal promoters and organizers of the recently established Bank of Hallandale, and their firm continues to act as general counsel for the bank.

Mr. Brady is a member of the Indiana Bar Association, the Florida Bar, Broward County Bar Association and South Broward Bar Association. He is a member of the Henderson Masonic Lodge, Kenney, Illinois; a former Odd Fellow; a member of Delta Tau Delta undergraduate fraternity and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity; a former officer and director of Hallandale Chamber of Commerce; a charter member and attorney for the Hallandale Italian-American Club. At Kenney, Illinois, he is a member of the Christian Church.

He was married at Decatur, Illinois, April 16, 1949, to Grace Marie Van Fossan, who was born in Illinois, January 6, 1928, daughter of Raymond and Phoebe Van Fossan.

FRANK DAVID STRUNK

A licensed Funeral Director and Mortician in Hallandale, Frank David Strunk has worked in this line of business since he was fifteen years old. Associated with him at the Strunk Funeral Home in Hallandale are his two brothers, Donald and Glenn Strunk.

Son of David Clarence and Mamie (Winchester) Strunk, Frank David Strunk was born January 14, 1932, at Stearns, Kentucky, where his mother was born September 6, 1904. His father was born at Strunk, Kentucky, on February 18, 1907. He was a merchant in Virginia. Now retired, he and his wife reside in Fort Lauderdale.

Frank Strunk attended the Garden Creek Grade School at Oakwood, Virginia, Junior High School at Fort Pierce, Florida, and graduated from Fort Pierce High School in June 1950. For his professional education he attended the Eckles College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia.

Starting before he was through school, he worked for the Yates Funeral Home in Fort Pierce from 1948 to 1951, and then worked for the Baird Funeral Home in Fort Pierce until 1956, excepting his two years in the United States Army. From 1953 to 1955 he served with the 296th Transportation Battalion in Korea and had the rank of Sergeant on discharge. He established his own funeral home in Hallandale in November, 1960.

Mr. Strunk is a director of the Hallandale Chamber of Commerce, a member of Hallandale Kiwanis Club, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the First Baptist Church of Hallandale.

He was married at Philadelphia on February 15, 1958, to Ethel Louise Manning, who was born in Philadelphia on Christmas Day in 1934. She is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Philadelphia. Both her parents, Earl Parsons Manning and Beatrice Milson Manning, are also natives of Philadelphia, where her father was born September 18, 1896, and her mother on March 11, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Strunk now have two sons, both born in Hollywood, Florida:

1. Frank David Strunk, Jr., born November 29, 1959.
2. Stephen Manning Strunk, born July 7, 1960.

CHARLES C. KOCH

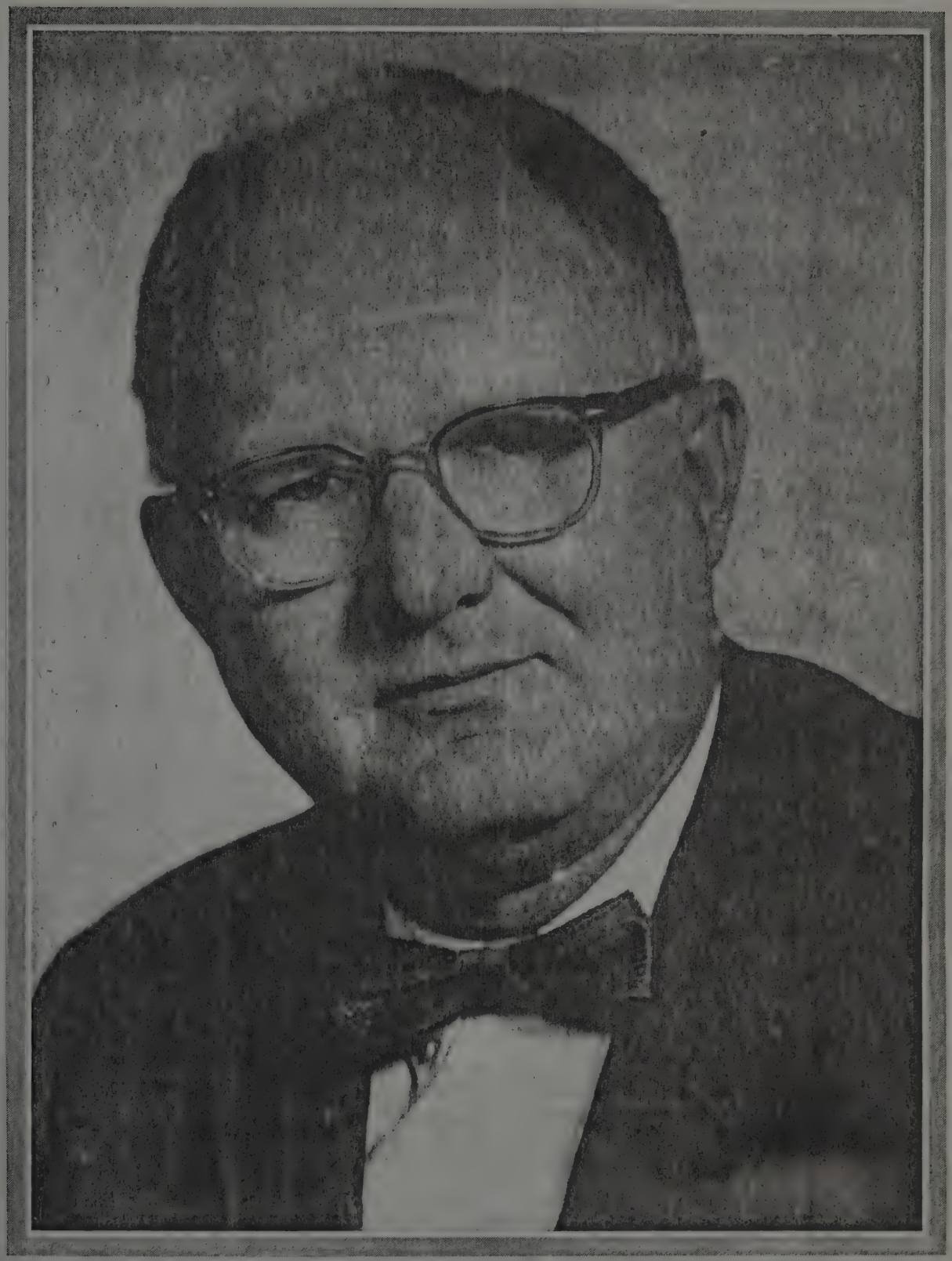
Merit Coil and Transformer Corporation of Hollywood, Florida, formerly of Chicago, is the largest plant of its kind now operating in the United States. The several units composing this operation located in Hollywood are: Southern Division, Export Division, Florida Merit, Inc., Merit Tool Corporation, Merit Research Corporation, and Charwill, Inc. The Eastern Division is located in Norristown, Pennsylvania; the Midwestern Division in Chicago, Illinois; and the Western Division in Los Angeles, California. There are seventeen sales representatives distributed throughout the United States, one in South Miami serving the Latin-American countries, and one in Hawaii.

Charles C. Koch, president of Merit Coil and Transformer Corporation, was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 16, 1907, a son of Charles and Sophie (Wilbois) Koch. His mother died in 1942. His father, now retired and spending his time in Florida, was a painter of church art. His paintings and memorial windows are in churches and Masonic temples throughout the United States.

Mr. Koch graduated from Lane Technical High School, Chicago, in 1924, and from the Lewis Institute of Technology, now the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago. From the beginning of his career he was interested in the engineering and production of electronic component parts. Before establishing his own business in this field, he worked for a number of pioneer radio manufacturing plants in and around Chicago. In 1940 he started his initial engineering and manufacturing plant in Chicago, and in 1951 established a subsidiary plant in Hollywood, Florida. In 1957 he moved the entire Chicago operation to Hollywood, where he now employs 300 people in the combined units.

Mr. Koch is a member of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the American Society of Military Engineers, the Armed Forces Communications Association, the National Rifle Association, Radio Old Timers (a national organization), the Chicago Yacht Club, the Surfside Club of Miami, the Committee of One Hundred of Miami, Saints and Sinners of Miami, the Church-by-the-Sea at Surfside, and is a committeeman of Boy Scout Troop #81 of Surfside. Boating and fishing are his recreations. He paints as a hobby and has a collection of about 200 specimens of antique pistols and guns.

He was married in Chicago on September 24, 1938, to Vera Foster, daughter of William and Nellie (Kentner) Foster, a native of Rossville, Illinois, and graduate of Rossville High School and of St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing at Danville, Illinois. She is a registered nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Koch have two sons, born in Chicago: Charles William Koch, born September 4, 1947, and William Foster Koch, born May 20, 1950. Both are students at Pine Crest Preparatory School, Fort Lauderdale.



JAMES H. HATTON

The motto of Hatton Brothers Construction Company of Hollywood, Florida, is "Any job worth doing is worth doing well." The company has many fine edifices in Broward County to its credit. In 1960 James H. Hatton, founder and partner, received from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce a plaque in recognition of his outstanding service in the construction of the new Chamber of Commerce headquarters.

Born on a farm in Clark County, near Springfield, Ohio, August 29, 1910, James H. Hatton is a son of Seth C. and Myrtle (Cultice) Hatton, both of Springfield, Ohio, where his father was in the building supply business. He died November 22, 1959, and is buried in Springfield. James' mother, now 83 years old, is still living there.

Graduating from Springfield (Ohio) High School in 1928, James Hatton worked in the building business there until he came to Hollywood, Florida, in 1938. For the first four years here he worked for others in the construction field. Enlisting as a private in the United States Army Engineers Corps in June 1942, he served in World War II until April 1946, at which time he had attained the rank of Captain. He also served in Korea in 1948-49.

After his return from the Army in 1946, James Hatton and his brother, Cecil F. Hatton, established Hatton Brothers Construction Company, General Contractors, in Hollywood, Florida. They built the Hollywood City Library, the city's Equipment and Storage plant, the new Federal Savings and Loan Association building in Hollywood and just completed the Dania branch of this bank. In Hollywood they built the Little Flower Church and St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and in Fort Lauderdale Our Lady. Queen of Martyrs Church, School and Cafeteria; also many fine residences in Broward County.

Mr. Hatton was a director of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce from 1956 to 1958 and was president of the Hollywood Rotary Club in 1952-53. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

He was married at Bainbridge, Georgia, November 14, 1955, to Louise Bianco, daughter of Angelo and Carol (Pregno) Bianco, who now reside in Hollywood. Louise was born in New Rochelle, New York, and graduated from White Plains High School in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatton have a daughter, Kimberly Ivy, born January 16, 1958. By an early marriage Mr. Hatton has two sons: James H. Jr., born June 24, 1931, and Roger Lee Hatton, born August 11, 1932.

REV. ROBERT F. REARDON

The young pastor of the Church of the Resurrection at Dania, Father Robert F. Reardon, has served in several churches of the Miami and St. Augustine Catholic dioceses since he was ordained in 1953.

Son of Robert F. and Margaret (Hyland) Reardon, Father Reardon was born in Boston, Massachusetts, August 26, 1927. His father, a native Bostonian, is a retired employee of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. His mother was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Robert Reardon graduated from Newton High School in Newton, Massachusetts, attended Boston College, and graduated from St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Massachusetts, in 1953. He was ordained by Bishop Thomas McDonough at the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, Florida, in 1953, and subsequently pursued his studies further at several seats of learning, including Barry College, Miami; Seton Hall, South Orange, New Jersey, where he received an M.A. degree in 1958; and the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, which he attended in 1955.

Father Reardon was pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church, Boca Raton, from April to November, 1960, and was then assigned to the Church of the Resurrection, Dania, as pastor. He is also Assistant Superintendent of Parochial Schools of the Miami diocese. He is a member of the Dania Chamber of Commerce.

WILLIAM D. DORMINEY

President of the Bank of Hallandale, William D. Dorminey has been in the banking business since he was nineteen, starting in Georgia in 1920, and has held banking positions in various parts of Florida since 1926.

He was born in Fitzgerald, Georgia, August 18, 1901, son of Dr. William David Dorminey, a graduate of Emory School of Medicine, who practiced in Fitzgerald until his passing in 1934. Dr. Dorminey was a director of the First National Bank of Fitzgerald for about seventeen years. He also was president of the Board of Education in Fitzgerald and had farming interests. William D.'s mother was Ella Frances Williams from Telfair County, Georgia.

Mr. Dorminey graduated from Georgia Military College at Milledgeville, Georgia, in 1918 and attended the Gulf Coast Military Naval Academy at Gulfport, Mississippi. In 1920 he entered the Bank of Irwinville, Georgia, where he became cashier and vice president.

In 1926 he came to Avon Park, Florida, and was assistant cashier at the First National Bank of Avon Park. During the critical years of the depression, 1929 to 1934, he operated a Ford Agency at Sebring. In 1934 he went to Tallahassee and for the next three years was associated with the State Auditing and Banking departments in the Comptroller's office.

From 1937 to 1941 he was the Fort Lauderdale affiliate of the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville and during the following year was auditor of the Florida National Bank at Jacksonville. In June 1942 he returned to Avon Park as cashier of the Barnett Bank of Avon Park and held that position until 1953, when he became president of the Avon Citrus Bank at Avon Park and executive vice president of the South Dade Farmers Bank at Homestead.

In 1959 Mr. Dorminey organized and opened the First Bank of Lake Placid and served as its first executive vice president until April, 1960, when he resigned that position to accept the presidency of the new Bank of Hallandale. He is also a director of the bank.

Mr. Dorminey joined the Masonic Lodge at Irwinville, Georgia, and is a member of the York Rite and Commandery, Knights Templar, and Egypt Temple Shrine at Tampa, Florida. He became a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Fitzgerald, Georgia. His church is the Congregational.

He was married at Irwinville, Georgia, in February, 1920, to Louise Clements, daughter of Judge J. B.

and Ora (Baker) Clements. Mr. and Mrs. Dorminey have two daughters, both born in Irwinville, Georgia: Frances, who is Mrs. R. B. Wiggins of Pompano Beach, and Sujette, Mrs. David Lanier of Avon Park.

HILBERT C. SCHWARTZ

Named Realtor of the Year by the Hollywood-South Broward Board of Realtors at their annual dinner and installation of officers in December, 1960, Hilbert C. Schwartz has been in the real estate and insurance business in Hallandale for more than thirty-six years and has been active in the civic affairs of that community and of South Broward County. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Hollywood, in charge of real estate, and has been a director of that bank since 1944.

Son of Paul H. and Alvina (Hilbert) Schwartz, he was born at Great Falls, Montana, July 12, 1903. His mother, now 78, resides in Hallandale. His father died in 1938. He was a pioneer realtor in Hallandale and prior to his coming to Florida was a real estate dealer in Big Sandy, Montana. He and his cousin, Hans H. Lehfeldt, owned the original townsite of Big Sandy, at that time the largest livestock shipping point in the state.

Hilbert C. Schwartz received his early schooling in Big Sandy, Montana, graduated from Pine River High School in Minnesota in 1923, and came to Hallandale, Florida, with his father in 1924. On arriving they immediately went into the real estate and insurance business and continued the partnership until the father's death in 1938.

Mr. Schwartz is a director of the Hollywood-South Broward Board of Realtors for 1959-60, a director of the Hallandale Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of Commissioners of South Broward Hospital District, a charter member of Broward County Farm Bureau, and an associate member of the Committee of 100. Hunting and fishing are his choices for relaxation.

He was married April 8, 1925, in Miami, Florida, to Mabel C. Wisch, daughter of Henry and Mae (Carl) Wisch, who was educated in the schools of Jackson, Minnesota, and Park Rapids High School, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz are the parents of a daughter, Juanita, and a son, Clifford R.

Juanita Iola Schwartz graduated from South Broward High School and married Wayne Smith. She has two children: Gail, born in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1951; Karin, born in Hollywood in 1953.

Clifford R. Schwartz was born in Miami, Florida, in March 1933, graduated from South Broward High School in 1950, and served in the United States Air Corps in the Far East, Africa and Casablanca from 1952 to 1956. Since 1956 he is a partner in his father's real estate and insurance business in Hallandale. He is a director of the South Broward Insurance Board and director of Hallandale Chamber of Commerce. In April 1958 in Georgia he married Anna Lee Van Netta, daughter of Albert W. and Anna Lee, and they have a son, Robert Paul Schwartz, born in Hollywood, Florida, September 17, 1960.

DIXON M. JORDAN

The name of Jordan in Dania, Florida, stands for fine Colonial furniture. The man who founded Jordan Furniture Company, Dixon M. Jordan, has had thirty years experience in the furniture field, with an interlude of ten years in the farming and packing house business. He is also a graduate pharmacist and for fifteen years in the early part of his career was in the drug business. His activities in the Dania-Hollywood area include the financial field and civic and Masonic affairs.

He was born in Florence, South Carolina, November 1, 1885, son of Emory C. and Anna Corrine (Sweet) Jordan, both natives of South Carolina. The family moved to Whigham, Georgia, in 1904. Emory Jordan was a farmer and merchant and served as councilman of the city of Whigham, Georgia, for many years.

Dixon M. Jordan attended the local high school and graduated from Atlanta College of Pharmacy in 1906. From then until 1921 he followed the retail and manufacturing drug business, first owning and operating a drug store in Whigham and later manufacturing drugs in Thomasville, Georgia.

In 1921 he took up the manufacture of standard furniture in Valdosta, Georgia, and continued in this line there until 1925, when he moved his plant to Dania, Florida. Following the bursting of the Florida real estate boom, which no doubt affected his business, he discontinued the manufacture of furniture in 1927 and went into the farming and shipping of winter vegetables. After ten years in this business he sold out in 1937 and returned to the furniture business, working first with Rhodes Furniture chain of stores out of Miami, and then opened a retail store at his present address, 48 South Federal Highway in Dania. In 1945 his son, J. C. Jordan, and son-in-law, James J. McMillan, joined him in establishing the present household furnishing business, which in 1958 was merged with Colonial Early American Furniture, and now boasts one of the largest selections of Early American furniture in the South.

Mr. Jordan is chairman of the board of Jordan Furniture Company. He is also chairman of the board of the Diversified Finance Corporation of Dania, a million dollar finance corporation which he organized. He was an organizer of the Citizens Bank of Broward County and is now its vice president and a director of the bank. He is vice chairman of the governing board of Memorial Hospital of Hollywood, which he served as chairman for two terms, 1955-56. He served as vice mayor and city councilman of Dania in 1929. He is an organizer and past Master of Eureka Lodge, F. and A.M., #269 of Dania; an organizer and first U.D. Master of Roe Folderson Lodge, F. and A.M., #299 of West Hollywood; and a member of the Methodist Church.

At Holly Hill, South Carolina, on September 24, 1912, Dixon M. Jordan married Lillie Shingler, daughter of John M. and Emily (Woodberry) Shingler. They have four children and five grandchildren. The children are:

1. Lillian Jordan (Mrs. James J. McMillan), born in Whigham, Georgia.

2. D. Monroe Jordan, now of West Palm Beach, born in Colquitt, Georgia.

3. Emily Jordan (Mrs. Graham T. Simpson of Dania), born in Colquitt, Georgia.

4. James C. Jordan, born in Valdosta, Georgia.

The grandchildren are: Emily Joyce McMillan, Emily Claudia and Graham B. Simpson, Norris Stephen and Jeffrey Dixon.

FRITZ DORIGO

Owner of the world-famous Hofbrau Haus on Route 1 in Hallandale, Fritz Dorigo is one of five prominent and civic minded individuals who put up $500,000 to float a two-and-a-half million dollar bridge from Route 1 to A1A in Hallandale, which was finished in 1959.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, September 21, 1909, he is a son of Settimeo Dorigo, still living in Hamburg, aged 87, and Paula (Poller) Dorigo. He was educated in the public schools of Hamburg, including the Gymnasium, which is equal to Junior College in the United States.

In 1930, when he was twenty-one, he came to the United States and worked first in the Astor Hotel, New York, as a bus boy. Subsequently, he became private secretary to James Dunn of Greenwich, Connecticut. In 1935 he came to Miami and established the famous Etitch and Fritz restaurant, which he operated until 1945, when he moved to Hallandale and built the Hofbrau Haus.

He is a life member of the Florida State and National Restaurant Association; a member of all Chambers of Commerce from Miami to Palm Beach; a life member of Elks Lodge #1732 of Hollywood, and a member of the Hollywood Moose Lodge. He is also a member of the Meadow Brook Syndicate, breeders of racing horses, and makes a hobby of horse racing and breeding. Swimming is his favorite recreation.

He and Mrs. Dorigo love travel, and for many years during the summer months they have traveled throughout Europe and Asia, visiting among other spots his birthplace in Hamburg, Germany. Two years ago Mr. Dorigo, as a representative of the Restaurant Associations of the United States, traveled to Russia with Vice President Nixon to open up the Exposition in Moscow.

At Greenwich, Connecticut, on December 5, 1933, Fritz Dorigo married Edith Docrign, daughter of the late Karl and Alvina (Kopfshlags) Docrign. They have a son, Fritz W. Dorigo, born in Miami December 5, 1947, now a student at Miami Day and Country School, a private boarding school in Miami.

THE CURCIE FAMILY

One of the earliest settlers of Hallandale was Frank A. Curcie, who bought twenty acres of the old Krumblood estate there in 1905 and moved his family there from Key West, where he had lived for seven years previously.

A native of Bordeaux, France, Mr. Curcie came to this country as a young man and, being an accomplished violinist, was a member of the orchestra that played at the opening of the Royal Palm Hotel in Miami in 1896, the year the city was incorporated. In 1898 he moved to Key West, where he conducted a general store and taught music.

In Hallandale he farmed and was a landscape gardener. He did the landscaping for the first and some of the finest residences in Miami Beach, foremost among which was the Carl Fisher estate. This pioneer of Miami and Hallandale died September 9, 1960, at the age of eighty-five. His wife, mother of the Curcie brothers, was Rose Brigelle, born in England. She died November 7, 1959, aged seventy-nine.

Frank and Rose Curcie had four sons. Donald, the oldest, was born in Key West; the other three in Hallandale: John P. on August 22, 1911; Theodore E. (Ted) on December 25, 1915; and Frank A., Jr. on February 7, 1922. These three attended elementary school in Hallandale. John graduated from Central High School in Hollywood; Ted from what is now South Broward High School in Dania; and Frank from St. Anthony's High School, Fort Lauderdale.

In their youth the Curcie boys hauled tomatoes from their father's farm to the packing house in Hallandale and shipped them by boat to New York and other points on the East Coast. Starting with one truck in 1934, John and Ted pioneered in road construction and trucking in that area. They are now one of the largest road contractors and earth movers in South Florida. They did one of the largest fill jobs in Florida by truck—moving a million and a half yards of earth in the building of the Diplomat Golf Course on 205 acres of what was mangrove swamp.

Curcie Brothers, Inc., of which firm Ted Curcie is president, includes five other separate corporations, employing altogether 111 men with a weekly payroll of $12,000. Along with their own forty-two radio-dispatched trucks of all sizes, they hire about twenty additional trucks in the process of their contracting jobs.

The five subsidiaries or branches of Curcie Brothers, Inc. are: Curcie Brothers Paving Company, Inc.; Curcie Brothers Trucking Company; the Junhalla Company (a real estate holding corporation); the Glades Rock Corporation; and Hallandale Rock Corporation. Ted Curcie is president of the last three named corporations. His brother John is president of the Paving and Trucking companies and is also secretary and treasurer of all the other companies. Frank A., Jr. is vice president of Curcie Brothers Trucking Company.

Ted Curcie served eighteen months in the Pacific theater of World War II in the Infantry, 81st Division, with the top rank of staff sergeant, and was wounded in action at Pelau Island. He was Commander of the Disabled American Veterans for two years, 1957 and 1958.

In 1955 and '56 he was a member of the Hallandale Zoning Board. As a director of the Hallandale Chamber of Commerce in 1955, he received a citation for his work. The Lions Club of Hallandale, which he served as president in 1958-59, honored him with a plaque in appreciation of his "distinguished and unselfish service" in the club. The firm of Curcie Brothers, Inc. was the recipient of a plaque for sponsoring a Girls' Softball Team in Hallandale.

Ted Curcie is a charter member of Hollywood Elks Lodge and a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church of Hallandale. His favorite recreations are fishing and boating.

He was married at Brunswick, Georgia, October 12, 1954, to Nadine Blount, daughter of Edward and Mary (Williams) Blount, who was born in Miami and graduated from Edison High School in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Curcie have two children, born in Hallandale: Rosemary, on June 12, 1956; Joseph Edward, on June 24, 1958.

John P. Curcie served as a private first class in the Ninth Armored Division of the United States Army in World War II from 1943 to 1945, with eighteen months in the European theater, and took part in the Battle of the Bulge. He is a charter member of Hollywood Elks Lodge, a director of the Lions Club of Hallandale, a trustee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a mem-

Frank A. Curcie & Rose B. Curcie

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ber of the Holy Name Society of St. Matthew's Church.

On December 10, 1936, he married June Taylor, daughter of James and Josephine (Bein) Taylor, in St. Petersburg, Florida. They have three sons, born in Hollywood: John J., on February 11, 1942; James, on October 1, 1952; Jerome, on October 3, 1955.

Frank A. Curcie, Jr. was named executor of the father's estates. He served two years overseas in the South Pacific in World War II and is a past director of the Lions Club. He married Margaret Hansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swen Hansen of New York, and they have three children, born in Hallandale: Kenneth Anthony, on February 7, 1951; Thomas, on July 22, 1956; and Catherine, on March 22, 1958.

Donald Curcie, the oldest brother of the Curcie family, is associated with the business as stock clerk. Born in Key West in 1896, he served in the United States Army Cavalry in World War I. On December 4, 1910, he married Sylvia Carlson from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. They have three children: Florine, who is Mrs. Benjamin Graeber of Miami; Theresa, Mrs. Douglas Butler of Miami; and Michael Joseph Curcie of Fort Lauderdale.

There are also seven sisters in the family; in order, Ann, Jen, Josephine, Rosalie, Mary, Betty, and Virginia. There are thirty-six grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Curcie Brothers, Inc. is a member of the American Road Builders Association (A.R.B.A.), the Florida Road Builders Association (F.R.B.A.), the Broward Builders Exchange, and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

RAYMOND M. THEODORE, D.D.S.

A practicing dentist in Hollywood, Florida, since 1946, Dr. Raymond M. Theodore was born in Baltimore, Maryland, September 4, 1907, son of George David and Ida (Lipsitz) Theodore. He received his primary education in Baltimore public schools, attended Randolph-Macon Military Academy at Bedford, Virginia, graduating in 1924, and attended Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, in 1925-26.

Entering the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, he graduated with a Ph.G. degree in 1929 and practiced Pharmacy in Maryland until 1934. He then entered the University of Maryland, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, and was graduated in 1938 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Dr. Theodore served in the United States Army in World War II from May 1941 to December 1945, with the rank of Major D.C.

He is a member of Tau Epsilon Phi and Alpha Omega Fraternities, Gorgas Odontological Society, the American Dental Association, the East Coast Dental Society, Broward County Dental Society, and is a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite Bodies, and a member of Mahi Shrine Temple, Miami.

In 1940 Dr. Theodore married Fannie Mae Margolis and they have one child, Lois Maxine, born in 1942.

JOHN O. CALVIN

Since coming to Hollywood in 1945, John O. Calvin has become one of the leading citizens of that city through his activities in building and real estate, in bank organization and general civic affairs.

He was born in Edinburgh, Indiana, October 12, 1906, son of Omer T. and Anna (Holman) Calvin. The family moved to Argos, Indiana, where his father was a farmer. John's mother died in 1952, his father in 1954, and both are buried in Argos, Indiana. His grandfather, John W. Calvin, for many years served Johnson County, Indiana, and Edinburgh as county commissioner and township trustee.

John O. Calvin was graduated from Franklin High School, Franklin, Indiana, in 1925 and from the University of Indiana in 1929 with an A.B. degree. From 1932 to 1940 he worked with the United States Department of Agriculture making chattel and farm mortgage loans throughout Indiana. In 1940 he established a contracting business in and around Indianapolis and began real estate operations. During World War II, 1941 to 1945, he served as Red Cross Field Director throughout the United States.

The Calvin family had been coming to Florida during the winter months since 1936. In 1945 Mr. Calvin settled in Hollywood and established a general contracting business in Broward County. He helped to construct the Presbyterian Church on 16th Street and Hollywood Boulevard, a beautiful edifice. He also built Temple Sinai at Johnson and 12th Street, Hollywood, the Citizens Bank of South Broward County in West Hollywood, and many other fine buildings. He is one of the owners and a director of this bank, which he helped to organize. For the past couple of years (since 1958) he has specialized in the building of medical clinics, and has built six of these in Hollywood.

Mr. Calvin is a past director of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Since 1952 he has been a director of the downtown Hollywood Kiwanis Club and was its president in 1956. A member of the Broward County Board of Public Instruction, he was chairman of the board in 1954 to 1956 and vice chairman 1956 to 1959. He is president of the University of Indiana Alumni Association of Broward County and a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as deacon and elder. Boating is his favorite recreation.

In Indianapolis on February 28, 1936, John O. Calvin married Marian Olive, daughter of Edgar W. and Elizabeth (Ristine) Olive. Mrs. Calvin is a graduate of the University of Illinois, class of 1929, with a B.A. degree. The Calvins have three children:

1. David Lawrence Calvin, born June 18, 1940, at Indianapolis, a graduate of South Broward High School, Hollywood, and now a student at West Palm Beach Junior College.

2. John Wesley Calvin, born May 4, 1945, at Indianapolis, a student at South Broward High School.

3. Richard Thomas Calvin, born May 28, 1947, in Hollywood, Florida, a student at McNicol Junior High School.

David was and John is a member of South Broward High School Swimming Team.

WILLIAM J. KELLEY

The president and owner of Bill Kelley Chevrolet, Inc. in Hollywood has been in the automobile business since he got out of college in 1947 and has been very successful in Hollywood, where he started with an organization of fifteen in 1956 and now has sixty-five employees.

William J. (Bill) Kelley was born in Batavia, New

York, August 24, 1925, son of Joseph and Helen (Templeton) Kelley, both natives of Batavia. His parents now reside in San Francisco where his father is an executive of a paper manufacturing company.

Bill Kelley graduated from North Kansas City High School, Missouri, and attended the University of Notre Dame for a while. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the United States Navy as seaman first class. Returning, he completed his college education at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, receiving the B.A. degree in 1947.

In that year he entered the automobile business in North Kansas City as a salesman for the William (Bill) Allen Chevrolet, and was there nine years, working up through the various steps of the company until he became manager and finally a partner.

In January 1956 he purchased a Chevrolet franchise in Hallandale, Florida, and established his own firm under the name of Bill Kelley Chevrolet, Inc. In 1960 he was elected to represent all Chevrolet dealers from Pompano south at the Chevrolet Dealers Planning Committee in Jacksonville, Florida. He is a member and former vice president of the Broward County Automobile Dealers Association.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Kelley is a member of the Chambers of Commerce of Hollywood, West Hollywood and Hallandale; a charter member of the board of directors of the Bank of Hallandale; and received the Award of Excellence for his participation in the United Fund drive for Broward County. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church. He is also a member of Alpha Lodge #659 of North Kansas City, Missouri. Boating is his recreation and as a hobby he has taught himself to play the organ.

At Kansas City, Missouri, on July 6, 1947, William J. Kelley married Helen Jeane Allen, daughter of William and Martha (McBride) Allen. Mrs. Kelley was born in Independence, Missouri, and is a graduate of North Kansas City High School. She attended Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri, and then the University of Missouri.

Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelley in Kansas City, Missouri: Stephen Allen Kelley, on February 23, 1951, and William Joseph Kelley, on November 18, 1953.

Bill Kelley has a brother, John Robert Kelley, now in the insurance field in Kansas City, and Mrs. Kelley has a brother, William R. Allen, Jr., who is owner of the Bill Allen Chevrolet in North Kansas City. Her father is retired.

CHARLES D. SPRINGER

A resident of Hollywood, Florida, since 1926, Charles D. Springer has been in the automobile transportation business there most of the time since he went to work for his father in 1937, and since 1948 has also been President and General Manager of Hollywood Bus Lines, Inc., operating a bus service for the city and surrounding area. Mr. Springer is prominent in the civic life of Hollywood.

A son of Ralph B. and Florence (Treu) Springer, he was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 26, 1916. He came to Hollywood with his family early in 1926. Continuing his education in the local schools, he graduated from Dania High School in 1933 and attended the University of Florida for the next four years, graduating in 1937 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting.

From 1937 to 1940 he was employed by his father, who had established an automobile transportation business in Hollywood in 1926. From 1940 to 1944 he was with the Broward County Port Authority as Auditor and Assistant Port Manager, but continued to work for his father on a part-time basis during this period.

Called into the United States Army in 1944, he served in the Fiscal Division, Non-appropriated Funds Branch, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, until November 1945. Returning to Hollywood, he resumed working for his father until the latter's death in 1950.

Since then he has been a partner in the operation of Springer Motor Company, engaged in the rental car and taxi-limousine business. They operate approximately 400 units during the winter season. Since 1950, also, Mr. Springer has been lease-operator of Springer's Standard Service Station, located in the center of Hollywood, which pumps approximately 550,000 gallons of gasoline annually. In 1951 C. D. Springer and his two brothers, George R. and Ralph B. Springer, Jr., formed the partnership of Springer Brothers for the management of properties and operation of a service station. In 1954 R. and S. Motors, Inc., a rental car company operating in the Fort Lauderdale area, was established, with Charles Springer as vice-president.

Mr. Springer is a member and state director of "Catrala," a state-wide trade association of rental car operators in Florida. He has been a director of the Industrial Savings Bank of Fort Lauderdale since 1954 and is now also a director of the Bank of Hollywood. During the year 1953 he was president of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and has served two three-year terms as director of the Chamber. He was president of the Hollywood Rotary Club in 1953-54 and is presently a director of the Committee of One Hundred of Hollywood. A Mason of Hollywood Lodge #209, F. and A.M., he was Master of this lodge in 1950 and is a member of Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami, and the Hollywood Shrine Club. He is also a member of B.P.O.E. Lodge #1732 of Hollywood and of the American Legion Post.

On August 18, 1939, at Fort Lauderdale, Charles D. Springer married Elizabeth Malone, daughter of James and Minnie (Mason) Malone. Mr. and Mrs. Springer are the parents of two children, both born in Hollywood:

1. Dale born April 25, 1943, is now a senior at South Broward High School, a member of the school swimming team, and is active in the Order of DeMolay.
2. Sally, born September 19, 1944, is a junior at South Broward High School.

VINCENT T. BARONE

An attorney and counselor in Hallandale, Vincent T. Barone practiced law in New York State for nineteen years before moving to Florida in 1958. During those years he gave a considerable portion of his time to public service.

Son of George C. and Louise M. (Albano) Barone, he was born in Fredonia, Chatauqua County, New York, December 27, 1913. Both his parents are living in Buffalo, New York. His father, now retired, was an engineer, mechanic and inventor. He was born in Italy October 20, 1890. Vincent's mother was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 5, 1895.

He was educated in the following schools, all in Buffalo, New York: Holy Angels, Public School #3, Canisius High School, Canisius College, from which he graduated with a B.A. degree in 1935, and the University of Buffalo Law School, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1938.

Admitted to practice law in New York State in March 1939, he followed his profession in Buffalo until he came to Broward County, Florida, in 1958. During his professional career in New York State he served as a panel attorney for the Legal Aid Society. From 1946 to 1953 inclusive, he was a member of the five-man Buffalo Airport Advisory Board. In 1951 he was Field Representative for the New York State Workmen's Compensation Board. In 1952 and '53 he was Confidential Secretary for the City Council of Buffalo, New York; from 1954 to 1956 inclusive, Town Attorney for the Town of Lancaster, Erie County, New York; and from 1954 to 1957 inclusive, Confidential Secretary for the Office of the Comptroller, Erie County, New York.

He served in the New York State Guard from 1941 to 1945 with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Mr. Barone was admitted to the Florida Bar in November 1958, and since then practiced with the law firm of Clark, Harrington and Barone at Pompano until he became a member of the firm of Long, Brady and Barone of Hallandale, with which he is now associated.

He is a member of the New York State Bar, the Florida Bar, the American Bar Association, Broward County and Greater Hollywood Bar Associations; a member of Kiwanis International of Hallandale, and of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Hollywood. He has a private pilot's license and makes a hobby of flying. He also likes to play golf and bowl.

Mr. Barone was married in Las Vegas, Nevada, on February 1, 1958, to Ann L. Trippi, born in Buffalo, New York, January 6, 1931, daughter of John and Carmela (Gerace) Trippi, both natives of Buffalo, where her father was born March 4, 1905, her mother July 1, 1908. A daughter, Bernadette Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Barone at Pompano Beach, Florida, on April 24, 1959.

By a previous marriage Mr. Barone has two children, both born in Lackawanna, New York: Mary K. on September 12, 1946, and Mark V. C. on March 21, 1951. Mary and Mark are attending a private school in Buffalo, New York.

IVAN C. FREDERICKSON, D.V.M.

A veterinarian of Hollywood, part owner and operator of the Hollywood Animal Hospital, Dr. Ivan C. Frederickson has practiced his profession in Florida since 1939.

Son of Anthony and Alpha (Lindmark) Frederickson, he was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, May 14, 1915. His father, a native of Iowa, homesteaded in Calgary, Alberta, where he was a rancher and farmer. He returned to Stratford, Iowa, when Ivan was an infant, in 1915, and continued his farming and ranching there. On his retirement in 1952 he came to Hollywood, and died there last September, 1960. Ivan's mother had died in 1958. Both parents are buried in Hollywood.

At Stratford High School, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1932, Ivan Frederickson played football. He went on to Iowa State University where he studied animal husbandry and graduated in 1939 with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Having begun his practice in Norway, Iowa, Dr. Frederickson moved to Miami, Florida, in the fall of 1939. In 1943 he moved to Fort Lauderdale and in 1947 settled in Hollywood, carrying on his veterinary practice at each location. At Hollywood he went into partnership with Dr. Clarence C. Dee in the operation of the Hollywood Animal Hospital. Mrs. Dee is the former Lucille Frederickson, sister of Dr. Frederickson.

Dr. Frederickson is a member of the American Animal Hospital Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Florida Veterinary Medical Association, the South Florida Veterinary Society, and the Broward County Veterinary Association.

On October 17, 1940, at Miami Dr. Frederickson married Dorothy V. Holt, a graduate of Ellsworth (Iowa) High School and Iowa State University, daughter of Peter and Olive (Lyders) Holt. Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson are the parents of four children:

1. Ivan Charles, Jr. ("Tucker"), born in Fort Lauderdale January 12, 1943, graduating from South Broward High School in 1961.

2. Linda Gail, born in Fort Lauderdale October 16, 1944, a student at South Broward High School.

3. Mary Ann, born in Fort Lauderdale February 28, 1946, a student at McNicol Junior High School, Hollywood.

4. Jane Ellen, born in Hollywood December 6, 1950, a student at Hollywood Hills Elementary School.

For his accomplishments as a football player, "Tucker" Frederickson was first named on every All-County football team that various groups selected. Then his name appeared on the All-State and the All-Southern football teams. In addition he was named the top prep school football player in the State of Florida. Finally, in January 1961, he was selected for the first team Prep All-American eleven. He is also three-year letterman in basketball and holds the State Junior Olympic record in the shot-put.

In a local newspaper an editorial comment states: "The modest manner in which Tucker accepts the recognition accorded him increases his stature beyond his athletic accomplishments. He has brought considerable recognition to the community as well as to himself, and he is as fine a representative as the community can have. We join with the rest of the community in extending congratulations to this fine young man."

JUDGE R. J. (BOB) FEGERS

Practicing law in West Hollywood since 1954, R. J. (Bob) Fegers has been Municipal Judge of the City of Plantation since 1957 and was Assistant County Solicitor for Broward County in 1956-57.

Son of Joseph and Agnes (Rompza) Fegers, he was born in Chicago, Illinois, March 7, 1928. His father operated a restaurant in Pompano Beach during the winter months, starting in 1924, and in 1942 took up his residence in Florida at Goulds, where he had a citrus grove. In 1943 he opened a restaurant in Hollywood, which he sold in 1944 when he opened one in Hallandale. This restaurant he operated until 1956, then sold it, but the property remains in the family. He died January 4, 1958, survived by his wife, who lives in West Hollywood.

Bob Fegers graduated from South Broward High School, Hollywood, in 1946 and for the next three

years attended Florida State University. He played football in high school and at Florida State. In 1951 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Miami and in 1954 a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Law School of the University of Miami. Admitted to the Florida bar in 1954, he has carried on a general practice since then and is a member of the law firm of Reasbeck and Fegers.

Judge Fegers holds membership in the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County and the Greater Hollywood Bar Associations; also in the Kiwanis Club of West Hollywood and the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past president. He is a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church of West Hollywood. Water sports are his favorite recreation.

At Titusville, Pennsylvania, on June 21, 1952, R. J. Fegers married Ruth Gillespie, daughter of Walter and Terese (McDonald) Gillespie, and a graduate of Titusville High School. They have three children, all born in Hollywood:

1. Thomas Alan, on April 2, 1953.
2. Kathleen Agnes, on June 4, 1954.
3. Robert Gregory, on February 4, 1957.

R. REGIS REASBECK

As a member of the law firm of Reasbeck & Fegers of West Hollywood, Florida, R. Regis Reasbeck has been practicing law in Florida since 1954 and is presently municipal judge of the Village of Pembroke Pines, West Hollywood, Florida, and assistant judge of the City of Plantation, Florida.

Born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1922, he is a son of Peter A. and the late Maria V. (Timm) Reasbeck. His mother died April 23, 1943, and is buried in Meadville, Pennsylvania. His father presently lives in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Graduated from St. Agatha's High School, Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1939, R. Regis Reasbeck attended Allegheny College in that city, from which he received a B.A. degree in 1947 and completed the required schooling for his M.A. degree in 1952. While in high school and college he participated in basketball, football and boxing. From 1942 to 1945, he served in World War II in the United States Marine Corps, taking part in the operations of the South Pacific theater of war. After the war he entered the University of Miami Law School and received his LL.B. degree there in 1954.

During his first year out of the university Mr. Reasbeck practiced law in Hialeah, Florida, with R. J. Fegers, his present partner, who had been a classmate in law school, under the firm name of Reasbeck & Fegers.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar and the Greater Hollywood Bar Association, and of the National Association of Claimant and Compensation Attorneys. He is a past president (1959) of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; past president of the West Hollywood Rotary Club (1956-57); a Mason of Hialeah F. and A.M. Lodge #320, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Golf and fishing are his hobbies.

On October 2, 1951, R. Regis Reasbeck married Leila McMichael of his home town of Meadville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Frank and Marie McMichael, a graduate of Meadville High School in 1943 and of Meadville City Hospital School of Nursing in 1947. She is a registered nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Reasbeck have a son, William Marshall Reasbeck, born in North Shore Hospital, Dade County, Florida, on February 17, 1958.

JOHN VINCENT O'NEILL

President, Chief Executive Officer and director of The Dania Bank since 1958, J. Vincent O'Neill has made a career of banking, starting as a messenger in a New York bank in 1922 while he was a student at Columbia University. During the eight years prior to his coming to Florida in 1958, he was president of the Mercantile National Bank of Chicago and as such was in the forefront of national banking activities centered in that key city. He has always been a leader in civic and community welfare work and is a prominent club member. He is listed in Who's Who in America.

Son of Michael Francis and Helen (Dean) O'Neill, John Vincent O'Neill was born in Montclair, New Jersey, July 13, 1903. He graduated from Montclair High School and attended Columbia University from 1922 to 1925, New York University, 1925 to 1928, and the American Institute of Banking, 1928 to 1930. He worked his way through college, starting as a messenger at the National City Bank, New York City, in 1922. From 1923 to 1927 he was in securities and credit work; from 1927 to 1933 in loan supervision and branch management departments; and from 1934 to 1947 was manager of the Port Authority branch. He then went to the Title Guaranty and Trust Company as vice president in charge of banking and was there two years. His career at the Mercantile National Bank of Chicago began in 1949 when he became vice president and a director of the bank. The same year he was advanced to Executive Vice President, in 1950 became President, and in 1951 Chairman of the Board, retaining his office as President. In 1958 he resigned his positions in the Chicago bank to come to Dania, Florida, and assume the top executive position in The Dania Bank. He is also vice-chairman of the Everglades Bank.

In addition to his regular employment during those years, from 1945 to 1949 Mr. O'Neill was an instructor in banking and law at the American Institute of Banking and the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York. He is a life member of the American Institute of Banking and was president of the New York chapter in 1934-35 and a member of the National Executive Council in 1945-48. A member of the American Bankers Association, he was chairman of the National Credits Conference, a member of the Council of Administration and president of the Chicago District, Illinois Bankers Association and in 1955-1957 was president of the Chicago Clearing House Association.

In 1947-48 Mr. O'Neill was chairman of the National Educational Advisory Committee of the American Institute of Banking and in the same years was chairman of the Montclair Police Reserve. He was a member of General R. E. Wood's committee that studied Army, Air Force and Navy Post Exchange operations in the European Command; a member of the President's Committee of the University of Notre Dame, 1954-1958; chairman of the Finance and Commerce Division of the Community Fund, Chicago, in 1956; president of the Advisory Board of St. Francis Hospital; chairman of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Fund; Founding Chairman of the Midwest Boys Club, Chicago; and, in Florida, an advisor to the Seminole Indian tribe. He is a past president of the Chicago chapter of the New

York University Alumni Association; past president of The Mugwumps; a member of Bankers, Chicago, Executives, Economic and Union League Clubs of Chicago; Skytop Club of Pocono, Pennsylvania; the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, and is Commodore of Pier 66 Yacht Club, Florida. He is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, the only Florida banker to be so honored. His hobby is gardening.

On October 5, 1927, Mr. O'Neill married Catherine Eagan of Montclair, N.J. Their five children were all born in Montclair, New Jersey.

1. Nancy J. graduated from Montclair High School in 1946 and from the University of Michigan with a B.A. degree in 1950. She is now with the Office of Strategic Information, attached to the Air Force Base in London, England.

2. Robert J. graduated from Montclair High School, New Jersey, and Lake Forest College, Illinois, in 1954 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He is now Assistant Cashier in the Bank of America at San Francisco.

3. Kay M. graduated from Montclair High School and from Northwestern University, Chicago, in 1955, and is now with the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

4. Don R. graduated from New Trier High School at Winnetka, Illinois, in 1957 and is now a student at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

5. Jeanne J. is a student at St. Anthony's School, Fort Lauderdale.

The O'Neills' home is at Cannon Point, Isle of Capri, Fort Lauderdale.

WILLIAM F. HUNTER, JR.

Practicing law in Hollywood since his return from military service in World War II, William F. Hunter, Jr. is a member of the law firm of Hunter and Paoli. He is a former Municipal Judge and now Assistant City Attorney of Hollywood.

Born in Tampa, Florida, November 3, 1911, he is a son of William F. and Edna Earl (Rogers) Hunter, both living in Tampa, where his father, a native of that city, is a retired business man. His mother was born in Paris, Tennessee. The Judge, oldest of seven children, all of whom received a college education, graduated from high school in Tampa in 1930 and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Florida in 1937. There are two LL.B. degrees, one Ph.D., and two Master's degrees held by the seven children.

Admitted to practice law in the State of Florida in 1937, he followed his profession in the town of Bradenton, Manatee County, until he entered the United States Army in World War II. Having received his ROTC commission at the University of Florida in 1935, he transferred in 1937 to the Florida National Guard which, with the advent of war, was mobilized into the Army of the United States. Entering November 25, 1942, as Second Lieutenant, Hunter was promoted to Captain in the Field Artillery and served in the South Pacific theater of operations for the duration of the war, discharged March 21, 1946.

On returning to Florida, he settled in Hollywood, and in 1947, with August C. Paoli, formed the law firm of Hunter and Paoli. He was appointed Municipal Judge of the City of Hollywood in 1947 and served two years. In 1957 he was made Assistant City Attorney, which office he still holds.

Judge Hunter is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County and Greater Hollywood Bar Association; a member of the Committee of One Hundred of the City of Hollywood, the Kiwanis Club of Hollywood, Kappa Alpha fraternity of the University of Florida, and the Episcopal Church, in which he is a past junior and senior warden and vestryman.

He was married in Tampa, Florida, March 29, 1941, to Betty L. Battle, daughter of Hugh F. and Romilda Sanderson Oakley Battle. Mrs. Hunter graduated from Bradenton High School and attended Florida State College for Women, now the State University at Tallahassee.

Judge and Mrs. Hunter are the parents of five children, the first born in Bradenton, the others in Hollywood.

1. Joan S., born December 1, 1943, graduated from South Broward High School in 1961. 2. William F. III, born June 18, 1947, is a student at McNichol Junior High School. 3. Michael E., born January 30, 1950, is a student at Hollywood Elementary School. 4. Jane B., born June 30, 1955, and 5. Peggy E., born April 3, 1957, are both attending kindergarten school.

WILLIAM P. BEBOUT, SR.

William P. (Bill) Bebout, prominent realtor of Boca Raton, has been occupied in that line of business since 1946 and has had his own firm since 1950. He is one of the organizers and director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Delray Beach and of the Deerfield Beach Bank.

A son of William J. Bebout, a professional photographer, who died in 1892, and of Stella Marietta Bebout, who died in Los Angeles in 1937, William P. Bebout was born in Ashland, Ohio, December 3, 1892, and received his education in the public schools of Alliance, Ohio. For twenty years, starting in 1925, he was with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company at Akron, Ohio, and was manager of the scheduling and production planning for the tire plant.

Coming to Florida in 1945, he settled at Boca Raton and in 1946 became associated with J. C. Mitchell, pioneer realtor of Boca Raton. In 1950 he established his own realty and insurance business in which he is now assisted by his son, William P. Bebout, Jr.

A member of the national, state and local Associations of Realtors, Mr. Bebout is past president of the Boca Raton Board of Realtors and the Delray Beach Board of Realtors. He is a charter member of the Boca Raton Kiwanis Club; Executive Director of the Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America, and holds the Silver Beaver award for Boy Scout work; a 32nd degree Mason of Adoniram Lodge #517 and Tadmor Temple Shrine, both of Akron, Ohio, and member of the Gold Coast Shrine Club of Deerfield Beach; a member of the First Methodist Church of Boca Raton and 1960 president of the Delray Beach Unity Center.

He was married at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1916, to Eleanor Boyer, daughter of Harry J. and Elizabeth O. (McClelland) Boyer. They have two sons.

1. William P. Bebout, Jr. was born in Trenton, New Jersey, January 22, 1918; graduated from Garfield High School, Akron, Ohio, and attended Akron University. He served in World War II from 1942 to 1945 in the United States Air Forces as radar technician in the

434th Troop Carrier Group in the European theater of operations and took part in the Battle of Normandy, having the rank of First Lieutenant on discharge.

Active in civic affairs, he is a former vice mayor and city commissioner of Boca Raton, now serving on its Capital Improvement Commission, and was the Republican nominee for the Florida House of Representatives, Group 2, in the November 1960 election. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, American Legion Post #277, and the First Methodist Church of Boca Raton in which he was chairman of the official board for three years. He married Irene Harries of Reading, England, and they have two children: Richard Keith, born March 8, 1952, in Biloxi, Mississippi; and Elizabeth Ann, born August 16, 1956, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

2. Donald Edward Bebout, born in Akron, Ohio, December 13, 1925, graduated from Garfield High School, Akron, and the Case Institute of Technology at Cleveland, Ohio. He received a Master's degree in Arts from Duke University and completed one year for a Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University, then transferred to Vanderbilt Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1956 with an M.D. degree. He is now Chief Resident Physician at University Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, completing his third year, specializing in Internal Medicine.

He married Betty Baldwin of Greenville, South Carolina, and they have three children: 1) Eleanor Jean, born at Niagara Falls, New York, November 1, 1951; 2); Edward, born at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, September 8, 1956; and 3) Barbara Elizabeth, born at Jackson, Mississippi.

ARCHIBALD JOHN RYAN, SR.

Established in the real estate business in Dania since 1924, A. J. Ryan, Sr. is a pioneer in that field in Broward County. He also has a cattle ranch on which he raises thoroughbred Angus cattle. Throughout the long years of his residence in Dania, Mr. Ryan has been very active in civic affairs and is a director of banks.

Born at Bement, Illinois, December 18, 1892, he is a son of Pierce F. and Katherine M. (Ganley) Ryan, both natives of Illinois. His father was a farmer near Bement and served Piatt County, Illinois, as County Commissioner for eighteen years.

A. J. Ryan, Sr. graduated from Hammond High School, Illinois, in 1910 and taught in the rural schools of Piatt County from 1911 to 1916. During the summer months he attended Southern State Normal School for Teachers. In 1916 he went to Chicago and became engaged in the warehouse storage and real estate business, continuing there until 1924, when he came to Dania, Florida, to settle and established his real estate business there. Some time later he added a general insurance agency to his business.

Mr. Ryan is a past president of the Hollywood-South Broward Board of Realtors and a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards; a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association, the Florida Aberdeen-Angus Association, and the National Institute of Farm Brokers; a member and past president of the Dania Chamber of Commerce and a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Dania Bank and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Fort Lauderdale. From 1928 to 1943 he served as City Commissioner for Dania. He was a sergeant in Motor Company II in the First World War, 1917-18, and is a life member and past commander of American Legion Post #304 of Dania; a member of the Committee of One Hundred in Hollywood, the Knights of Columbus, and the Church of the Resurrection, Dania. He calls farming and cattle raising his hobby.

In Chicago on June 11, 1924, A. J. Ryan, Sr. married Genevieve M. Ratty, daughter of John M. and Helen F. (Feighery) Ratty. They have three children and ten grandchildren.

1. Gene Marie Ryan, born in Fort Lauderdale, graduated from Dania High School and Florida State University and is now a Physical Therapist.

2. Archibald J. Ryan, Jr., born in Dania, is a lawyer and State Representative. (See sketch).

3. James F. Ryan, born in Hollywood, graduated from Dania High School and attended the University of Florida. Now a realtor, he is manager of his father's business. His five children are Michael, Patricia, Kelly Ann, Kathleen, and James F. Jr.

ARCHIBALD JOHN RYAN, JR.

State Representative from Broward County, A. J. Ryan, Jr. has been practicing law in Dania since 1955 and is active in civic and fraternal groups. He was the recipient of the Fort Lauderdale Jaycees' Good Government Award in 1960, and the State Junior Chamber of Commerce Good Government Award, also in 1960.

Son of A. J. Ryan, Sr., prominent real estate dealer of Dania, and of Genevieve (Ratty) Ryan, he was born in Dania May 20, 1927. He graduated from South Broward County High School in 1944 and, after approximately three years in the United States Navy, entered the University of Florida, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1950 and his Bachelor of Laws degree with honors in 1955. Meanwhile, he was recalled to military service and served twenty months (1951-52) in the United States Army in the Occupational Forces in Europe as a Lieutenant of Infantry.

Admitted to practice law in the State of Florida in 1955, he opened a general practice in Dania. Prior to this and during the 1955 session of the Legislature he was a special assistant to the Attorney General of Florida, and in 1956 was elected State Representative from Broward County, Group Two, to which office he was re-elected in 1958 and 1960. He is a Democrat.

During his first four years in the Legislature Mr. Ryan served on the Interim Committee on Mental Health and on Education, Finance and Taxation, and Insurance committees. He helped to bring about the establishment of a Junior College in Broward County; introduced and led to passage a law regulating the rates charged by privately owned water and sewer companies; authored a law setting up an interim committee to prepare a program for beach erosion control; and aided in the establishment of a program for the treatment of emotionally disturbed children with a center to be located at the South Florida Hospital in West Hollywood. He advocates the construction of a State University in Boca Raton; a stronger driver education program to improve highway safety; and more representation for South Florida in the Legislature.

Mr. Ryan is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association; a director of the Dania Chamber of Commerce; a member of the American Legion, the Loyal

Order of Moose, the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Church of the Resurrection, Dania. His fraternities are Florida Blue Key, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (social), Phi Delta Phi (legal), Phi Kappa Phi (honorary), and The Order of the Coif (honorary legal).

A. J. Ryan, Jr. was married in New York City on May 19, 1951, to Johanna Rasch of Dearborn, Michigan, daughter of George and Marie (Miller) Rasch. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are the parents of five sons:

1. Archibald, III (Archie), born February 12, 1953, at Gainesville, Florida.
2. Michael, born July 3, 1954, at Gainesville.
3. Timothy, born February 7, 1956, at Dania.
4. Jeffrey, born March 12, 1957, at Dania.
5. Christopher, born February 3, 1959, at Dania.

CHARLES H. LANDEFELD, JR.

Carrying on an extensive practice of law in Hollywood, Florida, since 1925, Charles H. Landefeld, Jr. served as City Attorney for Hollywood for many years, at one period for fifteen years and again for two years, and is a former City Commissioner of Hollywood. He is a director of several corporations and has been active in the civic life of Hollywood. He is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Mr. Landefeld was born in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1902, son of Charles H., Sr. and Sarah (Shoaf) Landefeld. His father, a former merchant in Pennsylvania, died in Hollywood in 1956. The mother, now aged 83, is living in Hollywood.

Charles Landefeld, Jr. graduated from Monongahela High School in 1919, from Pennsylvania State University in 1922 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Yale University in 1925.

Coming to Florida that year, he was admitted to practice law in this state and opened his first office in Fort Lauderdale, where he practiced for two years. Since 1927 he has headed his own firm in Hollywood, under the name of Landefeld, Romanik and McMorrough. They conduct a general civil practice with considerable work in corporation, probate and real property law. The firm is counsel for a number of important local business organizations and is approved as attorneys for Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation and the Title and Trust Company of Florida.

Mr. Landefeld is a director of the Bank of Hollywood, the Hollywood Hospital, the Hollywood Kennel Club, Kingway Investments, Inc., and several other corporations. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County and Hollywood Bar Association; a former Rotarian and Kiwanian; has been a director of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for many years; and is a member of the Hollywood Elks and the Presbyterian Church. His fraternities are Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Phi (Corbey Court, Yale). His favorite recreations are hunting, fishing and golf.

On August 20, 1932, he married Dorothy A. Doyle of East Orange, New Jersey, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Nilon) Doyle, and a graduate of East Orange High School. A son, Charles H., III, was born in Hollywood May 9, 1934. He graduated from Lawrenceville Preparatory School, New Jersey, and from Yale University with a B.A. degree in 1955. He served three years (1957-60) as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, and is now with Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, stock brokers, at Fort Lauderdale. He is married to Jean Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baird of Rumson, New Jersey, who is a graduate of Miss Spencer's School, New York City, and a Junior Leaguer of Rumson, New Jersey. They have two children:

1. Susan, born in Syracuse, New York, in October 1957.
2. Tracy, born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in May 1960.

H. DALE MILLER, JR.

A son of one of the earliest settlers of Miami, who was a pioneer in the real estate business and in the development of Dade County, is H. Dale Miller, Jr., president of Hollywood Ford, Inc., of Hollywood. His father, the late H. Dale Miller, came to Florida from Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1894 and first settled at Palm Beach. He moved to Miami in 1896 and spent the remainder of his life there. In the early days he served as Clerk of the Circuit Court at Miami, and in 1908 established a real estate brokerage. He died in October 1944. Dale, Jr.'s mother, Jean Reinhardt Miller, is living in Miami Beach.

Born in Miami December 31, 1915, Dale Miller, Jr. graduated from Miami High School in 1932 and attended the University of Florida. During the second World War he served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945, enlisting as a private. After attending Officers Training School in Miami Beach, he was commissioned a Lieutenant and was promoted to the rank of Captain before his discharge.

Having been previously occupied in his father's real estate business, after his return from military service Mr. Miller entered the automobile field in Miami as sales manager for a Lincoln-Mercury dealer, and in 1949 opened his own Ford agency in Hollywood.

He is a director of the Dale Miller Realty Company of Miami; a member of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club, past president of the latter; and a member of the Christian Science Church, Miami Shores Country Club, and the Bath Club of Miami Beach. Golf and tennis are his favorite recreational activities.

He was married in Hendersonville, North Carolina, August 3, 1940, to Shirley Wallace, daughter of Alfred W. and Edna (Hetcher) Wallace, natives of Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of Principia High School and Principia College at Elsa, Illinois. The Millers have two children, born in Miami.

1. Deane Wallace, born August 1, 1943, now a student in the class of 1961 at Miami Edison High School.
2. H. Dale, III, born September 19, 1946, a student at Horace Mann Junior High School, Miami.

WILLIAM C. MATHER

The distinction of being the first practicing lawyer and first city attorney of Hollywood, Florida, goes to William C. Mather who came to that city in 1924 and had much to do with the development of the city.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, October 16, 1894, he is a son of Rev. John H. and Mary Julia (Christian) Mather. His father, a native of Georgia and a Methodist minister, was a graduate of Emory University with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He died in 1930.

William Mather attended public school in Macon, Georgia, Southern Military Institute at College Park,

Georgia, and graduated from Georgia School of Technology in 1912 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Having decided to follow the legal profession, he attended Atlanta Law School and received his LL.B. degree in 1915. He was admitted to practice law in the State of Georgia that year and followed his profession at Moultrie, Georgia, for nine years; first associated with T. S. Parker, then with Shipp and Kline, and during the last four years was a member of the firm of Dowling, Askew and Mather.

In 1924 he came to Hollywood, Florida, and became the pioneer of the legal profession in that city as well as Hollywood's first city attorney, serving three terms in that office. He was president of a group of citizens who worked out the first five-year plan for the advancement of the City of Hollywood.

Mr. Mather is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association, of which he is a past president, and the Hollywood Bar Association. He is also past president of the Hollywood Rotary Club, a member of Elks Lodge #1732, American Legion Post #92 and the Forty-and-Eight. During the first World War he served in the United States Army from May 1917 to October 1919 and was nineteen months overseas in the Chemical Warfare Department. He and his family attend the Methodist Church. He enjoys watching competitive sports, particularly baseball and football.

William C. Mather was married twice: first in Moultrie, Georgia, on August 11, 1922, to Willie Mae Blasingame, daughter of Dr. W. F. and Lena Blasingame, who died December 8, 1933; secondly, in Fort Pierce, Florida, on January 6, 1941, to Gladys Mae Benjamin. By his first wife he has two children:

1. Mae, who married Dr. Jean W. Spear, M.D., and has two children: William and Susan Jean.

2. Jean Elizabeth, who married John L. Durant and also has two children: John Griffin and Steven.

HARLEY D. GATES

Known as the Dean of Realtors of Boca Raton, Harley D. Gates came to that city in 1914, becoming its thirteenth resident, and has been one of the foremost figures in the development and sale of property on Florida's lower east coast, formerly maintaining offices in Miami, Boca Raton and Delray Beach.

Mr. Gates was born at Poultney, Vermont, January 19, 1886, son of Orlando J. and Ida F. (Hunter) Gates. His father, who was born in central New York state and died in 1908, was a merchant and served for many years as Deputy Sheriff for the County of Rutland, Vermont. His mother, who died in 1906, was a native of Vermont and daughter of George H. Hunter from Edinburgh, Scotland.

Following his graduation from Troy Conference Academy at Poultney, Vermont, and Rutland Business College, Mr. Gates was a private stenographer for a few years. In 1907 he established himself in the real estate business, first in his native town of Poultney and later had offices in Rutland and Montpelier, Vermont, and in Somerville, Maine, becoming a very successful operator. Along with his real estate business he served as secretary of the New York Purple Slate Company, secretary of the Poultney Toy Company, manufacturers of wooden toys under a German patent, and secretary of the Montvert Development Company of Belmont, Vermont, mining asbestos; all of these occupations being active at the same time.

Coming to Boca Raton, Florida, in 1914, he pioneered in real estate there. With P. D. Kinney from his home town of Poultney, Vermont, he developed one of the first subdivisions in Boca Raton, the Kinney and Gates Subdivision No. 1, which was platted in 1914. Later he was associated with George A. Long and F. S. Lewis in offering the original Boca Raton and served as secretary-treasurer of the Boca Raton Land Company. In Miami he was secretary-treasurer of the Pan-American Development and Trading Corporation of Miami, developing gold and silver mines in Nicaragua and Bolivia, and was a member of the Miami Realty Board. Later he was affiliated with the South Palm Beach County Realty Board and is, of course, a member of the Boca Raton Board of Realtors.

During his lifetime in Boca Raton he has been active in many civic organizations. He is a life member of the Chamber of Commerce; served as Municipal Judge of the City of Boca Raton for seven years, and as councilman for two years. He has also been a director of the First National Bank of Lake Worth for eleven years. In Poultney, Vermont, he became a member of Morning Star Lodge #31, F. and A. M. His political faith is Republican. He has always enjoyed fishing and as a hobby is a collector of Spanish Colonial coins.

On June 23, 1915, in New York City Harley D. Gates married Harriet Parkhurst, daughter of Dr. Parkhurst of Randolph, Vermont. They have two children and three grandchildren.

1. Imogene Alice Gates, born April 20, 1916, in Boca Raton, graduated from Delray High School, and is now the wife of Joseph Benedetto. She has a daughter, Diane, who married J. H. Chapek of Miami, and they have three children: Cindy, Deborah, and John, Jr., all born in Miami.

2. Harley P. Gates, born in Boca Raton September 20, 1918, graduated from Delray High School and now resides in Brattleboro, Vermont.

ELMER F. WEIGLE

The President of Hollywood Federal Savings and Loan Association, Elmer F. Weigle, has spent his entire business career in the Savings and Loan business, and in 1957 was awarded Florida Savings and Loan League's Certificate of Recognition for thirty years service in this field. Although a resident of Florida only since 1956, Mr. Weigle is prominent in all civic activities of his community—in fact, he calls civic work one of his hobbies.

He was born at Otterbein, Benton County, Indiana, June 14, 1906, son of J. Fred and Anna (Bess) Weigle. After graduating from high school at Otterbein in 1924, he attended the Weidner Institute of Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio, for two years.

His career began in 1927, when he was appointed Assistant Examiner in the Savings and Loan Division of the Department of Banking, State of Indiana. In 1934, when he was Senior Examiner, he resigned to join the Examining Division Staff of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, working in Cincinnati and New York District Banks. In 1938 he was appointed by the Governor of Indiana as Supervisor of the Savings and Loan Division for the State of Indiana, which position he held until he joined the United States Naval Reserve in 1941. After training at the Great Lakes Station, he served three years with the Seventh Fleet in the Southwest

Pacific, and was discharged in 1945 as Chief Warrant Officer.

Following his return from the Navy, Mr. Weigle joined the staff of Union Federal Savings and Loan Association, Evansville, Indiana, as Controller in 1946 and was elected a director and Vice President in 1950. While in Evansville, in 1951 and 1952, he served as a director and Regional Chairman for the Indiana Savings and Loan League; also as President of Evansville Chapter of the American Savings and Loan Institute, and was an instructor of various classes for three years.

In March of 1956 he resigned his position in Evansville, Indiana, to accept the Presidency of the Hollywood Federal Savings and Loan Association on April 1, 1956. He is also a director of this Hollywood Association, Regional Vice President of the Florida Savings and Loan League, and a member of the Management Committee of the United States Savings and Loan League.

In other Civic activities Mr. Weigle is a director and vice president of the Hollywood Kiwanis Club, a director of Broward County Cancer Society, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the City of Hollywood Pension Fund and a member of the Investment Committee, a member of the Hollywood Committee of 100 and Chairman of its Executive Committee, a member of Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of its Port Everglades Committee, and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Temple Methodist Church of Hollywood. He is an Elk, a Mason, Scottish Rite and Shriner, a member of the Propeller Club of Port Everglades and the Pier 66 Yacht Club. In addition to his civic work, his hobbies are fishing and reading.

He was married August 31, 1947, to Betty Viola Davis of Lafayette, Indiana. Mrs. Weigle is also a member of Pier 66 Yacht Club and of the Sinawik Club of Hollywood.

BRUCE A. HOOD

Since passing the Florida Bar examination in 1946, Bruce A. Hood has carried on a general practice of law in Hollywood. Mr. Hood has been a lawyer in New York since 1924 and taught law in an evening class at the New York University School of Commerce from 1925 to 1932. He acquired a high degree of specialized education by working his way through several university courses and served in the United States Navy in both World Wars. He ranks high in the Masons and the Elks and is a leader in civic organizations.

One of five children of Alexander and Louise (Brown) Hood, he was born on a farm in Blount County, Alabama, August 25, 1892. His father died when he was less than a year old. He attended the local public schools, graduated from Blount County High School in 1913, and from the University of Alabama in 1918 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, having completed a four-year course in three years and two summer sessions, working each year to help pay his way. Before entering the University of Alabama he taught school two years, and during the year 1916-17 served as assistant librarian at the university.

On June 25, 1917, he enlisted in the Navy, was commissioned an Ensign in the Pay Corps of the Reserve Forces in May 1918, attended pay school at Annapolis, Maryland, for six weeks, and served as Supply Officer of the transport USS El Oriente from the end of July 1918 to May 15, 1919, when he went on inactive duty.

Out of the Navy, he entered New York Law School and received his Bachelor of Laws degree there in 1923; then a Jurist Doctor degree, cum laude, at Brooklyn Law School in 1924. Admitted to the New York Bar by examination on June 2, 1924, he engaged in a general practice of law, but continued his education in the late afternoons and evenings while carrying a full work load in his legal practice during the day. At New York University, where he majored in Banking and Finance, he received a Master's degree in Business Administration in 1926, and at Columbia University, he completed the course and residence requirements for a Ph.D. in American Government and Constitutional Law as a major and International Law and Relations as a minor. As already stated, he also taught a class in law during these early years.

In September of 1942 Mr. Hood once again entered the United States Naval Service as a Lieutenant in the Amphibious Force of the Atlantic Fleet; was advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in October 1944, and went on inactive duty in September 1945. During a part of his naval service he was stationed at the Amphibious Base at Fort Pierce, Florida, and learned to like Florida so well that he decided to settle in this state at the conclusion of his military service. Among his assignments while at Fort Pierce were those of President of the General Court Martial, senior member of the Summary Court, and Deck Court Officer; so that even in the Navy he functioned as a lawyer.

In October 1945 he settled in Hollywood, Florida, where he still has his home and office. He passed the April 1946 Bar examination, was admitted to the Florida Bar on July 3, 1946, and opened his own office in the First National Bank Building of Hollywood on October 1, 1946.

Mr. Hood is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Broward County Bar Association. He is a past president of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; a past director of the Kiwanis Club of Hollywood; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Forty-and-Eight, and the American Legion, twice past Commander of Hollywood Post #92; past Exalted Ruler of Hollywood Lodge #1732, B.P.O.E., former chairman of the Board of Trustees, and vice president of the Florida State Elks Association, Inc. He has been a Mason since June of 1918, a member of Birmingham Temple Lodge, F. and A.M., the Scottish Rite bodies to the 32nd degree, and Birmingham Consistory.

Mr. Hood married Alice Moder of New York City, daughter of Thomas Moder and Mary (Lucas) Moder. Mrs. Hood's parents died when she was seven years of age.

COLONEL JOSEPH W. WATSON

Serving as City Manager of Hollywood since 1952, Colonel Joseph W. Watson came to Hollywood in 1947 following twenty-one years service in the United States Army.

He was born in Churchville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1904, son of Emmor E. Watson, who died in 1937, and Jennie C. (Buckman) Watson who died in 1918, both members of pioneer families of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Joseph Watson graduated from Northeast High School, Philadelphia, in 1922 and from the Drexel Institute of Technology in 1926 with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Immediately following his graduation from technology school he enlisted in the United States Army

Field Artillery as a Second Lieutenant and was attached to the General Staff, serving also as Troop Commander. When the United States entered World War II, Lieutenant Watson had risen to the rank of Major. He served in the Pacific theater of that war and was made a Colonel at its close in 1945. In 1947 he was honorably discharged from the Army as a disabled veteran.

Coming to Hollywood, Florida, in July 1947, Colonel Watson took an active interest in the civic and social life of that community. In 1950 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace by Governor Fuller Warren and served until 1952, when he was appointed City Manager of Hollywood.

He is 1960 president of the Florida City Managers Association and a member of the International Association of City Managers; a director of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hollywood; a member of the Hollywood Rotary Club, the Engineers Club, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans, and of the Episcopal Church. Active in Freemasonry, he is a member of Hollywood F. & A.M. Lodge #209, the 32nd degree and all Scottish Rite bodies, and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami. Hunting is his favorite sport.

At Fayetteville, North Carolina, on April 8, 1944, Colonel Watson married Mildred Wellons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wellons of Fayetteville.

WILLIAM GEORGE ZINKIL, SR.

Now in his second term as Mayor of Hollywood, William George Zinkil, Sr. is a member of the Zinkil Roofing Company, which was established in Hollywood by his father in 1926 and is still doing business, its other members being Charles Arthur Zinkil, the father, now semi-retired, and Harry R. Zinkil, a brother of the Mayor.

William G. Zinkil was born April 14, 1919, in Chicago, where his parents also were born; his father on April 15, 1892, his mother (Marguerite Anna McCarthy) on September 14, 1892. The family moved to Hollywood, Florida, in 1925, arriving on January 10th.

William George Zinkil graduated from South Broward High School in 1937 and for the next four years was employed by Arcade Cleaners, first as routeman, working up to plant manager. While working at Arcade Cleaners in 1938-39, he managed a bowling alley in the evenings. From 1941 to 1943 he was with the Cayuga Engineering Company in the Caribbean in connection with United States Government engineering work. Entering the Army in 1943, he was with the Infantry at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Camp Blanding and Fort Meade, Maryland, and with the Corps of Engineers in the 104th or Timberwolf Division overseas in Europe and at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. While in the Army in California he attended California Institute of Technology.

After the war Mr. Zinkil became a partner with his father and brother in the roofing business. He was first elected Mayor of Hollywood in 1955 and served two years, to April 1957. For the next two years he was a City Commissioner. In 1959 the city charter was changed, allowing a separate election of the mayor, and Mr. Zinkil was again elected to serve two years.

He is a past president and director of the County League of Municipalities, now director of the Florida League of Municipalities. For twenty-nine years he served the Boy Scouts of America, holding many offices in that organization, and is now a commissioner. He belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, the Elks, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, and the Church of the Little Flower, Hollywood.

On April 11, 1940, in Hollywood, he married Carolyn Faye Fischer, who was born in Seymour, Indiana, August 21, 1919, daughter of Henry Graham Fischer (born in Charlestown, Indiana, August 27, 1888) and Marion Marie Carnine (born in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 21, 1893). Mr. and Mrs. William G. Zinkil are the parents of three sons:

1. William G. Jr., born August 3, 1941, graduated from South Broward High School, attended the University of Tampa and is now a student at Florida State University, where he is majoring in Business Administration and Political Science.

2. James Edward, born June 7, 1944, now a student at South Broward High School in the class of 1962.

3. Charles Arthur, born March 22, 1948, now a student at McNicol Junior High School.

HARRY B. WADLINGTON

The present occupation of Harry B. Wadlington, Funeral Director of Hollywood, is a second career for him, begun after his return from World War II. From 1923 to 1937 he was in the tobacco and warehouse business at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and from 1937 to 1941 was with the Tobacco Division of the United States Department of Commerce at Washington, D.C.

Born in Trigg County near Cadiz, Kentucky, June 23, 1903, he is a son of Claude R. and Frances (Washington) Wadlington. His father, who died in 1946, was a tobacco grower and warehouse owner. His mother lives with him in Hollywood. He was educated through the eighth grade at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and graduated from Kentucky Military Institute at Lindon, Kentucky.

From the Department of Commerce in Washington he entered the United States Army in 1941 and served for the duration of the war, discharged as a Captain in the Ordnance Department.

After his return from military service he attended Eckles College of Mortuary Science, Philadelphia, for one year and spent the next four years as an apprentice in the funeral profession in Florida. In October 1951 he established the Wadlington Funeral Home in Hollywood and now has a second Home in West Hollywood. He is a member of the Board of Directors and a past president (1959-60) of the Florida Funeral Directors Association, a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, and a member of the State Board of Florida Funeral Directors.

Prominent in civic affairs, Mr. Wadlington is vice president of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for 1960 and a member of the West Hollywood and Hallandale Chambers of Commerce; a member of the Committee of 100 and of the Southwest Civic Association of Hollywood; past president of the Kiwanis Club of Hollywood and of the Hollywood Kentucky Club; a member of American Legion Post #92, Disabled American Veterans, the Italian-American League of Hollywood, the F.O.E., Elks Lodge #1732, Moose Lodge #919 (life member), F. and A.M. Lodge #209, Scottish Rite bodies to the 32nd degree, and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami. He is a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Hollywood and a Kentucky Colonel, having been appointed by Governor Albert (Happy) Chandler. Fishing and golf are his recreations.

In Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on December 22, 1934, he married Margaret Eckles, niece of Alfred H. Eckles of Hopkinsville and a graduate of Bethel College for Women, Hopkinsville. Mrs. Wadlington has a sister in Hollywood, Mrs. John Newton Wall.

OBIE JOHNSON

A well-known Hollywood resident, Obie Johnson, who has been in the funeral profession for more than thirty years, seventeen years in Florida, opened his own establishment in Hollywood during this past year.

He was born in Bessie, Oklahoma, April 21, 1905, son of William M. and Effie (Angwin) Johnson. His mother died in June 1930 and is buried in Birmingham, Alabama. His father, who died in October 1947, is buried in Ocala, Florida. He was a railroad engineer for about thirty-five years, and was a native of Missouri.

Obie's parents moved to Clinton, Oklahoma, and later to Enid, Oklahoma, where he attended grade and high school. After the father retired from the railroad the family moved to Bham, Alabama, and Obie went to work for the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company in the electrical department. He studied electrical engineering in night school and worked his way up to electrical inspector in different plants. Later he worked with his uncle, John Angwin, in the funeral profession in Birmingham, Alabama.

After numerous trips to Florida, he settled in Hollywood in the early part of 1944 and became an assistant to funeral director J. B. Fannin. Subsequently he attended the California College of Mortuary Science, Los Angeles, graduating in 1947, and became a licensed embalmer and funeral director in the State of Florida, thereafter serving as Manager of the J. B. Fannin Funeral Home until February 1960, when he established the Obie Johnson Funeral Home in Hollywood. Assisting him is Mrs. Barbara Kirby, the only Florida licensed woman embalmer in Broward County. Mrs. Kirby received her degree in Mortuary Science at the University of Minnesota and is also a licensed funeral director.

The Obie Johnson Funeral Home contains a chapel to seat 150 persons, three reposing rooms, reception room, preparation room, business office, accessory rooms and display room for funeral merchandise. The floors are covered with wall-to-wall carpeting and the rooms are completely air conditioned. The grounds are attractively landscaped and include a paved parking area. Complete service and transportation is offered to all faiths and live organ music is rendered during the services.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Florida and National Funeral Directors Association, past director of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, a member of the West Hollywood and Hallandale Chambers of Commerce, the Committee of 100, the Rotary Club, the Elks, Moose, Masonic Lodge and Mahi Temple Shrine, and is an officer in the First Presbyterian Church.

On January 1, 1961, Mr. Johnson married Jewell M. Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McNair of Hollywood and Atlanta, Georgia. By a previous marriage Mrs. Johnson has two children, Larry F. and June C. Elliott. Larry is now attending the School of Dentistry of Emory University at Atlanta, Georgia, and June is attending Florida State University at Tallahassee, where she is majoring in music. Mrs. Johnson, who has been a resident of Hollywood since 1946, is an accomplished musician and for a number of years conducted her own musical program over WSB, Atlanta, Georgia.

GERARD PAUL TARDIFF

The Vice Mayor of the City of Hollywood, Gerard (Jerry) Paul Tardiff, has been in the real estate and insurance business in Hollywood since settling there in 1947, having previously been in a manufacturing business with his two brothers in Detroit, Michigan. He has been active in business and civic organizations since coming to Hollywood.

Son of Michael and Arselia (LaCoste) Tardiff, he was born in St. Phillippe, Province of Quebec, Canada. His father was a native of Biddeford, Maine, who went to Montreal when he was married and remained there for several years, being associated in various enterprises while there. In addition to farming, he manufactured cheeses and ran a shoe factory. The family later moved to River Rouge, near Detroit, Michigan, where Jerry graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in the class of 1935 as valedictorian of his class.

With his brothers, Roland and Rhael, he established Tardiff Brothers, whose business was the manufacturing and packaging of laundry products—soaps, bleaches, detergents, etc. This partnership continued until 1946, when Jerry Tardiff came to Hollywood, Florida, to settle there. The following year he established his real estate and insurance business in Hollywood.

In 1957 he was elected a commissioner of the City of Hollywood. Two years later he was re-elected commissioner and at the same time named Vice Mayor of Hollywood.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Committee of 100, a charter member of Hollywood Kiwanis Club, a director of the Apartment and Hotel Association, a past vice president of the Hollywood Board of Realtors (1955), and member of the Florida and National Boards of Realtors.

He is also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Hollywood Council #3080 of the Knights of Columbus, and the Holy Name Society of the Church of the Little Flower, of which he is treasurer. Boating and water skiing are his favorite recreations.

Gerard Paul Tardiff was married at River Rouge, Michigan, on December 2, 1939, to Dorothy M. Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly, a native of London, Ontario, who graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School at River Rouge in the same class with Mr. Tardiff. They have four children, all born in River Rouge.

1. Geraldine Ann, born December 3, 1940, graduated from Central Catholic High School, Fort Lauderdale, in 1958 and from Holy Cross School of Nursing, South Bend, Indiana, in 1960.

2. Roland Joseph Tardiff, born December 4, 1941, graduated from Central Catholic High School, Fort Lauderdale, in 1959 and is now a law student at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio.

3. Mary Louise, born May 13, 1943, graduated from the Little Flower Elementary School, Hollywood, and is now Sister Corona of the Sisters of St. Dominic at Adrian, Michigan.

4. Robert Paul Tardiff, born December 11, 1945, is now a student at Chaminade High School in Hollywood.

JUDGE QUENTIN V. LONG

A member of a pioneer family of Florida, Quentin V. Long of Hallandale, senior member of the law firm of Long, Brady and Barone, has been carrying on a general practice of law in Broward County since 1951 and has served in several public offices since then.

Born in Okeechobee, Florida, August 20, 1918, he is a son of John Milton Long, who died August 14, 1954, and Viola (Anderson) Long. His father was a railroad man. For about fifty years prior to his retirement he worked for the Florida East Coast, the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in the Maintenance Division.

Quentin Long graduated from Miami Edison High School in 1936, and for the next six years was employed by the First National Bank of Miami and General Motors Acceptance Corporation. In March 1942 he enlisted in the United States Navy and served for the duration of World War II, discharged in October 1945 as Petty Officer first class.

Following his return from the Navy, Mr. Long entered the University of Florida and graduated from the Law School there in February 1949 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the Florida bar, he opened his practice in Hallandale. From 1949 to 1951 he served as Attorney for the State Road Department of Florida; from 1952 to 1953 as Municipal Judge of Hallandale; from 1953 to 1954 as Assistant County Solicitor for Broward County. He was City Attorney for Hallandale from 1953 to 1956 and Assistant State Attorney, 1955 to 1959.

Judge Long was one of the organizers and one of the criginal directors of the Bank of Hallandale. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association and the Hollywood Bar; past president of the Hallandale Kiwanis Club (1954); a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the Lutheran Church and Missouri Synod of Hollywood. Golf, fishing and hunting are his hobbies.

He was married at Miami on June 15, 1940, to Dorothy Gastfield, daughter of Henry and Julia Gastfield of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Long have a son, Randolph (Randy) Long, born September 2, 1944, at Miami, now a student at South Broward High School where he is on the baseball and track teams and plays golf; and a daughter, Debra Louise Long, born August 9, 1954.

KENNETH SCOTT TONEY

Real estate developing on a large scale is the accomplishment of Kenneth Scott Toney of Pompano Beach and Fort Lauderdale, who in a ten-year period has "fathered" six such projects, including an industrial center in Fort Lauderdale, a huge development on the outskirts of St. Augustine which is still in the early stages, and an estate on the Isle of Pines, Cuba.

Mr. Toney has an interesting background. He comes from Tennessee, where his grandfather, John Frank Toney, was a Colonel on Governor Taylor's staff. His father was once drafted to run for Governor of Tennessee but refused. At the time of his death (June 27, 1935) he was County Judge of Unicoi County, Tennessee.

Erwin, Tennessee, was the birthplace of both Kenneth Scott Toney and his father, William Clifton Toney, who was born May 27, 1882. His mother, Christine Everett Scott, was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, March 15, 1883. Kenneth was born January 3, 1913. He started his elementary education in the public school at Umatilla, Florida, and completed his elementary and high school education back in his home town of Erwin, Tennessee.

On completing high school, he went to work for the East Tennessee Light and Power Company at Bristol, Tennessee. Coming to West Palm Beach, Florida, in 1937, he went to work for Florida Power and Light Company. Immediately after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific. Discharged from the Navy in Boston in 1945, he came to Fort Lauderdale and started business in the construction field with George T. Porter. In 1947 he began his own contracting business under the name, K. S. Toney, General Contractor.

Mr. Toney started his first land development projects in 1949 with Hillbrook and Curva Del Rio, both in Wilton Manors near Fort Lauderdale. With Joseph L. Schmitt, he developed the 66-acre North Andrews Industrial and Commercial Center in Fort Lauderdale. Chapel Hill, a subdivision in Boynton, was another of his projects, and on the Isle of Pines in Cuba, Cayo Bonita. These last named subdivisions and the St. Augustine project were all developed within the association of Michael Messina.

The St. Augustine project called for the formation of a separate company—St. Augustine Heights Development Company. Located one-and-a-half miles southwest of St. Augustine on a 30-foot elevation of land, the entire area comprises 2400 acres, 500 acres of which are being divided into five-acre tracts, each of which may be subdivided by the buyer into 18 large lots. The remaining 1900 acres will be developed in approximately one-acre estate lots of a luxury subdivision. Land on Moultrie Creek, which adjoins the Inland Waterway, will be reserved for park and school sites, dock facilities, and a golf course. The company is now building houses on 309 lots, reserving 25 acres fronting on Hastings Road. State Road 207 borders the northwest side of the property; U.S. 1 is to the east. The company gave a two-and-a-half mile right of way to the property, to be used as a state road linking 207 to U.S. 1. A marker has been erected by the Historical Society of St. Augustine near Moultrie Creek on this property, and Kings Road crosses a part of it. This road was used by the Spanish in early days to travel back and forth across the state. On this land Osceola met with General Moultrie to form a peace treaty, and it later became the scene of Osceola's betrayal, when he was captured and taken to South Carolina. The property was purchased by Mr. Toney from the Mizells, an old pioneer family of Florida.

Mr. Toney is a member of the National Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Real Estate Boards. As a veteran he is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fort Lauderdale posts. He was first chairman of the Official Board of the First Christian Church of Fort Lauderdale.

His marriage to Josephine Barkley Sutherland took place in Fort Lauderdale on May 8, 1947. She was born in West Palm Beach November 19, 1923, daughter of Edward Barkley and Mary (Copeland) Sutherland. Her father was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico, December 2, 1896; her mother in Artesian, South Da-

kota, November 13, 1902. The Toneys have five children, all born in Fort Lauderdale. They are:

1. Tanis Elaine, born September 20, 1948.
2. Patricia Kathleen, born August 20, 1949.
3. Kenneth Scott, Jr., born December 18, 1950.
4. Karen Christine, born January 17, 1958.
5. Joann Michelle, born July 29, 1959.

JUDGE GEORGE WALTER TEDDER, SR.

After serving in the field of education for 22 years, George Walter Tedder, Sr., entered the legal profession and has been practicing law since 1922, the greater part of that time in Fort Lauderdale. Now retired, he has completed three decades as Circuit Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

Judge Tedder is a native of Madison County, Florida, as was also his mother. He was born January 27, 1880, son of Flora Jane (Campbell) and George Henry Tedder. His father was born in Brooks County, Georgia, November 24, 1850. With his parents he came to Florida in 1866 and settled in Asheville, Jefferson County. He was one of ten children. The family stayed in Asheville about two years, then moved to Madison County where they bought land and farmed. In 1905 George Henry Tedder moved his family to the town of Madison and lived there until his death in 1910. For the last four years of his life he was Supervisor of Registration in Madison County. Flora Jane Campbell, born in Madison County in March of 1851, was also one of ten children and the youngest of her family. She died in 1908.

George Walter Tedder, Sr., attended public school in Madison County and had two years at Georgia Normal College and Business Institute at Abbeyville, Georgia. From 1898 to 1903 he taught in county schools. In 1903 he became assistant principal at Madison High School and in 1904 was elected Superintendent of Schools in Madison County and held that office for 16 years. During that period of time he was president of the Florida Education Association in 1917.

Mr. Tedder's connection with the legal profession began in 1920 when he was elected County Judge, an office to which he was re-elected in 1924. Meanwhile, he studied law, was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1922, and practiced law in Madison until 1925. In September, 1925, he resigned from his post as County Judge in Madison and moved to Fort Lauderdale, continuing his law practice there since then. His appointment as Circuit Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit came June 20, 1929.

Judge Tedder is a member of the Broward County Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the American Bar Association. A charter member and first president of the Madison Kiwanis Club, he is now a member of Fort Lauderdale Kiwanis Club, a Woodman of the World, an Elk of Fort Lauderdale Lodge, and a Mason of Doric Lodge in Fort Lauderdale. He has been a Mason for 57 years, first as a member of Madison Lodge #11, which he joined in 1903. At Park Temple Methodist Church in Fort Lauderdale he has held many offices and formerly attended all the church conferences.

On May 23, 1906, at Lynchburg, South Carolina, George Walter Tedder married Ada Belser McLeod, daughter of Martha Belser and DeLorne O'Neil McLeod, both natives of Sumter County, South Carolina, where Ada was born on May 16, 1882. Two children were born to George and Ada Tedder in Madison, Florida: Flora DeLorne, on May 17, 1910; George Walter, Jr., on July 26, 1922.

SENATOR GEORGE WALTER TEDDER, JR.

Following his father in the legal profession, George W. Tedder, Jr., has been practicing law in Fort Lauderdale since 1948, and is serving in the Florida State Senate, since 1958, to November, 1962. (The Florida Legislature takes office immediately following the general election.) He was selected by Governor Collins as one of three outstanding freshmen senators during the 1959 session. Between the 1959 and 1961 sessions he has been serving on Interim Committees on Appropriations and Auditing, Mental Health, and Poultry.

Born in Madison, Florida, July 26, 1922, he was three years old when his family moved to Fort Lauderdale. After graduating from Central Elementary School and Central High School in Fort Lauderdale, he attended the University of Florida and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. World War II being then in progress, he entered the United States Navy and served overseas in the Pacific and Mediterranean theaters. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and is now a full lieutenant in the Naval Reserve.

Returning to the University of Florida, he entered the Law School and graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. He commenced his practice in the law firm of Berryhill and Leird, which became Berryhill, Leird and Tedder in 1951, when he was admitted to partnership, and he is still a member of this firm.

Before being elected to the Senate Mr. Tedder served as Assistant City Attorney for Fort Lauderdale and as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee for Broward County. He is a member of the county, state, and national bar associations; of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, a past president of the latter; a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Elks, Moose, Kiwanis Club, Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club, and Park Temple Methodist Church, in which he has served as Chairman of the Official Board. He is also a director of the Everglades Bank, a former secretary of the board of directors of Fort Lauderdale Y.M.C.A., and a member of the faculty of the Naval Reservve Officers School at Fort Lauderdale.

George W. Tedder, Jr., was married in Valdosta, Georgia, on September 24, 1950, to Susan Heald, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 27, 1930, daughter of Maude (Robertson) and Merwyn Heald. Senator and Mrs. Tedder are the parents of three children, born in Fort Lauderdale: Katherine Susan on February 2, 1956; George Walter, III, February 5, 1957; Merwyn Heald, born May 21, 1959, died November, 1961.

ANDREW J. MUSSELMAN, JR.

A prominent attorney from a long recognized ancestry whose descendants are found up and down the Florida East Coast is Andrew J. Musselman, Jr. Now residing in Pompano Beach, Mr. Musselman is a devoted citizen and an outstanding political figure in this area.

He was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on November 8, 1926. His father, Andrew J. Musselman, born at Delphi, Indiana, on March 14, 1893, is now retired but formerly was a manufacturer. He was one

of the originators of the jalousie window and a founder of Florida Jalousies, the company in West Palm Beach that was among the first to make these windows. Mr. Musselman, Sr., served on the Broward County School Board for ten years and also served on the draft board in Fort Lauderdale during World War II. During World War I, he was in the Rainbow Division in Europe. At Fort Lauderdale he was a charter member of the William C. Morris Post of the American Legion.

Margaret Grant, mother of Andrew J. Musselman, Jr., was born in Hobe Sound, Florida, on August 11, 1901. Her father, John H. Grant, came to Hobe Sound from England in 1895 as an engineer with the Indian River Association, an English company which developed Hobe Sound and Jupiter Island in what is now Palm Beach County. Mr. Grant homesteaded lands now on Hobe Sound and served in a volunteer life saving service to rescue the shipwrecked, the forerunner of today's Coast Guard. John H. Grant married the daughter of Fred Cabot who had come to Hobe Sound as a contractor on a portion of the Florida East Coast Railway, upon which railroad he lost his life in an accident.

Mr. Musselman's paternal grandparents were Dave Musselman and Mary Wickard Musselman of Camden, Indiana, Dave Musselman being the founder of the Farmers State Bank at Camden, Indiana.

Other notable relatives of Andrew J. Musselman, Jr., were a grand uncle, William Kyle, founder of the old Fort Lauderdale Bank & Trust Company, predecessor of the present Broward National Bank; Claude Wickard, former United States Secretary of Agriculture; and former State Senator and present Circuit Judge, Ted Cabot, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

After graduating from a Fort Lauderdale high school, Andrew J. Musselman, Jr., attended the University of Miami, the University of Nevada, and received his LL.B. degree from the University of Florida in June of 1950.

Before his graduation from the University in 1950, Mr. Musselman had enlisted in the Navy during World War II, and served a two year term from 1944 to 1946. During this time he was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Two years later, on September 3, 1948, Andrew J. Musselman, Jr., married Anne Rice, born in Sterling, Illinois, March 29, 1927. Their marriage took place in Conneautville, Pennsylvania. Her parents are Jane Galt and Roy Rice, born December 7, 1901.

After graduating from the University of Florida, Mr. Musselman came to Pompano Beach, Florida, and was associated with W. Marion Walton, Attorney, until 1953, when the firm of Sullivan and Musselman was formed. Presently, the firm includes Edwin T. Wyckoff and Robert B. Cochran also. He started his legislative work in 1954 when he began a four year term in the State Legislature which terminated in November of 1958. During this time, in 1956, he was appointed to serve on the Governor's Nuclear Development Commission and did so for one year, after which time he was a member of the Committee of Managers on the impeachment proceedings before the Senate in 1957. He also served as a member of the Legislative Council, served on the Legislative Investigating Committee concerning racial problems, and in August of 1959 was appointed Assistant State Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Musselman is a member of the Florida Bar Association, the Broward County Bar Association, and the North Broward County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Rotary, of which he was the director in 1959, and attends Saint Martin's Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry for four years. He holds memberships in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and the Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity.

Anne and Andrew Musselman have three children. They are:

1. Gary Jack Musselman, born August 19, 1955.
2. Brion Jack Musselman, born October 3, 1956.
3. Melinda Lou Anne Musselman, born September 3, 1959.

GEORGE RHEA SLATON

Owner of the Chevrolet Automobile Agency in Fort Lauderdale, George R. Slaton is a prominent and active citizen of this area. The interest he has shown in political, social, and religious affiliations proves his enthusiasm in sharing the responsibilites and decisions of his community.

George Rhea Slaton was born November 20, 1912, in Madisonville, Kentucky, son of Benjamin Marcus Slaton and Martha Clinton, both born in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Before his death Benjamin Slaton was an undertaker who retired in 1924 and moved to Florida. His wife, Martha Clinton Slaton, is deceased now also.

George Slaton received his elementary education in Madisonville, Kentucky, up until the fifth grade. His remaining education was obtained at Fort Lauderdale, where he completed high school.

After leaving high school in 1933 George Slaton worked in a drug store in Fort Lauderdale until 1935, when he obtained a position with Brack Cantrell Motors selling automobiles from 1935 to 1936. In 1937 a new position with Sawyer Motor Company in Fort Lauderdale was held by Mr. Slaton until 1938. In 1939 he started working for Davock Chevrolet Agency, located in Fort Lauderdale, which he bought in 1948 and has owned ever since.

George Slaton is now a member of the Florida Auto Dealers' Association and the National Auto Dealers' Association. He is a director in the American National Bank and a past director of the Chamber of Commerce in which he presently holds membership. From 1944 to 1945 he held the office of City Commissioner and was Chairman of Broward County Drainage District from 1947 to 1948. He is an active member of the Kiwanis and Elks Clubs and is a past commodore of the Yacht Club. He is also a member of the Fort Lauderdale Golf Club. Mr. Slaton is affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, where he served on the Board of Deacons for about twelve years.

On July 12, 1936, George Slaton married Minta Baird, born in Ellis, Kansas, June 4, 1911. She is the daughter of Grace Oliver and Samuel Edward Baird, both born in Kansas, also.

George Rhea Slaton, Jr. was born July 17, 1941, and is now associated with his father in his automobile agency.

Geo. R. Slaton Minta B. Slaton

GEORGE LANDRUM BLOUNT, SR.

One of the mainstays in the early history of Pompano was George Landrum Blount, Sr., who came there in 1906, and in 1908 was the first Town Clerk.

In the 1890's Miss Helen M. Prescott of Atlanta, Georgia, made a trip to England to trace the ancestry of the Blount families in the United States, and gave a copy of her chart of the family tree to George Adams Blount in 1893. The family traces its descent from Danish kings through the Count of Guisnes whose sons, William and Robert, accompanied William the Conqueror to England in 1066. Robert A. LeBlount, who was an officer in the Navy of William the Conqueror, established the English line of the family. In lineal descent was Sir Walter Blount of Dorcestershire, England, whose son, Thomas, emigrated to the colony of North Carolina.

George Landrum Blount's great-grandfather, George Matthias Blount, was born in Georgia December 5, 1776, and died in Savannah May 7, 1835. He was a captain in the United States Navy, and was awarded a body of land by the State Legislature of Georgia for valiant services during the War of 1812. He married Jane Eve Lucenia (born September 28, 1801) on January 12, 1817, at St. Mary's, Georgia. Their only child, George Lucenia Blount, was born September 24, 1819. He married Annie Richey Gale (born July 27, 1827, died July 13, 1848) on October 26, 1845, at Savannah, Georgia. She also was an only child, and their son, George Adams Blount, was an only child.

George Adams Blount was born at Savannah, Georgia, September 25, 1846, and died at Pompano, Florida, October 11, 1925. In March of 1862, when he was fifteen and a half years old, he enlisted in the Confederate Army, Company F, 54th Georgia Regiment. The following fall his father secured his release with a writ of habeas corpus, because he was under military age. He enlisted again on April 16, 1864, in a company that became a part of the 6th Georgia Reserves and was one of the three companies that formed the rear guard of Hardee's army when Savannah was evacuated. His command then became a part of the army of General Joseph E. Johnston in the Carolinas, and his regiment was consolidated with the 1st Georgia Regulars. Placed in Company A, he was with the command when General Johnston surrendered on April 26, 1865, and was paroled. On May 3rd he broke camp and walked all but nine miles of the way from Greensboro, North Carolina, to Augusta, Georgia, arriving home in Savannah May 23, 1865.

George Adams Blount became interested in the ministry, and on the third Sunday in March, 1874, at Bethel Church, Chatham County, Georgia, was ordained to the full work of the Gospel by authority of the Savannah Baptist Church, having been a licentiate of that church for several years previously. For more than fifty years he served churches in Georgia and Florida. He married Emma Pearce Ingram, who was born in Torbay, England, and died at Lambert, Georgia, March 26, 1917. Both were buried in Laurel Grove, Savannah, Georgia.

Their son, George Landrum Blount, was born in Effingham County, Georgia, December 14, 1879, and was educated in the public schools of Georgia and at Blackshear Institute, Blackshear, Georgia. He taught school for several terms and then came to Starke, Florida, where he remained two years, running a commissary and working in the turpentine business. He came to Pompano in 1905 and started farming, with five acres of muck on the east side and seven acres of marl on the prairie. From then on he purchased additional lands and continued to raise beans and peppers until he retired in 1946.

As already stated, he was the first Town Clerk of Pompano, in 1908, and was a City Councilman for many years. He was County Commissioner in October 1915, when Broward County was formed from Dade and Palm Beach counties. He also served in the State Legislature in 1929 as a Representative from Broward County. For more than thirty years he was a trustee of the Baptist Church, and was a Mason of Doric Lodge, Fort Lauderdale, and Lodge #263 of Pompano Beach. In recent years he was a partner with his son in Blount Properties, Inc.

At Bradenton, Florida, on June 30, 1914, George Landrum Blount married Mary Elizabeth Thomas, who was born at Pilot Point, Texas, October 4, 1884. Her father, Rufus T. Thomas, was born in Butler County, Alabama, in 1860; her mother, Susan S. Dowdell, in Chambers County, Alabama, in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Blount had four children, all born in Pompano. They are:

1. George Landrum, Jr., born July 21, 1915.
2. Martha E., born February 22, 1917.
3. Bruce Barnett, born December 9, 1918.
4. Eunice Elizabeth, born March 27, 1922.

George, Jr.'s story is told in an accompanying sketch.

Martha married B. Harrison James, Jr., on June 30, 1940. They have two sons: B. Harry James, III, born August 24, 1943, and George Blount James, born October 5, 1946.

Bruce married Lois Nell Hyde on March 23, 1947. Their children are: Diane, born November 25, 1950; Allan Bruce, born September 18, 1954; Stephen Thomas, born April 25, 1957.

Eunice married Clarence Ralph Twitty on November 4, 1945. They have two girls: Carol Lynne, born June 10, 1947; Patricia Grace, born December 9, 1949.

George Landrum Blount, Sr., died October 29, 1959, and was buried in Pompano Beach Cemetery.

GEORGE LANDRUM BLOUNT, JR.

Son of a pioneer of Pompano, George Landrum Blount, Jr., now in the apartment house rental business, farmed in Pompano for twenty-eight years and raised cattle for fifteen years; and he is still in his prime.

He was born in Pompano July 21, 1915, son of George Landrum, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Thomas Blount (whose sketch precedes) and graduated from Pompano High School in 1935. There has been a Blount in that school since 1922. He began farming for himself when he was thirteen years old, starting with a quarter acre in peppers, and increased his farming area several acres at a time. His cattle operation was started in 1939 and continued until 1955, when he sold his cattle. He had his herd, which included Brahmans, on a 1700-acre ranch on the edge of the Everglades west of Deerfield.

Mr. Blount served on the City Council of Pompano in 1943-44. He has been a deacon of the Pompano Baptist Church for nine years and has held all but two of the church offices. Mrs. Blount also has held many offices and is now president of the Missionary Society. She is the former Mary Ellen Routh, born in Jacksonville January 5, 1916, daughter of Charles H.

Routh, who was born in Tampa, and Laura Churchill Lyons Routh, a native of Valdosta, Georgia, who moved with her family as a child to Pompano, Florida, in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Blount were married June 30, 1935, at the Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, Florida. They are the parents of the following four children, born in Pompano:

1. Margaret Elizabeth, born October 31, 1936.
2. Frances Irene, born March 7, 1940.
3. Marion Louise, and
4. Robert Lloyd, twins, born March 27, 1943.

Margaret married Robert Frederick Janulet on January 5, 1957. They have two children: Lynn Elizabeth, born November 6, 1957, and Rebecca Diane, born May 1, 1959.

Frances Irene married Kenneth E. White on December 12, 1959.

ANTHONY DREXEL DUKE

Among the prominent winter residents of Florida's East Coast is Anthony Drexel Duke, a member of one of this country's wealthiest and most noteworthy families—a family that has produced two United States ambassadors and a founder of a university, and which is still carrying on philanthropic projects at home and abroad. But the subject of this sketch rates a write-up in this book not merely as a Who's Who winter resident but as a Florida business man, for he and two partners conduct a real estate business on the East Coast, buying and selling blue-chip oceanfront property around Boca Raton and Pompano Beach, where they own about 600 acres.

Anthony Drexel Duke was born in New York City July 28, 1918, son of Angier Buchanan Duke of Durham, North Carolina, and Cordelia Drexel Biddle of the well known Philadelphia family. Born in the City of Brotherly Love on April 10, 1896, Cordelia Drexel Biddle, now Mrs. Thomas Markoe Robertson, is a daughter of the late Colonel Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, the subject of her book, "My Philadelphia Father," which became a best-seller and has been produced on Broadway under the title "The Happiest Millionaire." Angier Buchanan Duke, son of Benjamin N. Duke, was an investment broker and executive of several tobacco companies. He died of a drowning accident in 1923.

Tony Duke graduated as president of his class from St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, in 1937 and from Princeton University, where he studied Sociology, in 1941. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Adelphia College in 1959.

After graduating from Princeton, he was Credit Manager for the Colonial Trust Company, New York City, until he entered the United States Navy in the fall of 1941. He was a naval attache in Buenos Aires before this country entered the war and later served in both the European and Pacific theatres of war—as Commander of LST 530 at Normandy, in the Philippines, and at Okinawa during the Japanese occupation —and was awarded the Bronze Star and campaign ribbons with three battle stars.

After the war, from 1946 to 1950, he was president of Duke International Corporation, an import and export company in New York City. For the next six years he was a director of the United States Bobbin and Shuttle Company of New York City and Lawrence, Massachusetts; and from 1956 to the present time he has been president of Anthony Drexel Duke Realty, Inc. with an office at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

In the summer of 1937, following his graduation from St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, Anthony Drexel Duke became a counselor at a New Hampshire camp for underprivileged children. In returning some of the children to their New York homes, he saw slums for the first time. The experience was a shock to him and left him feeling that two weeks in a summer camp was of little use to boys who must spend the remaining fifty weeks of the year in sin-ridden slums to qualify for that privilege. Wishing to do something about it, he took four boys from the New Hampshire camp and four others from Children's Court in New York and made them the nucleus of Boys Harbor, a sociological experiment that New York City officials credit with saving more than 1500 youths from the perils of tenement district environment.

Located on a 130-acre wooded tract at Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton, Long Island, Boys Harbor is a summer camp that accommodates 85 to 100 boys between the ages of eight and sixteen, white and colored, who are recommended by juvenile courts, churches and welfare organizations. Both the campers and their counselors are hand picked. Mr. Duke himself inspects each boy's background and needs. Tragic tales of broken homes, poverty and criminal environment are to be found in most of the camper's files, and each one is treated by Mr. Duke as a personal challenge.

Probably what makes his program work is his genuine love for and interest in the boys. He works with them, plays with them, eats with them and prays with them, often driving a busload of them to church himself. Occasionally, of course, he has to discipline one of them, but this comes only on the recommendation of a special court of the campers themselves, and being "sent to Mr. Duke" generally gives the culprit a better understanding of himself and of the society in which he lives. Duke's seemingly instinctive knowledge of the emotional problems facing his campers, many of whom are experiencing real love and understanding for the first time, is the envy of many professional teachers.

Camp routine is occasionally interrupted by an invitation for a group to accompany Mr. Duke on a fishing or blueberrying expedition. He in turn is welcomed to evening camp fires, scavenger hunts and discussions. Trips to the nearby Army Base and recreation areas are as much a part of camp life as the morning chores, craft work, swimming and boating lessons and ball games. All of this activity is designed to develop the high standards of every-day ethics which it is hoped will combat any potential waywardness which the campers' home environment might foster. In an effort to see that the teachings of these summer weeks at Boys Harbor are not wasted, there is a follow-up program carried on through the campers' schools and churches. An occasional week-end at Boys Harbor during the school season is also provided.

The rehabilitation "batting average" of this program is 98%. Mr. Duke could brag about some of his "graduates" who are very successful, some of them officials in pretty big corporations.

Funds for running Boys Harbor and for the winter follow-up program are provided by Mr. Duke and his brother. The camp has seventeen paid assistants. John McGinn, director of recreation for the Hewlett-Wood-

Anthony J. Drexel Duke

Diane D. Duke

side schools, and his wife, Joyce, serve as directors of Boys Harbor. In 1956 for the first time an East Hampton Advisory Committee staged two clothing drives to outfit the campers and put on a fashion show at Boys Harbor to raise funds.

Since 1955 there has been an annual Mayor's Day at the camp in late August, when the mayor of New York and a group of city officials, as well as local residents who have helped with the work of Boys Harbor, are invited by the boys to visit the camp.

On August 17, 1957, the 20th anniversary of Boys Harbor was celebrated with a carnival, buffet luncheon, jazz concert, art exhibition and fashion show. Mayor and Mrs. Wagner and the New York City Youth Board were the guests of honor at the luncheon. The jazz concert was given by Rex Stewart, cornetist, and his South Bay Sextet. The fashion show was modeled by socially prominent volunteers, including Mr. Duke's three little daughters, Cordelia, Josephine and December, as manikins. The exhibition of paintings by some of the boys was the result of a program begun that year by Harlan Jackson, East Hampton artist. And the carnival booths, food and beverage stands were run by the campers. Many of the guests came from hundreds of miles away, and some who could not attend sent congratulatory telegrams. All proceeds went to the camp, and the afternoon affair contributed thousands of dollars to the fund.

A pleasant surprise for Mr. Duke on this occasion was the presentation to him by the Alumni Association of Boys Harbor of a silver plaque which read in part: "To Anthony Drexel Duke—For 20 years of love, faith, hope, understanding and encouragement. For 20 years of Boys Harbor, God Bless You."

Shortly after this event a studio workshop was donated to Boys Harbor by Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Thorne. Mrs. Robertson, the amazingly youthful mother of Tony Duke, has turned over to Boys Harbor the considerable proceeds of both her book and the play. Incidentally, her other son, Angier Biddle Duke, dislikes the title of the play, considering it too flippant. "After all," he said, "President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a millionaire, too . . . but he was something more. So was Grandfather Biddle."

Like his brother, Angier Biddle Duke is a serious minded millionaire, trying hard to make the world a better place. Through his International Rescue Committee he helps the victims of tyranny. A former United States Ambassador to El Salvador, he is chairman of the American Immigration Committee, a board member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the Foreign Service Association, and a member of Duke University Development Board. During World War II he was a Major in the United States Air Force, and his foreign awards include the National Order of Vietnam and the Grand Cross of Merit of the Order of Malta. He has been cited in the Congressional Record for the development of Medico, a plan for American doctors to act as goodwill ambassadors of healing among people in countries surrounding the Iron Curtain. His uncle, Anthony Joseph Drexel Biddle, Jr., was United States Ambassador to Poland when Hitler's army overran that country.

The Dukes, their wives and their mother are wholeheartedly dedicated to participation in village, city and world problems. Mrs. Robertson's own pet project is the Hospitalized Veterans Service, and she spends many volunteer hours a week in the veterans' wards of hospitals in New York and the surrounding area.

During the summer the Duke clan congregates in Southampton, Long Island, at the Angier Biddle Duke estate, a plush place known as "The Duke Box." A few hundred yards from Boys Harbor, Anthony Drexel Duke has a rambling ranch-style 14-room summer home which includes a wing of six bedrooms, constituting a sort of dormitory for his six children. All the children of his first marriage, they are:

1. Anthony, Jr., born in Buenos Aires January 27, 1942.
2. Nicholas, born in New York City December 17, 1946.
3. Cordelia Biddle, born in New York City January 30, 1948.
4. Josephine, born at Palm Beach, Florida, March 23, 1949.
5. Ellen December, born at Palm Beach December 7, 1950.
6. John, born at Palm Beach September 3, 1951.

The present Mrs. Anthony Drexel Duke, who married Mr. Duke in New York City on September 12, 1957, is Diane Marie Douglas, born May 30, 1933, in New York City, New York, daughter of Barclay and Jane (Foster) Douglas. Mrs. Duke studied in Switzerland and among other arts learned how to cook for forty people and to do fine sewing, needlepoint, etc. She participated in the work of Boys Harbor before her marriage to Mr. Duke and continues to do so. Her husband credits her with being a "natural" in handling the youngsters.

In addition to being president of Boys Harbor, Inc. of New York City and East Hampton, Long Island, Mr. Duke is a former member of the New York City Youth Board (1952-1957), a past commissioner of Burrough Projects of New York City, a director of Florida Growth Fund of Palm Beach, and is on the Board of Directors of the American National Bank, Fort Lauderdale. He is a director and officer of Nassau Beach Properties, Ltd., a concern which is at present developing some one thousand acres of property on the main island of New Providence.

He is a member of the Ivy Club at Princeton University, the Racquet and Tennis Club, Brook Club of New York, Piping Rock Club of Long Island, the Hillsboro Club of Pompano, Florida, and the Lauderdale Athletic Club of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is a Republican in politics and an Episcopalian, a member of St. Luke's Church at East Hampton, Long Island, and of St. Martin's at Pompano, Florida. The family spends the winter at Pompano Beach, Florida.

JAMES DAVID CAMP, JR.

Son of a prominent banker of Fort Lauderdale, James David Camp, Jr., is a young lawyer with the firm of McCune, Hiassen, Crum and Ferris who in 1958 was selected as one of the ten outstanding young men of Fort Lauderdale.

His father, James David Camp, Sr., was born near Atlanta, Georgia, November 30, 1896, and began his banking career in that city. He came to Fort Lauderdale in 1925, and in 1928 helped to organize the Broward National Bank, in which he served as president and director for many years and is now chairman of the board. In 1947 he was one of the leading founders of the Fort Lauderdale National Bank, in which he also served as president and director, and he is now

chairman of the board of that bank also. In addition, he is president of the Coral Ridge National Bank. In 1956 he was appointed to the Board of Control of the State of Florida by Governor Collins. Mr. Camp, Sr., is an Elk, a Rotarian, a high ranking Mason and Shriner, and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Marguerite Byrne in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 27, 1920. She is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio.

James David Camp, Jr., was born in Fort Lauderdale February 3, 1928. He received his early education at St. Anthony's School and at Fort Lauderdale High School, where he was president of the senior class and a letter man in basketball. Going on to the University of Florida, he graduated in 1949 with an A.B. degree and two years later received his Bachelor's degree from the Law School. He was a member of the university's debate society, a member of the staff of the Florida Alligator, student newspaper, and on the editorial staff of Law Review. During his junior year in college he was secretary of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and at this writing is president of the Broward County chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association; also a past vice-president of the University of Florida Alumni Association of Broward County. At the university he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, through which he won a commission in the Air Force.

Following his graduation from law school, Mr. Camp returned to Fort Lauderdale and in July 1951 became associated with the firm of McCune, Hiaasen and Kelley, in which he became a partner in January 1954. He is a member of the Broward County Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the American Bar Association, and is on the Board of Governors of the Junior Bar Section of the Florida Bar. In connection with Junior Bar work, he has also served as state chairman of the Traffic Court Committee.

Mr. Camp became a director of Broward National Bank in 1955. In 1958 he was one of two co-chairmen for Senator Holland's re-election campaign in Broward County. He is a past secretary and past member of the board of the Fort Lauderdale Junior Chamber of Commerce. While active in Jaycee work, he served as state chairman of the "Get Out the Vote" committee. He also served as chairman of the board of directors of the Broward County chapter of the American Heart Association, and is now serving on the Finance Committee for the Girl Scouts of Broward County. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Elks, the Lauderdale Yacht Club, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and is a Faithful Captain in the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree.

On June 26, 1954, in Fort Lauderdale, James David Camp, Jr., married Suzanne Winterer, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, February 10, 1933, daughter of Dorothy (Springnether) and Dr. Herbert O. Winterer, D.D.S. Dr. Winterer is a past president of the school board of the City of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Camp have four children, all born in Fort Lauderdale:

1. Dorothy Suzanne, born May 25, 1955.
2. Marie Anne, born November 9, 1956.
3. James David, III, born September 12, 1958.
4. William Milton, born October 21, 1959.

ROBERT BRUCE LOCHRIE

A citrus grower in Broward County since 1933, Robert Bruce Lochrie is the son of John Lochrie, an early developer of large groves in Broward and St. Lucie County and one of the founders of the Broward National Bank, of which his son is a director. He is also a director of the Fort Lauderdale National and the Coral Ridge National Bank, and has mining interests in Pennsylvania.

Robert Bruce Lochrie was born in Windber, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1912. His father, John Lochrie, was born in Scotland in 1861 and died in 1937. His mother, Kathleen McNamara, a native of Ireland, was born in 1882 and died in 1957.

John Lochrie was the owner and operator of coal mines in Pennsylvania. He began spending his winters in Florida in 1919, and in 1923 bought property in Fort Lauderdale. There he was one of the founders of the Broward Bank and Trust Company, now the Broward National Bank, which was opened after the other banks closed in 1929. Becoming interested in citrus culture, he developed large groves in Davie, near Fort Lauderdale, and also in St. Lucie County, and eventually owned 600 acres in each location.

Robert Bruce Lochrie was educated through high school at Windber, Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1931 he started truck farming for himself, raising beans, peppers, squash, etc., on his present location in Broward County. He began planting groves in 1933, starting with 50 acres, and increased his groves until at one time he had about 150 acres. At the same time he was acting as manager for his father's groves.

About 1940 R. B. Lochrie, O. L. Peacock and Stanley Kirby organized the Fort Pierce Cooperative. In 1948 Mr. Lochrie sold his interest to Mr. Peacock. Since then he has been managing his groves, owning at the present time about 40 acres in St. Lucie County and 55 acres in Broward County. He is still connected with the coal mine in Pennsylvania as a lessor.

Mr. Lochrie is a charter member of Florida Citrus Mutual and a member of Indian River Citrus League. He belongs to the Moose Club, the Lauderdale Yacht Club, and is a parishioner of St. Clement's Church in Wilton Manor.

He was married at Hagerstown, Maryland, to Margaret Sherlock, born January 30, 1912, daughter of Augustus Sherlock who was born at Broadtop, Pennsylvania, and Ellen Brown of Gallitzin, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Lochrie have three children: 1. Robert Bruce, born July 16, 1933, in Fort Lauderdale; 2. Sally Ann, born March 5, 1939, in Hollywood; 3. Mary Elizabeth, born December 16, 1944, in Hollywood.

NORBOURNE BARBOUR CHEANEY

The president of Broward County Title Company has rounded out forty years in the abstract business in Fort Lauderdale. He is also Chairman of the Board of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Broward County, which he helped to organize in December 1933, with assets of $2,500. Today its assets amount to $115,000,000. In addition to the part he has played in the business and financial development of Fort Lauderdale, Mr. Cheaney has contributed to and participated in the civic life and growth of his community.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 10, 1896, Norbourne Barbour Cheaney is a son of Philip B. Cheaney, a prominent attorney of East St. Louis, Illinois, who was born in Henderson, Kentucky, and died in 1922; and of Georgia Lee Allen, who was born in Tennessee

and died in 1924. He attended the Barrett Manual Training School in Hendersonville, Kentucky.

Coming to Florida in 1914, he worked for Tampa Cigar Company and R. G. Dun and Company until July 1916, when he went to Ocala and began his long career in the abstract business. During World War I he served in the United States Army, stationed at Jacksonville. After his release from the Army in 1919, he came to Fort Lauderdale and established himself in the abstract business there. From March 1920 to September 1921 he was secretary of the Broward County Abstract and Title Company, and since then has been president of the company, carrying it safely through the difficult period of state and national depression.

In the early years of his career Mr. Cheaney studied law and was admitted to the Florida bar in July 1926. Although he has not practiced as a lawyer, he has found the knowledge of law very useful in his work. As one of Fort Lauderdale's foremost citizens, he was elected Mayor in 1942 and served one year in that office. He has also served as Chairman of the Civil Service Board.

In addition to being Chairman of the Board of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Broward County, Mr. Cheaney is a director of the Broward National Bank. He is a former president of the Florida Title Association, a former Rotarian, a member of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and of the Presbyterian Church.

He was married in Tampa March 3, 1919, to Madeline Veda Carter, daughter of William H. and Minnie (Sandford) Carter, who was born in Gainesville, Florida, October 3, 1898. Her mother was born at Floral City, Florida, and her grandmother, of the pioneer family of Sparkman, was born at Fort White, Florida, making Mr. Cheaney's grandchildren fifth generation Floridians. Mrs. Cheaney's mother died when she was three years old. The Cheaneys are the parents of three children: 1. Philip N., born in Miami June 20, 1920; 2. Jean C., born in Fort Lauderdale November 23, 1922; 3. Jack S., born in Fort Lauderdale August 11, 1924.

CHESLEY VENABLE MORTON

The most casual perusal of the record of Chesley Venable Morton, attorney of Fort Lauderdale, brings out the evidence that here is something out of the ordinary—a young man who seems to be more interested in the welfare of others than in his own advancement; and one who, although he comes from an honorable lineage, has worked his way up and earned the respect of his fellow citizens.

A native of Greenville, North Carolina, where he was born May 22, 1923, he is a son of Samuel Venable Morton, Jr. and Nell Pickerell Morton. His father was born in Oxford, North Carolina; his mother in Atlanta, Georgia. The name Venable is an honorable one in the southern states, tracing its origin to Normandy, France, in the days of William the Conqueror. Originally settling in Virginia, the Venables were prominent in Colonial America. A Samuel Venable was an officer in the Revolutionary Army from Virginia. Another Samuel Venable, descendant of the first, donated a portion of Stone Mountain in Atlanta, Georgia, for a monument to the heroes of the Confederacy. The Morton family, too, is an old and honorable one. Their coat-of-arms hangs in Mr. Morton's office.

Chesley V. Morton was a senior student at Plainfield High School in Plainfield, New Jersey, when the Pearl Harbor attack precipitated the United States into World War II. He enlisted in the Marine Corps and served until September 18, 1945, taking part in action in the Pacific theater with a unit that received a Presidential Citation.

From 1945 to 1948 Chesley Morton worked with the Aluminum Company of America at Gallwood, New Jersey, in the maintenance department and as Union Shop Steward. Coming to Florida in 1948, he worked his way through the University of Miami Law School, being employed by the Kendall Home at Kendall, Florida, where he was in charge of boys. He received his LL.B. degree from the University on February 3, 1953.

While attending law school, Morton was the first Attorney General of the University of Miami Student Association, and received a certificate from the Law School of Congress for exemplary leadership in this role. He also received the Dean's Certificate of Merit for his work for underprivileged children. He was a member of the Dean's Committee and chairman of the Kendall Kiddies Committee.

Mr. Morton is a member of Delta Theta Phi fraternity of the University of Miami, the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, and has been accepted by the United States Supreme Court.

He was a charter member and vice commander of the University of Miami Post of the American Legion and is a member of William C. Morris Post #36 of Fort Lauderdale, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1966 of Fort Lauderdale, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Active in many fields of public service, Morton received the Achievement Award in 1954 for his outstanding service in the South Side Lions Club of Fort Lauderdale. He is a committeeman for Cub Scout Pack #110, Boy Scouts of America, and is their publicity chairman. He served as a Democratic committeeman for his precinct. He was chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of Fort Lauderdale for two terms. A graduate of the Dale Carnegie course, he received an award for Human Relations and as Best Speaker, and served as a graduate assistant, teaching Dale Carnegie courses. His hobbies are animal raising and writing. He made "Who's Who in Poetry" when he was eighteen years old.

In his native city of Greenville, North Carolina, on March 5, 1945, Chesley Venable Morton married Anne Elizabeth Morton (no relation), a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, daughter of James Otis and Elsie Poole Morton. Mrs. Morton graduated from Greenville High School and attended East Carolina Teachers College. The Mortons have three children:

1. Glenda Anne, born March 10, 1946, at Plainfield, New Jersey.

2. Chesley V., Jr. ("Chuck"), born August 21, 1951, at Miami.

3. Samuel Alan, born January 16, 1954, at Fort Lauderdale.

Glenda is a student at Rogers Junior High School, Fort Lauderdale. Chuck and Alan are attending the Croissant Park School.

FRANK STRANAHAN

The first white man to establish a permanent home in Fort Lauderdale was Frank Stranahan, who opened a post office and trading post there in 1893. His subsequent activities and benefactions in establishing the community earned for him the name of Founder of Fort Lauderdale.

Born in Vienna, Ohio, August 21, 1864, he was a son of Robert and Sarah MacFadden Stranahan. His father was a Presbyterian minister in Ohio, where he lived all his life. Frank was educated in the public schools of Trumbull County, Ohio, and became a steel worker in Youngstown, Ohio. Suffering from gas poisoning, he came to Florida in 1890 and was in the mercantile business in Melbourne about three years.

On January 31, 1893, he came to Fort Lauderdale to take the management of the overland mail route from Lantana to Peacock Inn at Coconut Grove, which took the place of the "barefoot mailman" on the beach. Soon after his arrival he set up a trading post, most of his customers being Indians. He erected tents, ran a ferry service and a restaurant. The only roads were Indian trails through the palmettos. He advanced money to build the first road to Miami from New River; surveyed and cut out the right-of-way for the present Las Olas Boulevard leading to the beach, before any engineer had been called to look over the plans, and advanced funds for its construction. For many years he functioned as the only banking institution in that locality and earned the trust of everyone with whom he did business. Buying his land tract by tract, he became one of the largest land owners in that region, but he gave away large portions of it for the public welfare. Stranahan Park, for many years the only public recreation ground in the city, was his gift. So was the land for Memorial Hospital and the site for the negro school.

About 1906 he moved his trading post and general business to Brickell Avenue and North River Drive and converted the original trading post into his home. Here he and his wife lived for many years, and she still occupies the home. It is now known as Pioneer House and bears the following inscription, placed there by the Himmarshee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution:

"On this spot, January 31, 1893, Frank Stranahan, the founder of this city, conducted a ferry across New River, established a trading post with the Indians and operated the first United States Post Office in Fort Lauderdale.

"Seven tenths of a mile east of this point occurred, in 1842, the massacre by the Seminoles of the Colee family, which destroyed the first white settlement on New River.

"Two and one tenth miles east of this spot, in the reservation of the United States Coast Guard, is the site of Fort Lauderdale, built in 1838 during the Seminole War by United States Government forces under command of Major William Lauderdale, for whom this city was named."

The Stranahan Mercantile Company came to be widely and favorably known. Mr. Stranahan sold it in 1912 to the Oliver brothers, and from that time on occupied himself with his numerous private interests. He was a staunch Democrat, and throughout most of his career was a member of the City Commission and the City Council. He was chairman of the committee that authorized Memorial Drive in honor of the first World War veterans.

On August 16, 1900, in Lemon City, Dade County, he married Ivy Julia Cromartie, a worthy helpmate, whose sketch follows. Frank Stranahan died in Fort Lauderdale June 23, 1929. It was said of him that his whole soul was absorbed in his work for the community and in his desire to do helpful things for Fort Lauderdale and for others.

IVY JULIA CROMARTIE STRANAHAN

A pioneer and benefactress of society, Ivy Julia Cromartie Stranahan, wife of the founder of Fort Lauderdale, has won her own laurels, not resting on those of her husband. Together they were a perfect team. Throughout the years of their residence in Fort Lauderdale, the Stranahans filled a place without parallel in the life and growth of that city.

Ivy Julia Cromartie was born in White Springs, Hamilton County, Florida, February 24, 1881, daughter of Augustus Whitfield Cromartie, who was born in Garland, North Carolina, and died in 1933; and Sarah Elizabeth Driver, born in Georgia, who died about 1910. As a young man in 1873, her father came to Quincy, Florida, where he had an uncle Quincy, and there he taught school and music for many years. He met and married his wife near White Springs, where their first child, Ivy, was born. In 1895 Augustus Cromartie, with his wife and five children, came to the East Coast of Florida in a covered wagon and settled at Juno.

Ivy Cromartie was educated partly by private tutoring and graduated from Lemon City High School in Dade County. She became the teacher in the first public school in Fort Lauderdale, which was opened in 1899 with nine pupils. After her marriage to Frank Stranahan, which took place in Lemon City on August 16, 1900, Mrs. Stranahan began her lifelong work for the welfare of the Seminole Indians, starting with the children, and ever since then has carried on this labor of love voluntarily, paying her own expenses. Her influence has been exerted to overcome the prejudice of the Indians, to get them located on their Reservations, and to help them to understand what the Federal Government is trying to do for them.

Back in 1924 the Indian Commission wrote her asking her to do what she could to get the Indians to go on to their Reservation, as the country was fast settling around them and they could no longer stay where they were. Mrs. Stranahan took Willie Jumper, Annie (a medicine woman) and two of her grandchildren, Pocahontas and Jack Huff, to the Dania Reservation in June of that year, bringing along axes and grub hoes, so that if the decision of the Indians was favorable they could go to work building their camp, and told them that the Government said they would never have to move again. At this time she realized the immensity of the problem of orienting the Florida Seminoles to civilization, and enlisted the aid of the Federation of Women's Clubs, the DAR, church groups and civic organizations of Broward County and the State of Florida and national organizations to cooperate in giving aid and influence to this program. In this year of 1960 this program has progressed to the point of realizing the dream of Mrs. Stranahan for the Indians located nine miles from Fort Lauderdale, when they asked for and were given a charter for their own business corporation on the Reservation. This will enable the Indians to transact business and handle their own money, which had accumu-

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lated in Washington through leases of their tribal lands for farming, grazing and right-of-way for various public utilities. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Jacksonville in Washington once said that any decision to be made between the Indians and him must first have the sanction of Mrs. Stranahan.

Among the other activities of Mrs. Stranahan of a public nature was her work as a member of the Audubon Society during the early days of the war against the extinction of the egret in the Everglades. She turned in one of the largest confiscations of egrets ever made. They were on display in a window of a shoe firm in Miami, and the press estimated their value at $36,000.

Mrs. Stranahan was a member of the City Zoning and Planning Board for ten years, and was a leading factor in preserving the waterfront in Fort Lauderdale from commercialization. She was one of the organizers of the Broward County Chapter of the American Red Cross and was its chairman for many years. During World War I she was chairman of Food Conservation and Liberty Loan Drives. In 1916 she was State President of the Woman's Suffrage Society. She served as president of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club for three years and as State Sectional Director; is on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Branch of the Florida Children's Home Society; a director of the Historical Association of Southern Florida; a member of Friends of the Seminoles Florida Foundation, Inc.; an honorary member of Zonta, Delta Kappa Gamma (a teachers' society), and the Pilots Club; a member of the Garden Club of Fort Lauderdale, and of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

In the first Annual of the new Stranahan High School (1958) there is this tribute to Mrs. Stranahan:

"Education being always her first goal, Mrs. Stranahan has dedicated her life to education and the common welfare of Broward County.

"It is with deep appreciation that we salute Mrs. Stranahan for her contribution to education. Although Stranahan High School is officially a memorial to her husband, in our hearts Mrs. Stranahan will always share the honor of our beloved patron."

LEIGH FOWLER ROBINSON, M.D.

A veteran physician and surgeon of Fort Lauderdale, Dr. Leigh Fowler Robinson might also be called one of the founding fathers of that city. His life has been one of outstanding service, both in his profession and to his community.

He was born near Martinsville, Indiana, June 20, 1887, son of Joseph M. Robinson, a school teacher and farmer, and Alice Fowler Robinson. His father was born in Bedford, Indiana, February 5, 1863, and died in June 1942; his mother, born in Morgan County, Indiana, May 8, 1866, died in March 1941.

Leigh Robinson graduated from Martinsville High School in 1906, attended pre-medical school at Indiana University, and received his M.D. degree from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1912. For the first two years out of medical school he interned at Gouverneur Hospital, New York City, Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, and Deaconess Hospital, Indianapolis; and for the next two years served as assistant to Dr. Thomas B. Eastman and Dr. Harvey A. Moore in Indianapolis.

Commissioned a Medical Officer in the United States Navy in May 1917, he was detailed on Expeditionary duty with the United States Marine Corps in Santo Domingo for three years, following which he served with the United States Military Government in Santo Domingo under Admiral Harry S. Knapp and Admiral S. S. Robison of the United States Navy for four years, 1920-24.

Dr. Robinson commenced his private practice in Fort Lauderdale in 1925 and has continued to serve that community since then, specializing in general surgery.

For many years the only hospital in the area was what is now Pine Crest School. In 1937 Dr. Robinson was Chairman of the Broward County Medical Association Committee that worked with the lay committee in founding the Broward General Hospital, and served as Chief of Surgery of that institution for ten years, retiring to the Consulting Staff at the end of that time. He was Chairman of the Physicians Committee, in which capacity he was active in the establishment of Holy Cross Hospital, and served as Chief of Staff of that hospital from December 1955 to December 1958, when he was transferred to the Consulting Staff at his request. He is also on the staffs of the Hollywood and Memorial Hospitals of Hollywood, Florida.

On the occasion of his resignation as Chief of Staff of Holy Cross Hospital, Dr. Robinson was given an award in recognition and appreciation of his services. He was also awarded a citation from the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale for his part in organizing the Broward General Hospital.

Known as a pioneer in Blue Shield, he was one of the founders of Florida Blue Shield in 1946 and served as first president of that organization until 1954, at which time he resigned and was made Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors. He also received an award from Florida Blue Shield at that time in the form of a resolution. From 1952 to 1954 he was a member of Blue Shield Commission of Chicago, Illinois, which is the Board of Governors of the Blue Shield Plans of United States and Canada.

Dr. Robinson is a member of the American Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, and American Proctologic Association; a member of Southeastern Surgical Congress and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; co-founder, charter member and past president of Broward County Medical Association; a member and past president (1939) of Florida Medical Association, in which he has been very active for many years and has served on many scientific and Public Relations committees. He has made the following contributions to medical literature:

Palinphrasia in Epilepsy—New Jersey State Medical Journal, November 1915.

Chloroform in Epilepsy—Journal American Medical Association, 1916.

Diversional Therapy in Treatment of Mental Disease—Medical Record, 1916.

Report of Case of Large Solitary Tubercle of the Liver—Naval Medical Bulletin, June 1924.

Caudal Block Anesthesia—Florida Medical Association Journal, November 1927.

A Review of Fractures of the Os Calcis—Southern Medical Journal, March 1928.

Some Surgical Diseases of Meckel's Diverticulum—Florida Medical Association Journal, 1928.

The Diagnostic Value of the Sigmoidoscope—Florida Medical Association Journal, November 1930.

Caudal Block Anesthesia in Gynecology—Anesthesia and Analgesia, December 1930.

The Present Status of the Injection Treatment of Hemorrhoids—Florida Medical Association Journal, November 1931.

During World War II, in 1943, Dr. Robinson was appointed by Governor Holland to the State Defense Council as Chairman of the Division of Health and Housing. The Governor also delegated to him, for the duration of the war emergency, the authority to issue temporary license, without examination, to physicians for duty in those areas where there were critical shortages of physicians.

Dr. Robinson has been active in the Broward County Chapter of the American Red Cross and served as its Chairman in 1931. In 1934 he was co-organizer and was active in the establishment of the Mosquito Control District of Broward County. In 1935 he was co-organizer in the establishment of Broward County Health Unit. He served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army for twenty years. Taking part in the development of Fort Lauderdale, he is a director of Broward National Bank and Fort Lauderdale National Bank, and is one of the developers of Coral Isles, an island subdivision located on Las Olas Boulevard.

In social and fraternal organizations, he has been a member of the Rotary Club since 1926; is a member and past commander of William G. Morris Post #36 of the American Legion; a charter member of Lauderdale Yacht Club; a member and patron of the Opera Guild of Fort Lauderdale; a Mason, an Elk, and a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

On July 12, 1916, Dr. Robinson married Dorothy Barrows, who was born in Mansfield, Connecticut, April 26, 1890, daughter of Dr. Benjamin S. and Emma Beardsley Barrows. Her mother was born in New Preston, Connecticut; her father in Hartford. He was a son of Dr. Fred Barrows of Mansfield, Connecticut, who was Principal of the Brown School at Hartford.

Dr. and Mrs. Robinson are the parents of three daughters and have ten grandchildren. The daughters are:

1. Dorothy, Mrs. James B. Kerr, born in Hartford, Connecticut, October 11, 1917. She has three children: Jean, James and Leigh.

2. Elizabeth, Mrs. Raymond R. Rebol, born in the Dominican Republic January 27, 1919. She has three sons: Richard Robinson, Thomas and William.

3. Barbara, Mrs. Ralph E. Sethness, born in the Dominican Republic September 9, 1920. She has four children: Dorothy, Carol, Ralph Edward and Judith.

All three families reside in Fort Lauderdale.

Dr. Robinson is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest."

WILLIAM KINSEL ZINKE

A heavy construction contractor and builder in Pompano Beach since 1950, William Kinsel Zinke has accomplished a notable amount of construction during the past ten years, most of it on the east coast.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 31, 1912, son of Laura Kinsel, a native of Brooklyn, who is living, and William Kinsel Zinke, Sr., who was born in Germany and came to this country as a ten-year-old boy. He died June 27, 1914, in Brooklyn, where he was in the grocery business.

William K., Jr., was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn and attended Pace Institute in New York City. At the age of seventeen he went to work for James H. Dunham and Company, 340 Broadway, New York City, as secretary to a traveling salesman, and held that position four or five years; then went with L. T. Stone, manufacturer of hosiery and lingerie, New York, as mills representative for about four years. From then until 1950 he free-lanced as a mill representative in hosiery.

Coming to Pompano, Florida, in 1950, he went into partnership with Donald L. Smith in the heavy construction business which they purchased from John DeVries. Their work is mainly building roads, bridges, sea walls, etc., including clearing, excavating, grading, installing sewer, water and gas systems. They built the sea wall at Bird Key, Sarasota, for Arvida, and are now finishing the Arvida subdivision in Boca Raton. They bought and developed Coquina Cove at Boynton Beach, McCormack Mile at Ocean Ridge, which is being prepared for buildings, and many other subdivisions. They also build golf courses.

Mr. Zinke was married in New York City April 10, 1937, to Evelyn Warnock, also a native of Brooklyn, where she was born December 11, 1914. She is a daughter of John B. Warnock, deceased, who was born in Brooklyn, and Eleanor Phillips Warnock, also deceased, who was born in Piedmont, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Zinke are the parents of five children:

1. William K., Jr., born in Norwalk, Connecticut, May 4, 1939.

2. Eleanor Lynn, born in Norwalk, January 6, 1943.

3. Evelyn Gay, born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, January 17, 1944.

4. Laura Diane, born in Bridgeport, July 5, 1946.

5. Karen, born in Bridgeport, December 7, 1947.

CURTIS BYRD

An outstanding lawyer of Fort Lauderdale was Curtis Byrd, who had an A rating in Martindale. A native Floridian, he was born in Falmouth, Suwannee County, February 15, 1903, and died in Fort Lauderdale April 8, 1954. He was a son of Thomas Frederick Byrd (March 9, 1881—died 1909), who came from near Perry and was in the turpentine business. Thomas Byrd's father, John, fought in the Civil War in the Confederate Army. Curtis Byrd's mother was Martha Green, daughter of William Henry and Melinda (May) Green of Stockton, Georgia. She was born March 19, 1881, and died in Fort Lauderdale March 30, 1953. Several years after Thomas Byrd's death she married Joseph J. Hannigan, a railroad engineer located in Jacksonville, Florida.

Curtis Byrd received his early education in Live Oak and graduated from Duval High School in Jacksonville. At the University of Florida he studied law and received his Bachelor's degree in 1924. He was a cheer-leader and won the senior oratorical contest in 1924.

Coming to Fort Lauderdale that year, he became an associate in the law office of Maxwell Baxter and eventually became a member of the firm, which later was known as Baxter, Byrd and Walton. In the course of time he spent some years in private practice and then one year with James Henry Taylor as Byrd and Taylor. The name of his firm underwent the usual name changes, becoming Byrd and McCaughan; Byrd, McCaughan and Dressler; and finally, Byrd and Dressler.

Mr. Byrd specialized in real-estate legal matters and the handling of estates, and was the local attorney for the development of the Sunrise Shopping Center and

Birch Oceanfront Subdivision, which was developed for Antioch College, the beneficiary of the original owner of the property, Hugh Taylor Birch. For several years Mr. Byrd represented the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, South Carolina.

He was a member of the American Bar, the Florida Bar, and the Broward County Bar Association, and served on the Florida Bar's State Board of Governors from the 15th Judicial Circuit, 1950-1952; having been a member of the 15th Circuit Court Commission 1939 to 1950. Twice president of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, he was on its Board of Directors from 1934 to 1946. For several years he was secretary and on the Board of Directors of the Lauderdale Yacht Club. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity (University of Florida), Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity (University of Florida), and of Park Temple Methodist Church, where he served for a time on the Official Board. He won many cups in the local and regional duplicate bridge tournaments.

In Fort Lauderdale on June 24, 1926, Curtis Byrd married Ruth Dye, who was born in Alpena, South Dakota, December 12, 1903, daughter of Robert Emmett and Annette (Orme) Dye. A sketch of her father follows. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd became the parents of four children, all born in Fort Lauderdale. They are:

1. Robert Curtis, born May 21, 1928; now a Methodist minister in the New York East Conference.

2. Marilyn, born August 5, 1930; now Mrs. Robert Wilson, Dayton, Ohio. She has two daughters—Kathryn, born February 28, 1956; Laurel, born February 24, 1958.

3. Thomas Edward, born April 2, 1934, married Lola Anne Roberts who was born in Miami, Florida, but lived in Los Teques, Venezuela, from 1941 until the time of her marriage. Tom and Lola have a son, Thomas Edward Byrd, Jr., born May 18, 1960. Thomas is an attorney-at-law, associated with Byrd and Dressler.

4. Carol, born December 21, 1935, is the wife of Karsten A. Rist, born in Germany.

ROBERT EMMETT DYE

One of the early real estate developers of Fort Lauderdale was Robert Emmett (Bob) Dye, developer of Idlewyld, the first of its kind initiated on the bay front. Mr. Dye always worked for the best interests of Fort Lauderdale and served as a City Commissioner. Before coming to Florida he had been a newspaper publisher for some fifteen years in South Dakota.

He was born in Leon, Iowa, January 18, 1879, son of Robert and Elizabeth Trippett Dye. His father was a farmer. He received his education in the public schools of Iowa and taught school for a year or two. At the age of twenty-one he became a full-fledged newspaperman and from 1901 to 1916 was owner and publisher of the Alpena Journal of Alpena, South Dakota, where he also was Postmaster and one of the influential citizens.

Having first visited Fort Lauderdale in 1910, he brought his family down to spend the winter in 1918 and remained to enter the real estate business. Associated with M. A. Hortt, he formed the firm of Hortt and Dye, Realtors, whose first large enterprise was the Idlewyld development. This firm developed and sold all the land between Southeast Eighth Avenue and Lauderdale beach and built the Arcade on the corner of Southwest Second Street and Southwest First Avenue, as well as many houses. The firm of Hortt and Dye operated until 1923, and from that time until his death in 1953 Mr. Dye operated his business independently, eventually taking his son Paul into the business.

Mr. Dye was at one time a Trust Officer with the Fort Lauderdale Bank and Trust Company and was a member of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Odd Fellows, and attended Park Temple Methodist Church. He was a liberal supporter of religious and charitable projects. A member of the Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority from 1938 until his death, he attended a meeting of this body a few hours before his death. He also was a School Trustee.

At Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 3, 1902, Robert Emmett Dye married Annette Orme, daughter of Catherine (Pearcy) and George W. Orme. They had four children:

1. Ruth, Mrs. Curtis Byrd of Fort Lauderdale.

2. Albert Emmett, born in Alpena, South Dakota, August 11, 1905; died September 11, 1955.

3. Paul, born in South Dakota March 10, 1911, married Lillie Brown and has a son, Ray, born December 11, 1942. Paul is an attorney-at-law and an investor.

4. Don, born in Fort Lauderdale March 23, 1921, married Margaret Arpin. Don is a Fort Lauderdale realtor.

Annette Orme Dye (Mrs. Robert Emmett Dye) was born in London, Indiana, October 29, 1882, and died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, August 26, 1960. She was a member of the Fort Lauderdale Library Board from 1932 to 1948. She had served as president of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club; was active in the PEO sorority and in the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church; and belonged to the Monday Bridge Club for twenty-five years.

ALVIN BELTON JONES

Vegetable farming on a large scale is the principal business of Alvin Belton Jones of Deerfield Beach, who is also president and chairman of the board of the Deerfield Beach Bank. Mr. Jones came up the hard way. Starting at the beginning of the depression in 1930, when tractors were just coming in, he farmed with mule, hoe and plow at first. He now heads an empire of 1200 acres of lucrative farms in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Born in Meigs, Georgia, July 3, 1911, he is a son of William Belton Jones, who was born in Grady County, Georgia, April 21, 1874, and died April 22, 1957; and Mellie Butler Jones, who was born in Thomas County, Georgia, September 11, 1882, and died February 24, 1952. His father was a farmer in Georgia and Florida. He came to Plant City, Florida, in 1925 and raised strawberries there for five years. Coming to Deerfield Beach in 1930, he joined his brother-in-law who operated the Butler Farms, and was with him for five years. Due to ill health, he gave up farming and became a bridge tender over the Intercoastal Waterways on the Hillsboro Canal at Deerfield, a position he retained until two years before his death. The original Butler Farms are still in existence and the founders, J. D. and G. E. Butler, are still living.

Alvin Jones was taken out of school early to help support his family. He worked as a supervisor for Butler Farms for ten years, then formed a farming partnership with his brother Emory, operating as E. and A. Jones, which was the forerunner of Westside Farms and lasted until 1958, when the partnership was dissolved.

Alvin B. Jones Mary E. Jones

They raised cucumbers, eggplant, peppers and beans. In addition to these vegetables Westside Farms also raises tomatoes. Most of the laborers live on the farms in houses provided by the company, including bedding and utilities. Some laborers are brought in from Nassau and some come by bus from Pompano.

Mr. Jones also owns considerable property in Deerfield Beach, including a section of eight stores on Dixie Highway and Pine Hill Acres, a subdivision. He is president of Westside Farms, Inc. and of Jones and Ostoff Farms, Inc.; owns a half interest in O. and L. Farms with O. A. and Leo D. Jones, and a quarter interest with Jones and Glenn. He is a director of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association of Orlando and a director of the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce.

In civic and fraternal organizations Mr. Jones is a member of the Civic League, the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge #275 of Deerfield Beach, Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami, the Gold Coast Shrine Club and its board of governors, and the Baptist Church.

He was married in Pelham, Georgia, June 20, 1937, to Mary Glenn, who was born in Pelham November 4, 1918, daughter of Mary Ella Barton, born in Grady County, Georgia, and James Eldridge Glenn, born in Mitchell County, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones are the parents of five children, the first born in Deerfield Beach, the other four in Fort Lauderdale:

1. Michael David, born May 25, 1938.
2. Kenneth Alvin, born August 28, 1942.
3. Mary Kathryn, born February 28, 1944.
4. Richard Elton, born January 13, 1947.
5. Jeffrey Barton, born April 24, 1952.

Michael David Jones is vice-president of Westside Farms, Inc. He married Barbara Stills and they have a son, Michael D. Jr., born in 1958.

GEORGE EMORY JONES

A member of a farming family, George Emory Jones has been farming in Deerfield for thirty years and now operates on four farms totaling 1800 acres. Of this acreage one third is rented, the balance he owns.

Son of William Belton and Mellie Butler Jones, he was born in Meigs, Georgia, February 9, 1908. His mother was born near Meigs September 11, 1882, and died February 24, 1952. His father, born at Cairo, Georgia, April 21, 1874, died April 22, 1957.

About 1923 William Belton Jones moved with his family to Plant City, Florida, and raised strawberries and vegetables there until 1930, when he moved to Deerfield and joined the Butler brothers, J. D. and George Emory, his brothers-in-law, who had been farming in Deerfield since 1915. After five years with the Butlers a health deficiency caused W. B. Jones to give up farming and he became the bridge tender at the Hillsboro Inlet, a position he held for twenty years.

George Emory Jones started farming as a boy in Pelham, Georgia, with his father and brothers. He attended school at Cotton, Georgia, and, after coming to Florida, at Springhead, near Plant City.

Coming to Deerfield with his father and brother in 1930, he farmed with the Butler brothers until 1941, when he and his brother, Alvin B. Jones, formed the E. and A. Jones partnership, which lasted until 1958. Since then he has been operating under the name of G. E. Jones Farms. He raises mainly green beans, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes and egg plants. His produce is trucked to the Farmers Market and sold to Herbert Berk, a New York broker, and others. Mr. Berk has been the broker for the G. E. Jones Farms during its entire farming career.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce, and a former member of the Flying Farmers, organized in 1947 by a group of farmers who did private flying. For four and a half years he was chairman of the commission in the town of Deerfield, now Deerfield Beach. He is a charter member and past trustee of Elks Lodge #1898 of Pompano Beach, a charter member and past director of the Lions Club, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Deerfield.

He was married in Plant City December 25, 1934, to Bettye Anderson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Prattville, Alabama, where Bettye was born August 25, 1914. The Joneses have three daughters:

1. Carol Ann, born in Plant City June 14, 1938;
2. Janice Faye, born in Deerfield January 23, 1942;
3. Judy Sue, born in Deerfield April 5, 1948;

GEORGE EMORY BUTLER

The president of Butler Farms Company of Deerfield Beach, George Emory Butler, and his brother, J. D. Butler, are pioneer settlers of that community, where they have been raising vegetables since 1915. Emory Butler has been president of Farmers Production Credit Association for fifteen years. As Deerfield's first mayor, he had much to do with the development of the town.

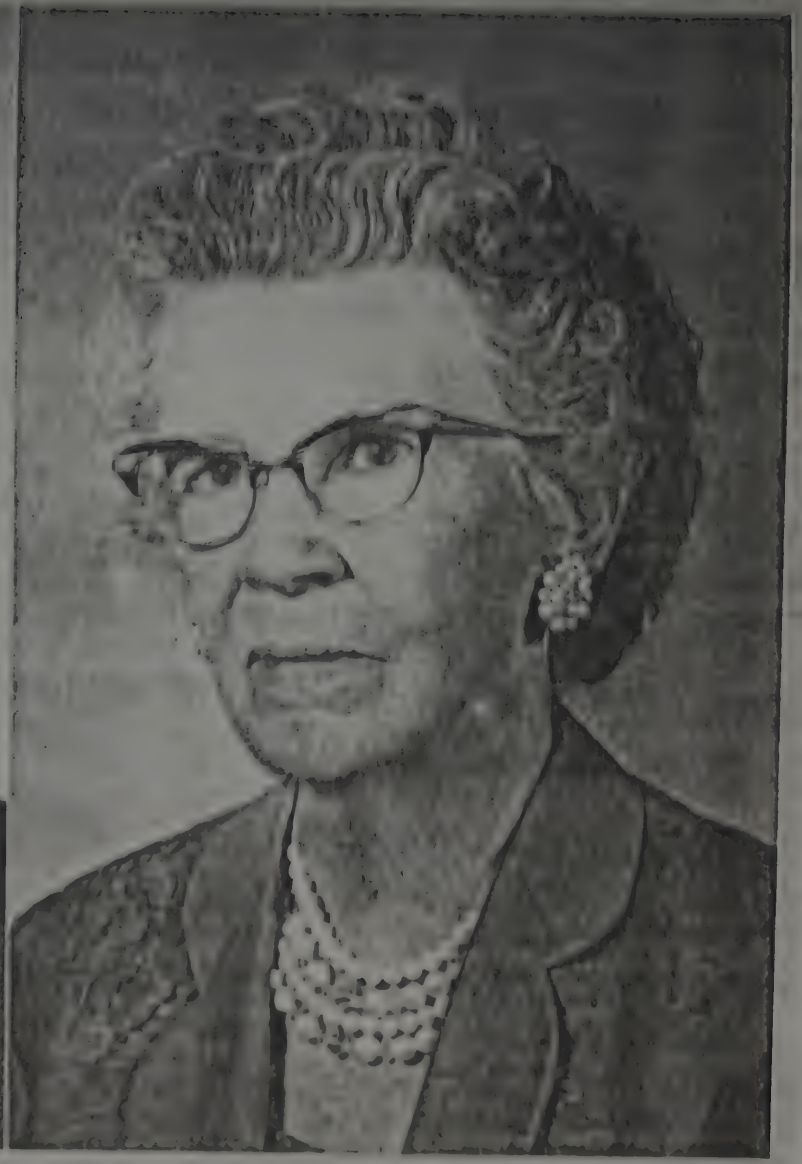
George Emory Butler was born in Cairo, Georgia, January 6, 1887, son of George Edward Butler, who was born in Decatur County, Georgia, in 1852 and died in 1945, and of Susan Ann Hinson, born in Thomas County, Georgia, who died in 1910. His father was a farmer and owned some stock in a mercantile store. He came to Florida in 1912.

Emory Butler received his education in the public schools of Georgia and at the age of eighteen was manager of the telephone company in Meigs, Georgia. In 1907 he went to Carthage, Texas, where an uncle had a men's furnishings store, and worked there, eventually becoming manager of the store. He was married in Texas and lived there eight years.

In 1915 he moved to Deerfield, Florida, which at that time was little more than a sandy waste covered with palmetto scrub and pine woods, with a total population of 150 people. The old Dixie Highway, a 12' hard-top road, ran through town, forming the main street. There was no bridge across the east coast canal until 1917. Emory and his brother cleared their land and built homes side by side. During a hurricane in 1928 George's house was destroyed, and was replaced by the fine, substantial house in which he and his wife now make their home. His brother is still living next door in the original house he built.

The brothers farmed together, raising beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplant and squash. Most of their produce was shipped by rail, some by Clyde Steamship Line from Jacksonville, and later through the port at Miami. There was no refrigeration until 1921, when

Mr. & Mrs. George Emory Jones & family



L. Emory Butler

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they shipped the first refrigerated carload. Now 70 to 80% of their produce is shipped by refrigerated trucks. In 1937 the partnership between the brothers was incorporated under the name of Butler Farms, Inc.

Emory Butler was the first Mayor of Deerfield, as it was then called, holding that office from 1925 to 1930, and was one of those responsible for the change of name to Deerfield Beach. During that time the Seaboard Air Line Railroad came to Deerfield. At the inauguration of the service Governor Martin represented the State of Florida and Mr. Warfield represented the Railroad Company.

The biggest project during Mr. Butler's term as Mayor was the widening of the highway, which involved moving all the buildings back and paving from curb to curb from the Hillsboro Canal to a half mile south of the town. The "White Way" and the sidewalks were built at that time. For this project the city voted $350,000 in bonds, which was to cover the street paving, city hall, jail and waterworks. Before that everyone had his own well and pump and the Butlers had the only indoor kitchen sink in town.

Mr. Butler served four years on the Town Council in the 30's, and on the City Council for two years, 1953-55. He also served on the local school board. During Governor Cone's administration (1937-41) he was one of 31 men who went to Tallahassee to get the Governor and Nathan Mayo, the Commissioner of Agriculture, to give their support to the new location for Farmers' Market, for which the Blount family gave the land.

Emory Butler is a charter and honorary member of the Lions Club of Deerfield Beach, which his two sons have served as president. He has been a Baptist for fifty years and a deacon and Sunday School superintendent for thirty years.

In Carthage, Texas, on December 19, 1913, George Emory Butler married Margery Elizabeth Goforth, who was born in Overton, Texas, January 4, 1892, daughter of John Anderson Goforth and Margery Ann Virginia Hawkins. Her father was born near Anderson, South Carolina, February 12, 1848, and died March 18, 1911. Her mother was born in Rusk County, Texas, January 11, 1854, and died June 4, 1941.

Mrs. Butler was a charter member of the Woman's Club and served several terms as president. She also helped to organize the Woman's Club Library. She is now a member of the Garden Club and has been active in the PTA and in church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler have three children:

1. Margery Ann, born in Carthage, Texas, November 13, 1914, who married John Urchinson. They have no children. Margery has been employed by Broward County Board of Education for about twenty years and is now Assistant Business Manager.

2. Jack Emory Butler, born in Deerfield August 4, 1917. He married Molly R. Wiles and they have two sons: Roger and Timothy Scott. Jack is Vice President of Butler Farms Company.

3. Robert David Butler, born August 5, 1925, in Fort Lauderdale. He married Martha Lee Parrotte, and they have a son, Robert David, Jr. Robert is Secretary of the Butler Farms Company.

HARVEY STITH CHESHIRE

For thirty years Harvey S. Cheshire raised vegetables in Pompano Beach, specializing in fancy winter string beans, and for many years was rated at the top of the list for quality of product and fair dealings. He has had a great deal to do with the Pompano State Farmers Market, which is the largest f.o.b. produce market in the world. As a city councilman and real estate developer he has played a large part in the growth and progress of Pompano Beach.

The Cheshire family came to this country from Cheshire County, England. There were two brothers. One settled in North Carolina; the other moved on to Georgia, and it was his descendants who eventually came to Florida, Harvey's great grandfather being the pioneer. His father, William Bloxham Cheshire, was born in Genoa, Hamilton County, Florida, December 26, 1882, and is still living in Pompano Beach. His mother, who was Amy Johns, was born in Wellborn, Suwannee County, Florida, in 1885 and died in August 1922. Harvey was born in Wellborn October 15, 1906, and was educated in the public schools of Suwannee County, Florida.

In September 1921 Harvey and his father first came to Pompano, where his father's brother, M. A. Cheshire, had been settled since 1914. They farmed that season and returned to North Florida. In August of 1923 they came back to Pompano, rented land, and sharecropped with M. A. Cheshire, raising tomatoes, beans and peppers. Harvey Cheshire farmed in Broward and Palm Beach County from 1928 to 1958, when he retired from farming.

He was appointed by Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, to the Board of Directors of the Pompano State Farmers Market, which opened in November 1937, and served on this board nine years. He was one of the first to urge the relocation of the market to its present site, and for two years worked on this plan, which was supported by many other farmers and business interests who were interested in seeing a modern farm produce market in Pompano. This plan was opposed by some who had much influence politically. Mr. W. H. Blount, in behalf of the Blount Brothers, gave the state the twenty acres of land on which these buildings stand.

Mr. Cheshire helped build, organize and set up the operating rules for the market, and takes great pride in two features of the building which he sponsored. The first is adequate space for unloading, without cover, for the trucks to back into, thus preserving valuable floor space. The need of this feature has been proved by the fact that market floor space has been added three times since the building was erected. The other feature is the public address or communication system, which enables farmers and buyers to communicate with each other on the floor of the market without wasting valuable time and energy running from one office or stall to another to discuss prices and deals. When the market was in the planning stage, Mr. Cheshire was one of thirty-one men who went to Tallahassee to see Governor Cone and enlist his support. Nathan Mayo was present at the dedication service on the opening day of the market.

Mr. Cheshire served on the City Council of Pompano in 1935-36 and in 1938-39, and was president of the Council during his last term. When he first became a councilman the city had no credit and only about a mile of it was incorporated. He and some

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other men on the Council played a decisive part in the settlement of the city's outstanding indebtedness and in placing it on a pay-as-you-go basis. Pompano Beach has been growing steadily ever since and is in good financial condition.

In the field of real estate, Mr. Cheshire developed the first small shopping center between Pompano Beach and Road #810, Deerfield Beach, which was opened in November 1953. It is located on the Federal Highway between Northeast Second and Northeast Fourth Street, Pompano Beach, and is known as the Cheshire Building. Mr. Cheshire also was instrumental in bringing Pompano Beach the Food Fair Shopping Center, opened in 1955 on Fourth Street and Federal Highway, by giving a ground lease on the property, which he owns.

He is a member of Broward County Farm Bureau, Broward County Committee on Migrants, and the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce; a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Broward County; director of the Broward County Chapter of the American Red Cross; a member of Lodge #263, F. and A.M., and of the First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach. He is an ardent church worker and has served as deacon and chairman of the Board of Deacons; also on the official board, the board of trustees, the building and finance committees.

On September 4, 1926, in Pompano Harvey S. Cheshire married Georgia Elizabeth Collier, who was born in Elloree, South Carolina, on March 16, 1909. Her father, Lucius Erab Collier, was born in South Carolina May 23, 1865, and died September 20, 1925. Her mother, Lily Smith Collier, was born March 16, 1870, and died March 7, 1940. Three children were born in Pompano to Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire:

1. Russell, born September 2, 1927, married Betty Stephens, and they have three children: Russell Derik, Kathy Deanne, and Georgia Jean.
2. Ethel, born December 29, 1929, married James Delk. Their three children are Marsha Gail, James Barry, and Carol Denise.
3. Vicki Newana was born January 15, 1938.

RUSSELL BARRINGTON CARSON, M.D.

Dr. Russell B. Carson has the distinction of being a member of one of the outstanding pioneer families of Florida. His grandfather, Steven Washington Carson, a native of Tennessee and circuit rider preacher, came to Florida from Mississippi on horseback in 1858 and located first in Hernando County. In 1871, when he retired from the ministry, he moved to Polk County near Fort Meade and planted the first citrus groves in the Frostproof area.

Of interest is the reason why Frostproof was so named. Steven W. Carson and sons, while hunting wild turkeys and deer in that area, discovered that the temperature was higher than that in Fort Meade, where they were living; so Steven said to his wife, "Miss Anne, we're going to have to move just one more time."

Steven W. Carson died in Frostproof February 17, 1907. His second wife, Pamela Anne Adelaide Barrington, died at the ripe old age of 93 years. She was the mother of four children, two girls and two boys. The boys were Muncey Barrington and Joseph Washington, who became partners in business. They promoted the building of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad through Frostproof—spent a lot of time getting the railroad interested and securing the right-of-ways for it. They helped to develop Frostproof and the entire Lake Region. Starting in the nursery business, they developed citrus groves and sold real estate. With a Mr. Barber of Jackson, Michigan, they worked together to develop the Crooked Lake area. Mr. Barber was 80 years of age when he came down. He said if he thought he could live long enough to eat an orange off a tree he had planted he would plant some groves. The boys prevailed upon him to do so, and he lived to be just five days short of 100 years. So he ate oranges for nearly 20 years.

Among the many others the Carsons were associated with were the Wirts of Bartow, Hesletine of Delaware, Ohio, and Frank Packard, an architect from Columbus, Ohio.

In 1904 Muncey Carson married Ida Maud Gilman of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Their son, Russell Barrington Carson, was born in Frostproof December 7, 1907. His first school was a one-room schoolhouse in Babson Park. After that he attended and graduated from the Dakota School for Boys at Dakota, Illinois, Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford, Virginia, and the University of Florida. For his medical education he went to Tulane University of New Orleans, where he received his M.D. degree in 1935. He interned at the Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, and had specialty training in Urology under Dr. Louis M. Orr in Orlando, Florida. Moving to Fort Lauderdale September 15, 1939, he entered private practice in Urology.

Dr. Carson enlisted in the United States Army on September 10, 1942, and was attached to the Air Force Hospital at Gulfport, Mississippi. In 1944 and '45 he was overseas with the 173rd General Hospital in France. Released from the Army April 12, 1946, he returned to his medical practice in Fort Lauderdale.

Dr. Carson was one of the founders of the Broward General Hospital, where he has served as Chief of Staff and is now on the Consulting Staff as Urologist. He has been Chief of Surgery at Holy Cross Hospital, which he and Mrs. Carson helped to build by raising funds. He served on the Council of the Florida Medical Association for two years and on the Board of Governors of that association, and is currently a member of Governor Collins Advisory Committee for the Care of the Aged and Aging.

He has been president of the Florida Blue Shield for five years, served on its Board for six years, on the Board of the National Blue Shield for two years, and is now Secretary of the National Blue Shield.

Dr. Carson is a member of the following professional groups: American Medical Association, Florida Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, Broward County Medical Association, Southeastern Surgical Congress, American Urological Association (a past president of the Southeastern section of the A.U.A.), an honorary member of the South Central Urological Association, a founder member of the Florida Urological Society, and a diplomate of the American Board of Urology. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a founder member of the Fort Lauderdale Surgical Society. He is a founder and editor of the Broward County Medical bulletin, "The Record," and has published to date twenty articles on Urology and related subjects.

Equally active in civic and social life, Dr. Carson is a founder member of the Fort Lauderdale Jaycees and of the Fort Lauderdale Optimist Club (1941); a past member of the Rotary Club (five years); a mem-

ber of Park Temple Methodist Church; and a member of Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club and the Key Largo Angler's Club. He is listed in the Social Register and in the Directory of Medical Specialists.

Dr. Carson was married to Eleanor Louise Brown in Roanoke, Virginia, on June 28, 1947. She was born on February 7, 1923, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, a daughter of Garnett R. Brown and Zola C. Wiseman. Her mother was born in the Shenandoah Valley where her family have been since the 1700's. As an active civic leader, Mrs. Carson has been president of the Broward County Girl Scout Council, Regional Committee member of the Girl Scouts of the Southeast Region, and she served on the committee for the dedication of the Low Home for Girl Scouts in memory of Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Carson is also active in the Junior League of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. and is a Board and Executive Committee member of the United Fund of Broward County. She has been a Circle leader in the Park Temple Methodist Church. She joins her husband in his hobby of boating and fishing on their boat Zolida III.

FLOYD LANGDON WRAY

Famed as the founder of Flamingo Groves and its botanical garden near Davie in Broward County, the late Floyd Langdon Wray had many more laurels to his name. As one of the "'Men Who Made Florida," he spent half his life helping the economy of South Florida and serving in various civic and governmental capacities. He won numerous honors as an agriculturist, and in 1946 was awarded the Presidents' Trophy of the Lions Club of Fort Lauderdale, as the member who had performed the most outstanding service in club work during the previous year. He also won many trophies for his show horses.

Born in Cadillac, Michigan, March 6, 1891, Floyd Langdon Wray was a son of David Wray, a native of Lancaster, Kentucky, and veteran of the Civil War, who had a wholesale grocery business in Cadillac. Floyd's mother was Ora Long of Cadillac. He was educated through high school in Benton Harbor, Michigan, and was in business college there when he left to be married.

His first business venture was with United Cigar Store Company in Chicago. In one year he was advanced from clerk to manager of five of their stores in Indianapolis, Indiana. After three years there he took over the management of a wholesale tobacco business in Evansville, Indiana, which operated under the name of the House of Crane and covered the territory of South Indiana and North Kentucky.

When he had been with this company ten years, he came to South Florida in 1925 with the idea of starting an agency there in the tobacco business, but instead entered the real estate business in Hollywood and continued in this line until the hurricane of 1926 wiped him out. He had an offer to go back to the wholesale tobacco business in Memphis, Tennessee, but chose to stay in Florida and go into the citrus business.

Purchasing 1,920 acres of open land, he planted his first grove and watched the young trees grow for six years before they bore fruit. He cherished his first orange as if it were a diamond, and left it on the tree for everyone to see. This was the beginning of his 700-acre Flamingo Groves, where he later specialized in growing unusual and exotic varieties of citrus. His boast was that his staff of sixty-five employees produced sixty-five varieties of tree-ripened citrus, including oranges, grapefruit, lemons, limes, tangelos, pommelos (Chinese grapefruit), and citrus hybrids. One of his rarities is a Greek citrus tree, called Kietra, which bears a lemon-like fruit. Because of it a Greek Premier once detoured from a scheduled trip just to visit Flamingo Groves.

The botanical garden of Flamingo Groves was started late in 1927, for the purpose of collecting and establishing a number of rare tropical and sub-tropical flowering trees and shrubs as well as fruit trees. The many varieties are labeled with the botanical and common names and constitute practically a living reference work for the professors and students of Botany at the University of Miami, besides being an unfailing source of interest to the thousands of visitors from all over the world who visit the garden annually.

As already indicated, Mr. Wray's activities were not limited to the citrus business. When he first came to Florida in 1925, he joined Joseph Young in developing the City of Hollywood. In the mid-twenties he was one of a group that brought Herbert Hoover, then Secretary of Commerce, on a tour of Central and South Florida, during which he studied the problem of flood control. Some time later Mr. Wray, with others, was influential in bringing about the creation of the Central and South Florida Flood Control District. He was one of the developers and builders of Port Everglades, as its first commissioner and a member of the Broward County Port Authority from 1931 to 1935, and helped to build the port from a one-slip harbor to one of the finest on the Atlantic seaboard.

He was prominent in the banking and business circles of the county and was active in many civic affairs, both in Hollywood and in Fort Lauderdale, where he spent the last twelve years of his life. He served as Municipal Judge of Hollywood in 1930-31; was president of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for three terms, and served on a committee of the State Chamber of Commerce. With four other business men he founded the Orangebrook Golf Course in Hollywood, and loaned tractors from his groves to do the heavy work of grading. He was a director of the First National Bank of Hollywood and of the First National Bank of Fort Lauderdale. About 1939 he established Fort Lauderdale's first fruit-packing plant, at 3501 South Federal Highway.

He was a member of Florida Citrus Exchange, Florida Citrus Mutual, and Florida State Horticultural Society. In Evansville, Indiana, he had been a member of the Kiwanis Club. His church membership was with the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Fort Lauderdale. Because of a physical handicap he had not served actively during the wars, but was in the Reserves. He was a noted horseman and for many years prided himself on his show horses, but in the later years of his life he spent most of his leisure time fishing.

In Chicago, Illinois, on September 1, 1910, Mr. Wray married Jane Bush, who was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, May 11, 1891, daughter of George Bush (born in London, Ontario, Canada, April 19, 1864; died in 1940) and Ida Gillum (born in Buck Creek, Indiana, March 10, 1864; died November 29, 1939). Jane Bush attended elementary school in South Bend, Indiana, and high school at St. Joseph, Michigan. She had a scholarship in music and had planned to enter the Chicago Conservatory of Music, but was married at the tender age of eighteen. Mrs. Wray taught music in the Hollywood School of Fine Arts in Hollywood, Florida, until

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the hurricane of 1926. Shortly after that she joined her husband in the developing of Flamingo Groves. They maintained a residence in the groves and an apartment at Ocean Manor on Galt Ocean Mile.

Mr. Wray died at his summer home on Harsen's Island, Algonac, Michigan, on July 24, 1959. Since his death Mrs. Wray has carried on as president of Flamingo Groves, with the help of William Wood, a nephew of her husband, who was coached in the citrus business by Mr. Wray and is manager of the groves.

Mrs. Wray is an honorary member of the board of the Children's Home Society of Florida; a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Woman's Club, and the Garden Club of Hollywood; an active member and past president of the Tuesday Morning Club of Hollywood, and a member of the Past Presidents' Assembly of the National Federation of Music Clubs, Miami Chapter.

GLADYS DIXON

Still presiding over her office in Deerfield Beach, Miss Gladys Dixon has been active in the real estate business on the Gold Coast since the early days of the Florida boom, and has some interesting stories to tell of her experiences, including how she and her girlfriend partner turned $250 into $25,000 overnight without even trying.

Gladys Dixon was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 28, 1888, daughter of Rose (Puderbaugh) and James A. Dixon. Her father, born October 14, 1854, was a drummer boy in the Civil War on the side of the Union. He was a mechanical engineer in Reno, Nevada, before his marriage, afterwards returning to Indiana as a machinist for Atkins Saw Works. He died in Kansas about 1919. Miss Dixon's mother died in Deerfield Beach in March 1953. Her mother's father was a Dunkard preacher and the first medical doctor in the state of Kansas. His second wife (Miss Dixon's mother's stepmother) was scalped and killed by Indians while crossing the plains of Kansas in a covered wagon.

Miss Dixon received her early education in the public schools of Indianapolis and attended the University of Wisconsin in the class of 1916, but left in her senior year because of her father's illness. She was, and is, a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

From 1919 to 1923 Miss Dixon was head of the Physical Education Department on the staff of Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri. In 1923 she was appointed to give instructions to teachers of Red Cross life saving procedures for the state of Missouri, and during one of her classes, while heaving a body out of the water, strained her heart and collapsed. Ordered by her doctor to give up this work, she came to Palm Beach, Florida, as a guest of Mrs. Lew Tuller, owner of the Tuller Hotel in Detroit, who was a friend of hers. Mr. and Mrs. Tuller had a winter home at Palm Beach. Miss Dixon says that the first time she heard the wind in the palm trees she was sold on Florida.

As it was at the beginning of the boom, she, like everyone else, became interested in real estate, and with a friend, Josephine MacKercher, went into business under the name of Gold Coast Real Estate; Miss Dixon being the president and Miss MacKercher the secretary and treasurer. Their office was on South Olive Street, West Palm Beach, next door to the present Post Office building.

One afternoon the girls were sitting in their office when a friend, Victor Moore, came in and told them that a "Big Story" was breaking in the paper the next morning about a new development called Boca Raton—the Addison Mizner development—and that if they had any money they had better get there and grab whatever they could get hold of. Next morning there was the story in the paper, just as Vic Moore had said. So with their entire capital of $250 the girls rushed down there and found the only real estate man there, whose office was in his home. He had just twelve lots left. They put up their $250 on an option on all twelve, and went home happy. The lots were near the present layout of the golf course and were very desirable. Two days later a map came out in the newspaper showing the plots and their buyers, and there were the twelve lots marked sold—to someone else! They rushed to the office with their option papers and presented them to Mr. Fryhoffer, general sales manager for the Mizner Corporation. The engineer had neglected to mark the lots on the map as sold, and so they had been sold again—for $25,000! Without ado Mr. Fryhoffer handed the girls a check for $25,000. Miss Dixon was so excited that she had to sit on the curb a while before she could drive the car home.

Another time a man walked into their office and asked if they had any land at a place near Fort Lauderdale where there was some talk of a port being developed—now Port Everglades. Miss Dixon said she had about fifteen acres, but that it was all mangrove swamp. He said he would like to see it. She took him down and he bought it for $15,000. Today it is worth at least $350,000.

Then there is the one that got away. The girls sent their salesman, Chester Darby, to Chicago to close a deal with a syndicate on the sale of all of Collier County at $2.50 an acre. It didn't materialize.

In 1938 the Beach House Inn was operated on shares by Miss Dixon and the owner. Located on the ocean at Boca Raton, it was the only restaurant on the waterfront between West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale. It had some living quarters and a few famous people stayed there at different times. One was Dr. Arthur Compton and his wife. Dr. Compton was on the staff of Washington University at the time when Miss Dixon was there, and it was through this acquaintance that he came to Boca Raton to do research on the cosmic rays. He stated at that time that the finest location on the entire East Coast for studying the cosmic rays was there at the Beach House Inn at Boca Raton. James Reston, Washington correspondent for NBC and Pulitzer prize winner, who was in London during the Blitz, came to Beach House Inn to recuperate after returning from London. During the war a few officers lived there. The Inn was famous for its food.

Miss Dixon organized and was president of the first Ocean Beach Association, which covered the territory from Boynton to Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, its purpose being to control the rentals of two or more units between the Florida Intercoastal Waterway and the ocean for housing the military personnel of the Boca Raton Airfield, where at one time during World War II there were 30,000 people. Miss Dixon personally took charge of this matter, and it was from this voluntary contribution to the war effort that she got her start after the war in selling property to military personnel and their families who had been stationed in this area.

When, in 1945, the highway from Boca Raton to Fort Lauderdale was being widened by the Brinsen Con-

Gladys Nixon

struction Company of Tampa, the engineers came to Miss Dixon's office to locate homes for their men. The next day the head engineer said that he needed a ten-acre tract of land to get "fill" for the new lane. They had tested the soil on the farm lands between Deerfield and Pompano, and it would not do. The land from the Federal Highway to the Intercoastal Waterway near Pompano was owned by four people: M. G. Schickman, H. J. Cope, C. D. Rodes, and Miss Dixon, who owned twenty acres. She suggested that the engineers dig a "ditch" here. They did and found that the soil was all right. An agreement was made whereby the construction company should keep the soil and the four owners keep the canal. The contract was for a canal 130 feet wide, six feet deep, and with a two to one slope. They got a permit from the War Department to put the canal through, and the four owners agreed to sell the adjacent property for residential use only. This was the first finger canal developed in Broward County and has been followed by many developers today with waterfront canals providing the home owners with the unusual advantage of private docking for their boats in their front yard.

Miss Dixon's pride and joy, which she still drives, is an open air "hot rod" job which she used to show acreage, farm and ranch lands in the 40's. She sold all of Hillsboro and Santa Maria harbors, which are now Pompano's finest residential subdivision. One of her first contributions as a developer was the first subdivision of Deerfield Beach, known as Pirate's Cove; also Caliban Ridge in Pompano Beach. At the present time she is contemplating a marina in this area to accommodate 300 boats.

Miss Dixon has always taken an active part in civic affairs. In St. Louis in 1917-18 she was in the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps Service and had been assigned for overseas duty just as peace was declared. While attending the University of Wisconsin she organized and conducted the first Camp Panhellenic for college and professional women at Washington Island, Wisconsin. She ran for the City Council in Boca Raton during the war, but was not elected. She has been a director of the Chamber of Commerce in Deerfield Beach for two years and is a past director of the Board of Realtors of Pompano Beach. She is now in her second year as Vice President of the Soroptimist Club and is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Woman's Club, both of Deerfield Beach. She attends the Christian Science Church of Delray Beach but is not a member.

EVA ANNE BRYAN OLIVER

One of Fort Lauderdale's first citizens in more than one sense, Mrs. Eva Bryan Oliver was among the pioneer settlers of that city. When she came there in 1900 the only buildings were the Stranahan camp and Mrs. Brickell's two houses, just south of where the Federal highway bridge formerly stood, which were used for overnight stops by passengers in wagon trains.

Mrs. Oliver was the first white girl to be married in Fort Lauderdale; the first woman to drive a car in South Florida, and she thinks possibly in the state; the first president of Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club, of which she is now a life member; and one of the first members of the Garden Club and the Baptist Church, of which her sister, Susie Craig, was a charter member. (She is also a member of the Gold Star Mothers and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Frank R. Oliver, Jr. Unit No. 40.) She was the first to be baptized in New River and she and Mr. Oliver gave land to the Baptist Church which later sold for approximately $65,000, and is the present site of the First National Bank. They also gave Wall Street to the city.

Mrs. Oliver was chairman of the committee that named Port Everglades, formerly called Lake Mabel. She won a prize from Robert Ripley with the legend of New River, and a picture of the river scene was printed in 171 American papers and 32 foreign papers. She has kept complete and authentic scrapbooks concerning events in the city's history and has written two histories which were printed in local newspapers.

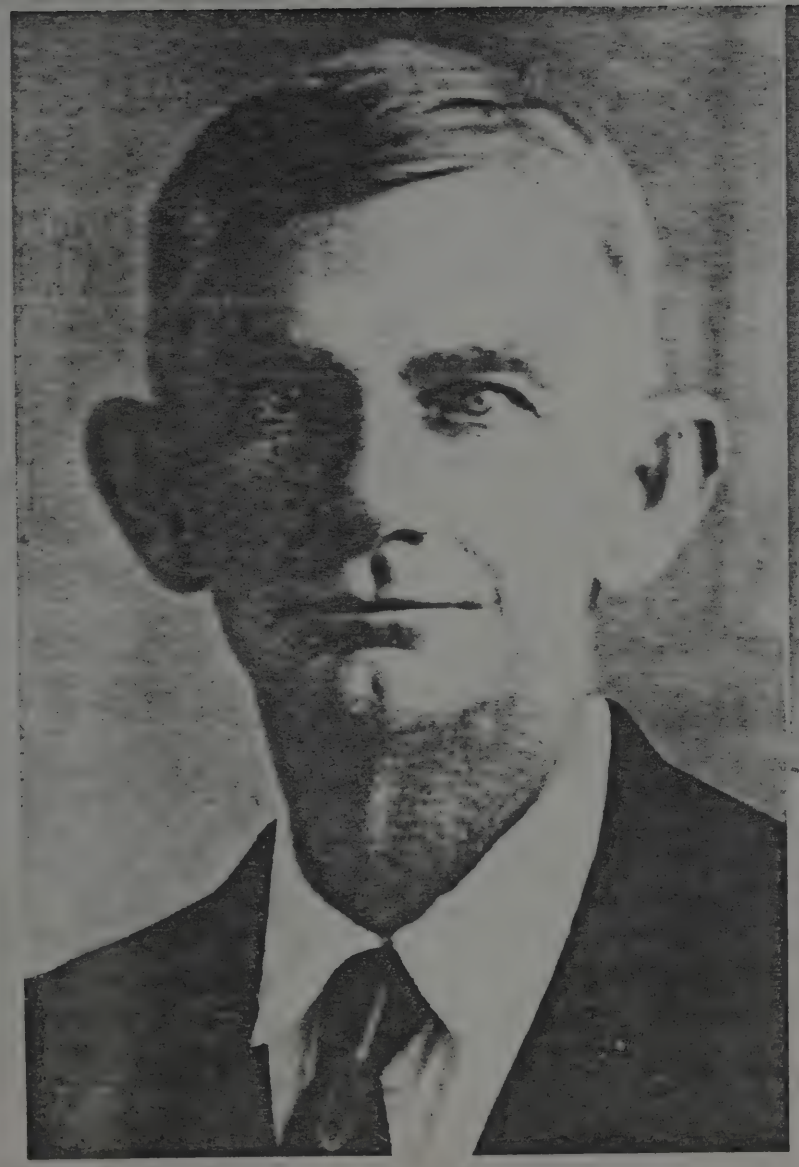
Eva Anne Bryan was born near Jasper, Florida, on the Suwannee River January 1, 1883. Her mother, Elizabeth Willis, born March 3, 1862, in South Georgia, died May 10, 1928. Her father, Louis Henry Bryan, born in North Florida in 1860, died in 1916. A farmer in North Florida, he first came to Fort Lauderdale in 1895 to help build ten miles of Flagler's railroad south of New River, and returned to New Smyrna, where his home was at the time. He came back a few years later and built the first home for his daughter Eva and her husband.

Eva Bryan attended school in Glen Coe near New Smyrna. Her sister, Susie M. Craig, had come to Fort Lauderdale in 1898. She worked with Frank Stranahan in the post office and was post mistress from 1911 to 1922. In 1900 Eva came to visit her sister in Fort Lauderdale. She stayed to pack tomatoes and made enough money to bring her family down. She also met her future husband, Frank Roberts Oliver, the second white man to settle in Fort Lauderdale. His story follows in a separate sketch.

When Eva Bryan married Frank Oliver on January 20, 1902, she was the first white bride in Fort Lauderdale. The wedding party went up the river by boat to the North Fork, where Captain W. C. Valentine, the Justice of the Peace and city's first postmaster, lived. They fastened the boat and stood while the Justice, seated on the dock, performed the ceremony.

Their first home was the four-room house with a hardwood floor built by Mrs. Oliver's father. It still stands, removed a half block from its original site on Northeast First Avenue along the river. They bought their meat from the Indians who came down the river in canoes, and had to cook it immediately, since there was no ice to keep it. There was no dearth of vegetables, especially tomatoes. They had to pick them for fear they would spoil, then pack them to be shipped north. Mrs. Oliver picked and packed so many tomatoes that to this day she can't bear them in any form whatever. They had a cow and chickens, so there was plenty of fresh milk and eggs. Their fish came straight out of the river or the ocean to their table. Most of the children were healthy, or at least they lived to grow up.

Their social life was on a different scale from today's. There were plenty of dances and church socials and suppers. A favorite recreation for young pioneer couples was attending river parties at Frank Stranahan's place. In the pioneer community there were never enough girls to go around, so a "wallflower" was unheard of, and so, practically, was an old maid. Square dancing, waltzes and polkas were the most popular forms of the dance. Swimming parties were all the



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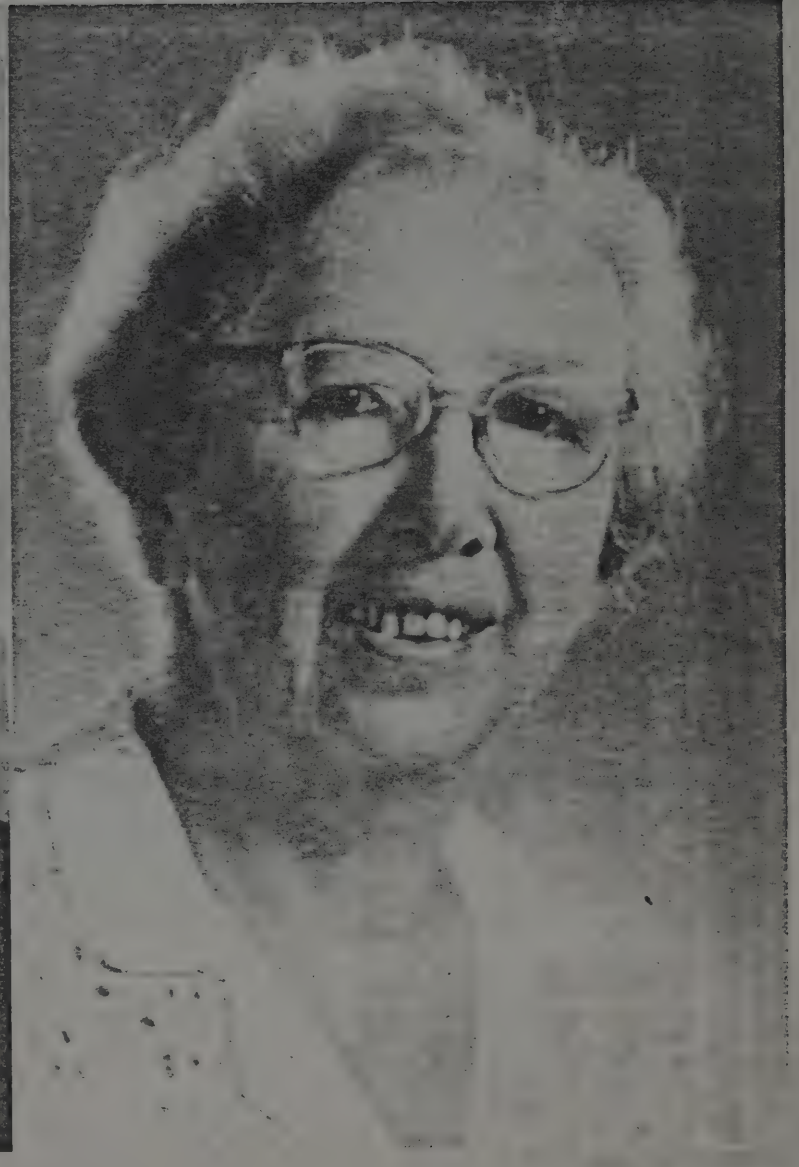

Eva Anne Oliver

rage, but the ladies had to wear stockings and corsets under their suits with the knee-length skirts.

Doctors, trained nurses, and undertakers were scarce. They had midwives, and everyone had to learn First Aid in a big way, only they didn't call it that. Mrs. Oliver had the sad duty of laying out the first woman to die in the community, a Mrs. William Powers.

The Oliver children, like all others of their vintage in Fort Lauderdale, went to the one-room schoolhouse presided over by Mrs. Frank Stranahan. There were five of them:

1. Margaret, now Mrs. Crews, born November 24, 1902, was the first white girl to be born in Fort Lauderdale.

2. Louis Bryan Oliver married Ruth Fisher and they live in New Jersey.

3. Joe B. Oliver married Vera Saxon and they live in Fort Lauderdale. Their two daughters, Jo Ann and Joyce, are married and have three children each.

4. Frank R. Oliver, Jr., was killed in action in World War II. The local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans was named for him. He was married and had three daughters: Grace, Francine and Marjorie Ann.

5. James C. Oliver, formerly a Miami businessman associated with the University of Miami, now in Mexico City, married Evelyn Holmes and has two boys: James C., Jr., and Clifton H.

Margaret Oliver Crews was educated through the eighth grade in Fort Lauderdale, then attended the Cathedral School, a private boarding school for girls in Orlando, from which she graduated. She first worked in Oliver Brothers department store, owned by her father and uncles. In 1927 she went to work in the courthouse and, except for about three years in the service in World War II, has been there ever since. Formerly in the Assessor's office, she has been in the Tax Collector's office since her return from the Army.

As a member of the Woman's Army Corps, she had the rank of Technical Sergeant on discharge. She served in the 107th WAC Detachment, stationed in San Francisco, California, and was awarded the United States Army Commendation Ribbon for outstanding service by maintaining the continued efficient operation of her section through unselfish devotion to duty. She is a member of the American Legion, William C. Morris Post #36 of Fort Lauderdale, and of the Disabled American Veterans, Frank R. Oliver, Jr. Auxiliary No. 40.

Other members of Mrs. Oliver's family who were connected with the civic life of Fort Lauderdale were her two brothers, Paul C. Bryan, who was Sheriff, and Morgan Bryan, who was a police officer; also a sister, Mrs. Clifford Bryan Hooper, who was employed in the Tax Collector's office approximately eleven years.

Now 77 years old, Mrs. Oliver used to say: "The best way to renew your youth is never to let it go in the first place. Keep going!" That is her advice to old people—keep going as long as possible. Her son James once said of her, "Mother will never retire as long as there is a human being left who needs a listening ear or a helping hand. She takes care of more people than a professional organization; is on the go from morning till night, just helping people out, seeing they get enough to eat, the proper clothes, or, what is often just as important, someone to listen to their troubles. During the depression she took over whole families to feed and get jobs for. And it isn't only what she does —it's her personality. She puts heart into people."

A wonderful tribute! Since her illness in 1956, however, she has been forced to retire.

FRANK ROBERTS OLIVER

During his more than forty years in Fort Lauderdale Frank Roberts Oliver, the second white man to settle in that community, was a prominent citizen and one who was instrumental in the growth of the city. He served as a city commissioner when the territory was still a part of Dade County, also on the county commission; and was the first president of the city's first bank, the Fort Lauderdale State Bank. He built the Keystone Hotel, the first hotel east of the Florida East Coast Railroad. His last public service was as superintendent of the county prison, which position he held until he withdrew from public life.

Frank Roberts Oliver was born at Mount Olive, North Carolina, April 30, 1870, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Nunn) Oliver. His father had served in the Confederate Army in the Civil War as a Second Lieutenant in Company E, Twentieth North Carolina Regiment.

Frank Oliver came to Fort Lauderdale before the turn of the century and with Frank Stranahan, the first settler, who is known as the founder of Fort Lauderdale, formed one of the earliest business partnerships there, Stranahan and Company. In 1912 this became Oliver Brothers, when Mr. Stranahan sold the business to Frank Oliver and his two brothers, David D. Oliver and James N. Oliver. This business, which was a department store, was sold in 1923 and the South Florida Builders Supply Company, now Peninsular Supply Company, a wholesale plumbing and building supply business, was organized to take its place. Frank Oliver was president of this firm until his retirement in October, 1939, due to ill health. He died April 26, 1940.

Frank R. Oliver married Eva A. Bryan on January 20, 1902, and they had five children. (See accompanying sketch of Mrs. Oliver.) In the early days he devoted much time to farming in the New River area west of town. A member of the local Masonic lodge, he was given a Masonic funeral and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

BURNHAM GRAY KNIGHT

Running charter fishing boats has been the life of Captain Burnham Gray Knight of Pompano Beach, who started as a fishing guide at the age of eleven and took out his first charter boat when he was twelve. For several years he had to take his father along as first mate because he was too young for a captain's license.

Three generations of lighthouse keepers make up the background of Captain Burnham Knight. His great-grandfather, Captain Mills Olcott Burnham, came to Florida in 1837 and in 1853 became keeper of the light at Cape Canaveral. He was succeeded in that position of trust by his son and grandson. Burnham's father was keeper at Cape Canaveral, starting as assistant in 1898, until July 1911, when he became keeper at Hillsboro. From April to October 1919 he was keeper at Jupiter, returning to Hillsboro to remain there until his death in 1938.

Son of Thomas and Fanny Gray Knight, Burnham Gray Knight was born at Titusville September 1, 1903.

Both his parents were born in Brevard County, Florida, in 1879. His mother died in 1935, his father in 1938. Burnham had his earliest schooling in Titusville and continued his education at the Hillsboro lighthouse school provided by the federal government.

In 1914 he started out as a fishing guide at Hillsboro Inlet with one row boat, taking one passenger, and worked up to a small inboard skiff holding four. He took his first charter boat out in 1915 and, as already stated, had to take his father along to cover the law. By 1930 he had five charter boats, each holding six passengers. Leasing a basin in Boca Raton Inlet, he operated there until the second year of World War II, when, due to the wartime restriction of charterboat gas, he had to discontinue this occupation and went into commercial fishing. From then until 1952 he operated a fish and poultry market in Pompano and Deerfield. With one charter boat, the Shirley Jane, holding six passengers, he returned to Lighthouse Yacht Basin in Pompano in 1952.

Charterboating today is much different from what it was in Captain Knight's early days, when gas had to be hauled from the old town of Pompano in five-gallon cans and loaded by hand, and ice was picked up when the ice man happened to be around just before each cruise. Bait, too, was a problem. Before each charter trip Burnham had to hunt the flats with a casting net for mullet to use as bait. Still, he made more money in those days at $20 a charter than he does now. If he sailed two or three times a week, it was big business, and if he got a full week's charter he used to talk about retiring. Today if he misses two days he starts talking about the Poor House.

Fishing in the early days was fantastic. It was simply a matter of catching as many as your boat could safely hold, and letting the rest go for another day. No one would have believed then that South Florida's offshore waters could ever become fished out, but they have. Nowadays there are more boats operating in these waters than were in existence throughout the entire country back in 1915, and they are better boats with better gear for catching fish. But the Captain tells about a blind man he used to take out who brought in as many big ones as anyone, using a piece of rope with a hook on the end for bait. Like most people with a handicap, he made better use of other parts of his body. With him his wrists were his eyes. He'd throw the rope in the water and make it act like a fish by the movement of his wrist, and the big game fish gobbled it up.

From 1935 to 1942 during the summers Captain Knight was captain of a private yacht in Long Island, New York. When the owner of the yacht died, he went to the White Mountains of New Hampshire as a hotel engineer during the summer. Each year now he and Mrs. Knight take the Stormer IV, owned by William H. Peckham of West Point, New York, back to New York for Mr. Peckham, usually taking ten days for the trip.

Mrs. Knight used to have her own boat and take friends out in it. The second day she took it out she caught enough fish to pay for the boat. In 1954 she bought the dog, "Snafu," now nine years old, for $5.00. After her first time out with the Captain on his fishing boat, she became the mascot of the boat and now rides with the Captain on the flying bridge, keeping a lookout for fish. The passengers wait for her signal. Lighthouses have more than the ordinary romantic appeal for Mrs. Knight, for it was in a lighthouse that her husband proposed to her.

Daughter of William Morton Dowling and Nancy Ovellie Rowell, both natives of South Georgia, Minnie Mae Dowling was born in Ware County, Georgia, September 15, 1909. She came to Florida as a child to live with a married sister and, living in the neighborhood, attended the lighthouse school at Hillsboro with the Knight children. She and Captain Knight were married in Fort Lauderdale August 4, 1927. They have three children:

1. William Thomas, born in Pompano Beach May 26, 1929.
2. Shirley Mae, born in Pompano Beach April 6, 1932.
3. Linda Jane, born in Lake Worth August 3, 1947.

William served in the Navy in the Korean War and after his discharge in 1952 joined his father on the boat, alternating as captain. He married Margaret Carter of Charleston, South Carolina, and they have three children: Cindy Lynn, born January 14, 1954, and twins, Bruce Duane and Douglas William, born September 14, 1955. Shirley Mae Knight married Theodore Bostick Revell, born in Tallahassee, and they have one child, Kelley Linn, born in Pompano Beach September 26, 1959.

Captain Burnham G. Knight is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the First Methodist Church of Pompano Beach. On January 6, 1959, he was presented with an award as "outstanding conservationist" from the Florida Wildlife Federation, sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, for having released over 175 sailfish during the year 1958.

MARY ELLA KNIGHT VOSS

A large share of the history of the East Coast of Florida is woven into the life of Mary Ella Knight Voss (Mrs. Fred C. Voss, Jr., of Fort Lauderdale) from the two converging and intermingling sources of her own family, the Knights, and that of her husband, the Voss family.

She was born at Titusville June 12, 1910, daughter of Captain Thomas and Fannie Gray Knight, both natives of Brevard County, Florida. Born at Mims, August 17, 1879, her mother died May 31, 1935. Her father was born November 13, 1879, at Titusville, Florida, and died February 8, 1938.

Captain Thomas Knight, representing the third generation of lighthouse keepers in his family, came of some of the oldest stock on the East Coast, being a grandson of Captain Mills Olcott Burnham, a Vermont Yankee, who came to Duval County in 1837. A powerful man, he was made sheriff of Duval County which had just been organized, and later was sent to the Legislature. In 1842 he joined the Indian River colony of homesteaders who took advantage of the Armed Occupation Act to secure property on the Indian River centering at Fort Capron, now Fort Pierce. This colony included John Hutchinson, an Augusta carpenter, for whom Hutchinson Island was named, and Ossian B. Hart, a later Governor of Florida.

In 1853 Burnham was named keeper at Cape Canaveral lighthouse, a brick tower built six years earlier. At the outbreak of the Civil War Captain Burnham, obeying orders, dismantled his equipment, boxed it carefully and buried it in his orange grove. During the war the lighthouse was pillaged by renegades who smashed everything and drank the alcohol in which

Burnham had preserved rare fish. After the war, in 1866, an improved lens and mechanism was installed in the lighthouse, and in 1892, when the sea had eaten to within a few feet of the old tower, a new lighthouse was built. Captain Burnham continued as keeper until his death in 1886.

His grandson, Mary Ella's father, Captain Thomas Knight, became assistant lighthouse keeper in 1898, when he was nineteen. His father, who also had been keeper of the light died when Thomas was thirteen. Captain Thomas Knight was the keeper at Cape Canaveral until 1911, and for the remaining twenty-two years of his life, excepting about six months at Jupiter light, was lighthouse keeper at Hillsboro Inlet. He belonged to the fraternal order of Woodmen of the World.

Mary Ella Knight was a year old when her father became keeper of the Hillsboro lighthouse, and she got her entire schooling at the lighthouse school which the federal government set up for children of the lighthouse keeper and a few local people. A minimum of nine students was required by Washington. A storehouse became the school room; desks and benches were handmade at the light, and Emma Huff was brought down from Indiana to teach the children. Mary Ella Knight and Minnie Dowling, who later became Mrs. Burnham Knight, were the only two graduates in their eighth grade class.

The light burned kerosene when Mary Knight Voss first remembers it, and was revolved by a clockwork mechanism which had to be rewound every hour, forcing an around-the-clock watch. Once a year the supply ship Cypress would anchor offshore and lighter in a year's stock, including a new medicine chest. When Mary Ella was six the four-masted schooner Alice Holbrook, with a load of cement, got too close in, piled up on the reef and broke up. Captain Ellis stayed with the Knights for weeks, hoping to salvage his ship. He was lost at sea on another voyage. Burnham Knight, Mary Ella's brother, used to dip the lighthous flag to passing ships and was answered by the more courteous ones with a blast of the whistle.

The children took shells for granted, collecting them only to sell to the tourists who made their way to the lighthouse. They kept their shells on display and accepted whatever the visitors chose to offer. In the fall rains alligators, moccasins and water hyacinths poured down the Hillsboro Canal into the inlet. The salt water blinded the 'gators and snakes, but the 'gators sense of smell remained acute, and if they got a whiff of you they let you know it. Sea turtles went unmolested for lack of a market; except to gather their eggs for turtle-egg pancakes, a specialty of Captain Tom Knight and his brother, Captain Eugene Knight. In the hurricane of 1926 a boathouse, marine railway and pier on the south side of the light were swept away.

In the 1930's, when Captain Burnham Knight had a number of charter boats at Boca Raton, Frederick Christian Voss, Jr., of Hypoluxo came down to skipper one of them, and so met Mary Ella Knight. Son of Fred C. Voss, Sr., and Lillie Pierce Voss, he was born at Hypoluxo December 24, 1909. His mother, born in 1876, was the first white girl born in Palm Beach County, then part of Dade County. Her father, H. D. Pierce, homesteaded Hypoluxo Island in 1873 and was postmaster there for a good many years. His son, Charles, was one of the "barefoot mailmen" who completed the contract of Ed Hamilton, who lost his life in the service. (For the life of Fred C. Voss, Sr., see separate sketch.)

Fred C. Voss, Jr., worked for a couple of years on steamers in the Great Lakes. Returning to Florida in 1937, he entered the charter fishing boat business with Captain Burnham Knight, running one of his boats for a year or two, then bought his own charter fishing boat which he still operates.

Mary Ella Knight married Frederick C. Voss, Jr., in Fort Lauderdale on July 17, 1937. They have two children, both born in Fort Lauderdale: Marcia Ann, on February 13, 1944; Sheldon Walter, on August 16, 1950.

FREDERICK CHRISTIAN VOSS, SR.

At the time of his death, on November 24, 1957, at the age of 92, Frederick C. Voss, Sr., of Hypoluxo was the oldest pioneer of the Lake Worth area. At 90 he drove his own car, ran a tractor, planted his garden and was generally active and ambitious.

Born at Bath, Maine, February 28, 1865, he learned the machinist trade at Bath Iron Works, one of the biggest shipbuilding companies in the United States at that time, and was an engineer on tugs running on the Kennebec River. He also sailed in the West Indies trade on a four-masted schooner.

In 1884 he came to Florida for his health and took a job as engineer on a steamer plying the St. Johns River. From there he came to Lake Worth, as the area from Palm Beach to Boynton Beach was then known. During the winters he served as engineer on the steamer Lake Worth, the first on the lake, and later on the Hypoluxo, which carried the mail from Juno to Hypoluxo. During the summers he returned to Maine and worked on tugboats.

He owned the first charter boat, the Victor, which ran out of Palm Beach and was built by Captain Rose of Titusville. In 1895 he carried two visitors on the Victor down the canal to what is now Boynton Beach. It was the original survey by Major Boynton and Colonel Linton of Michigan, the former the founder of the town of Boynton and the latter the developer of the area now known as Delray Beach.

During the building of the overseas extension to Key West he was engineer on the steamboat, Wanderer, and went through the great hurricane of 1906. For some years he was chief engineer on lake, bay and sound steamers in Florida waters and on the St. Lawrence River.

In 1924, with Captain Walter Moore, his wife's cousin, he built the yacht Donnygill on the old Voss homestead at Bath, Maine, and brought it to Florida. The boat was named for Moore's son, Donald, and Voss's son, Gilbert. For some years it was chartered winters at Palm Beach and Miami, and summers at Port Washington, Long Island, New York.

In 1930 Mr. Voss returned to farming his property at Hypoluxo. He had one of the first dairies in Palm Beach County, one of the first fruit groves, noted for its special varieties, and at one time had the largest banana grove in this area, supplying Palm Beach and Lake Worth.

Mr. Voss was a charter member and past president of Lake Worth Pioneers Association, Inc., which includes the area from Indian River to Biscayne Bay. An active member of Boynton Methodist Church since 1912, he served as a trustee and steward for many years, and was also a trustee of the School Board.

On May 12, 1894, he married Lillie E. Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pierce, pioneer settlers of

Hypoluxo, and the first baby girl whose birth is recorded in the Palm Beach area. In 1898 Mr. Voss bought the property at Hypoluxo where he lived the rest of his life and raised his five children, fours sons and a daughter. They are:

1. Lillian Frederica, Mrs. Harvey E. Oyer, Sr., of Boynton, born October 27, 1896.

2. Rev. Charles Hannibal Voss, minister of West Palm Beach and treasurer of the Methodist Florida Conference, born December 29, 1900.

3. Capt. Frederick C. Voss, Jr. of Fort Lauderdale, born December 24, 1909.

4. Capt. Walter Reginald Voss of Fort Lauderdale, born August 16, 1915.

5. Dr. Gilbert Lincoln Voss of Miami and the University of Miami Marine Laboratory, born February 12, 1918.

Mrs. Lillie Pierce Voss, widow of Fred C. Voss, Sr., is a source of much valuable historical information on the southeast coast of Florida. In a write-up in the Lake Worth Herald of April 20, 1944, she gave a history of the postal service of this area.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pierce, set out down the Illinois River three weeks after the great Chicago fire in the fall of 1871, Florida-bound. They sailed into the Gulf and at Cedar Key, taking the advice of old settlers at the approach of the hurricane season, disposed of their boat and came overland by train to Jacksonville, where they stayed about three months. From there they sailed to Enterprise by the steamer Volusia, then traveled by ox cart to Titusville and after a stop of a few weeks went on to Ankona, where they intended to stay, but were driven out by swarms of mosquitoes and a fire in which they lost all their possessions. Captain James Armour, keeper of the Jupiter lighthouse, came and brought them to Jupiter, where they remained for one year. Finally, in the fall of 1873, they arrived in Lake Worth and homesteaded on Hypoluxo Island. They brought along their young son, Charlie. The only other inhabitant of the area at the time was Charlie Moore, a beachcomber who lived in a shanty at the upper end of the lake.

Lillie Pierce was born August 15, 1876, at the Orange Grove House of Refuge at what is now Delray Beach. For two years her father was keeper of the House of Refuge at Biscayne, now Miami Beach. In those early days her family often went weeks without seeing any other folks. The earliest settler of whom she ever heard was a man named Lang who lived on the lake in the 60's during the Civil War and established a homestead on the east shore about where the Episcopal Church, Bethesda-by-the-Sea, in Palm Beach, now stands. He had departed when her folks arrived.

Sometime in the late 60's there was a man named Long John who carried mail from St. Augustine to Miami, then called Fort Dallas. He walked by night and hid from the Indians in the daytime. She heard that he sometimes reposed in a cave on the ocean beach some two miles south of Boynton Beach. There were remains of fires in the cave in 1873. He died on Biscayne Bay in 1877, when there was probably no one living between Jupiter Light and Fort Dallas, unless it was at Fort Lauderdale, where there was a family at an early date. At that time there were numerous bears roaming in the woods in this region.

When the Pierces came to Lake Worth the nearest post office was at St. Lucie. Once a week the mail came down by sail from Sand Point (Titusville) to St. Lucie. In 1878 the people petitioned the government for a route from St. Lucie to Lake Worth. V. O. Spencer was appointed first postmaster and the post office was in his home until it was moved to the Hendrickson store on the east side of the lake about two miles north of Royal Park bridge in West Palm Beach. The first carrier of the mail from St. Lucie to Lake Worth was Ed Caperon, who sailed down as far as Jupiter, then walked the beach for eight miles south, where he could go through a break in the ocean ridge to the lake. This was beyond the northern end of Munyon's Island, then known as Big Pelican Island. Then he rowed five miles to the new post office at Lake Worth. Caperon carried the mail for about two years. Shortly after that, the mail came from Jupiter by wagon, still later by hack, and then by stagecoach. An early driver was Uncle John Clemenson who was reported at times to have walked ahead of his mules playing on his violin to break the monotony.

When the Brelsford brothers opened a store some two and a half miles south of the first post office, it was decided that the post office should be in their store. The name of Palm City having been rejected by the Post Office Department, it was named Palm Beach, being near the spot where the shipload of cocoanuts came ashore with the wreck of the bark Providencia in February of 1879. E. M. Brelsford was the first postmaster at Palm Beach post office, which was opened in 1885-86.

Mrs. Voss recalls that during the 80's the beach route to Miami from Palm Beach was open to bids and E. R. Bradley, an ex-Navy man living at Hypoluxo, was awarded the contract at $600 a year. Bradley and his oldest son, Louie, carried the mail on this route, taking turns each week, for nearly two years. Before this route was opened mail from Palm Beach to Miami first went up the Indian River to Titusville by steamer, thence to Jacksonville, by railway to Tampa, by steamer to Key West, and finally by sailboat to Miami—practically encircling the state to go a distance of 68 miles. Mr. Bradley bought a fast sail boat, the Rosie B., to carry the mail on the lake.

The early mail carriers were hardy individuals. Ned Brown, Mrs. Voss recalls, who left the service and went to the Klondike gold rush, made the fastest walking time through the Yukon Pass. Henry John Burkhardt, another carrier, made the fastest walking time from Miami to Hypoluxo, twelve hours ahead of schedule.

Regarding Ed Hamilton, the "barefoot mailman" who lost his life at the Hillsboro Inlet, Mrs. Voss says that a stranger used the mail boat to cross the inlet, leaving it on the far shore, and Hamilton attempted to swim to it and either drowned or fell a victim to alligators. His clothes and the mail were found hanging on the limb of a tree on the bank. It was against the law for anyone but the mail carrier to use these boats, which were government property, and the man who did was arrested and taken to Jacksonville for trial, but eventually was released.

The Hypoluxo post office was established on the west side of the lake in 1886, with A. W. Garnett as the first postmaster. A year later it was moved across the lake to the Pierce home on Hypoluxo Island, and Charles W. Pierce, brother of Mrs. Voss, was acting postmaster until her father, H. D. Pierce, was appointed postmaster and served until his death in 1898. Charles Pierce later became postmaster at Boynton and held that office more than thirty years. The Palm Beach-Miami route was shortened by ten miles in 1888 when Hypoluxo became the northern end of the line instead

of Palm Beach. As it was also the southern end of the route going north, carriers often stayed overnight or over the week-end at the home of Mrs. Voss's father.

The Lantana post office was established about 1890, but before that there was a post office by the name of Jewell where the town of Lake Worth now stands. It was in the bedroom of a tiny house occupied by Samuel and Fanny James, light-colored ex-slaves, Fanny being part Indian. When Fanny decided to resign and the department failed to relieve her of her duties, she just bundled up the post office property and pushed it under the brush outdoors. Sometime later the James homestead was sold and a townsite named Lucerne established. This later became the town of Lake Worth.

Lake Worth was named for Major General W. J. Worth, troop commander during the Seminole War of 1840-41, who was a distinguished fighter both in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. Hypoluxo, Mrs. Voss says, is an Indian name meaning "big water all around, no get out." Originally, there was only a very small opening between Lake Worth and the ocean, near the present Palm Beach Inlet, and the lake supported fresh water fish.

About 1893 Henry M. Flagler laid out the townsite which became West Palm Beach and a post office was established there. Riviera Beach, formerly Oak Lawn, named for the wild oak trees along the high bluff of the lake, had a post office where Mrs. Allen E. Heyser was postmistress.

Mrs. Voss, now 84 years old, has lived all her life in the Lake Worth area. Many more interesting facts and incidents are told in an article she wrote for the Lake Worth Historian in 1896, which was republished in the Palm Beach Post-Times of August 14, 1960.

GILBERT LINCOLN VOSS, D.Sc.

It is not surprising that three of the four sons of Frederick C. Voss, Sr., should take to the water in one form or another, for he spent a large part of his life on boats. Two of them are boat captains and a third, the youngest son, Dr. Gilbert Lincoln Voss, is a Marine Biologist, Associate Professor of Marine Biology at the University of Miami and Curator of the Marine Museum.

Born in Hypoluxo, Florida, February 12, 1918, son of Frederick C. and Lillie Pierce Voss, he attended the Hypoluxo-Lantana grammar school, graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1937, and from the University of Miami in 1951 with a Bachelor's degree in Science. Continuing at the University of Miami, he received a Master's degree in Science in 1952, and, in 1956, at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he spent a year in graduate study, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

When he finished high school Gilbert Voss joined the Merchant Marine, but after one year left to go back to charter boats, serving first as mate and then captain, out of Boynton, Palm Beach and Stuart. He also was mate on a fishing boat in Maine. In 1941 he enlisted in the Coast Guard and served as boatswain's-mate-first-class in the Atlantic and in the Central Pacific waters in the Far East, taking part in the battles of Saipan and Okinawa.

From 1945 to 1948 he worked during the winter season for the Lake Shore Club in Hypoluxo. Entering the University of Miami in 1948, he began working in the Marine Laboratory in 1950, and has been there ever since. He was editor of the Bulletin of Marine Science of the Gulf and Caribbean from 1955-1961, and has written forty-odd papers on the octapus and squid and on the ecology of South Florida waters. The Institute of Marine Science of the University of Miami, founded by Dr. F. G. Walton Smith in 1942, has received international recognition for its studies.

Dr. Voss is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Society of Systematic Zoology and its editorial board, the Biological Society of Washington, the American Malacological Union, the Florida Academy of Science, the Zoological Society of Florida (of which he served as President from 1960-1962), Beta Beta Beta honorary biological society, the Bahamas National Trust and its board of governors. He is listed in American Men of Science for 1961.

On April 14, 1952, Dr. Voss married Nancy A. Cashman of Boston, Massachusets, daughter of Annie B. Annan, born in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, and Henry S. Cashman, a native of New Lebanon, New York. Dr. and Mrs. Voss have two children, both born in Miami: Robert S. and Linda Ann. The family are members of St. Brendan's Catholic Church, Miami.

CHARLES LEON PIERCE

The President of the First National Bank of Fort Lauderdale, Charles Leon Pierce, is a son of one of the barefoot mailmen immortalized in the story by Theodore Pratt. But, although he was not born until 1896, the story of his own boyhood in Florida can match that of many an earlier pioneer.

After the great Chicago fire of 1871, Hannibal Dillingham Pierce, grandfather of Charles Leon, brought his family from Chicago to the east coast of Florida. At that time Titusville was the southern outpost of civilization, with the exception of a trading post at the mouth of the Indian River. Hannibal Pierce was one of the lighthouse keepers at Jupiter light. The family homesteaded on an island in Lake Worth, near Hypoluxo, which later became the estate of Count Balsan and his wife, Consuelo Vanderbilt.

Charles William Pierce, father of Charles Leon, was born in Waukegan, Illinois, and grew up in the Lake Worth area. He became the first Postmaster of Boynton, a position he held for thirty-six consecutive years. He and Andrew Garnett had gone bond for James E. ("Ed") Hamilton, the original "Barefoot Mailman", who lost his life at the Pompano Inlet while carrying the mail on foot between Palm Beach and Miami. Between them, Pierce and Garnett finished out Hamilton's contract. Charles William Pierce died in July 1938. His wife, who was Yallahas Lizette Wallach, was born in Yallahs Valley, Jamaica, West Indies, and died in February 1921.

Charles Leon Pierce, born in Boynton October 22, 1896, was the first white child born in that community. As a boy he hunted and fished with Indians. He and his mother were shipwrecked during a hurricane in 1906 when they were on their way to visit his father, who at that time was captain of a boat working on the Florida East Coast Railroad extension to Key West. They were aboard the "St. Lucie," a Mississippi River steamboat, which sank after they abandoned it. During the calm in the center of the hurricane they got into a lifeboat and made their way to an island, Elliott's Key. After the eye of the hurricane passed, the storm be-

came worse and the island was submerged. They had to take to the tree tops, where they sat about four hours waiting for the water to go down. For the next two days their only food and drink was obtained from cocoanuts.

C. L. Pierce graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1915. While a high school student in 1913, he drove a seven-passenger Buick bus from Boynton to West Palm Beach, picking up his fellow students, and it took only two trips to carry all of them. One Christmas during his high school days he was on a hunting trip when he ran into John Ashley, one of the famed Ashley gang for whose capture there was a cash award, "dead or alive." He seemed friendly to the boy and killed a wild turkey for him. John Ashley and his gang were wiped out by the sheriff and his posse nine years later.

After high school young Pierce attended the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, and while on summer vacations worked at a new bank which had opened in Boynton. In 1917 he entered the United States Navy as a bugler, and after two years and two days in service, all in sea duty, came out with the rank of Ensign.

His banking career began in earnest in 1919 when, after his return from the Navy, he became assistant cashier at the Palm Beach Bank and Trust Company. In 1925 he left the field of banking and entered the real estate business for himself. Later he became manager of the Palm Beach Mercantile Company's sporting goods department, and retained this connection until 1937, when he returned to the banking business as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Palm Beach. By 1940 he had risen to the position of vice president of this bank.

In July 1942 he left his executive position in the bank to serve once more in the Navy. Re-entering with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he was assigned as an executive officer to the Naval Base at Fort Lauderdale for the first year of the war. After that he spent two years in the European theater and was Loading Control Officer for the Invasion of Normandy. For this service he was decorated by the British Government with the "Order of the British Empire," the medal being presented to him on board a British sloop that was sent to Miami for the purpose. He also received the Bronze Star from the United States Government.

Having found the Fort Lauderdale community attractive and congenial during his stay there as a naval officer, Mr. Pierce was glad to accept the opportunity to return there as president of the First National Bank of Fort Lauderdale, following his release from the service in February 1946. He is also a director of this bank, president and director of the Fidelity National Bank of Fort Lauderdale, a director of the First National Bank of Pompano, and a director of the Caulley Steel and Supply Company of Fort Lauderdale.

In other than business organizations Mr. Pierce is a past president and active member of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, a past Commander of Palm Beach Post #12 of the American Legion, a Blue Lodge Mason, a Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity brother, a member of Coral Ridge Country Club and of Pier 66. He is a former vestryman and senior warden of All Saints Episcopal Church and is presently a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

In Savannah, Georgia, on July 15, 1920, Charles Leon Pierce married Margaret Augusta Collins, daughter of Frank O. and Theresa (Metzger) Collins, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 16, 1897. They have two daughters:

1. Celia Louise (Mrs. John A. Callahan), born in Boynton September 21, 1926, who has three children: Barbara, Michael, and Peggy Sue.

2. Margaret Susanne (Mrs. Robert P. Powell), born in West Palm Beach February 26, 1932. She has a daughter, Susan R., and two sons, Sandy and Tom.

It is to be expected that one of Mr. Pierce's interests should be local history. He enjoys talking about the early days of the Sun Colony area, from Palm Beach to Miami, which he has watched grow since the days when his father left his footprints on the sand, literally, (as well as on the sands of time) carrying the mail.

GEORGE HUGHES ARCHIBALD, JR.

A contractor and developer in Pompano Beach and Deerfield Beach since the close of World War II, George Hughes Archibald, Jr. has been a resident of Pompano Beach since 1937, and is married to a daughter of one of the oldest families of Florida, the Allens of St. Augustine.

Mr. Archibald was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, August 21, 1908, son of George Hughes Archibald, Sr. and Jane (Kester) Archibald. His father was born at Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, July 22, 1877, and died at Palm Beach, Florida, April 25, 1959. A civil and consulting engineer, the senior Mr. Archibald built grain elevators in western Canada and also did some building in Florida, notably the original city hall in Fort Lauderdale, but was never a resident of Florida. He had the distinction of being in charge of the rebuilding of the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia, after that city was virtually destroyed by the explosion of a munitions ship in the harbor during World War I. Mrs. Archibald, Sr. was born in Richmond, Virginia, September 8, 1885, and now resides in Palm Beach and Prouts Neck, Maine.

Educated in private schools, George H. Archibald, Jr. attended Trinity College School at Port Hope, Ontario, and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada at Kingston, Ontario, in 1930. He was in construction work in Canada until 1933, when he became associated with the Claude Neon Advertising Company of Montreal, Canada.

In 1937 he came to Pompano Beach, Florida, and managed the Kester Properties in that area. As a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, he held a Reserve commission as Second Lieutenant in the Canadian Army until he became an American citizen in 1941. During World War II he worked on the Atomic Energy program, and after the war returned to Pompano Beach to become a contractor and developer. He and his brother, R. L. Archibald, are the developers of Little Harbor on the Hillsboro, a subdivision, and surrounding properties.

Mr. Archibald is vice-president of Pompano Beach General Contractors Association, chairman of the General Contractors Examining Board of Pompano Beach, a director of the Pompano Beach Bank, a past chairman and active member of the Pompano Beach Recreation Board, and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church at Fort Lauderdale.

At Fort Lauderdale on May 8, 1938, George Hughes Archibald, Jr., married Elizabeth Mary Allen, born September 17, 1915, at St. Augustine, daughter of Frederick Stephen and Ida (Weber) Allen. Her father was born

at St. Augustine December 26, 1872, and died at Fort Lauderdale January 4, 1960; her mother, born in Toledo, Ohio, August 20, 1878, died at Pompano Beach October 26, 1946.

Mrs. Archibald's father started the first freight boat line which served all the way from Jacksonville to Fort Pierce, where he built the first docks, and also ran up the St. Johns River from Jacksonville to Sanford. Her grandfather, Edward Carrington Allen, was Harbor Pilot at St. Augustine. The family goes back to the first Spanish settlers who came to St. Augustine with Menendez.

In addition to her historic background, Mrs. Archibald has the distinction of being a musician and an artist. Having studied under Jade Pasteur, noted artist, her style is French Impressionist. She studied music under Dagny Mordt, the first Norwegian grand opera star, and used to teach piano. In the 1930's she gave piano concerts in Jacksonville and at social and civic club programs throughout North Florida. Sailing is a favorite activity of both Mr. and Mrs. Archibald. They also collect stamps, and he has a model railroad.

Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Archibald:

1. Allan Hughes, born March 10, 1939, at Fort Lauderdale.

2. David Livingston, born January 23, 1942, at Fort Lauderdale.

3. George Frederick, born June 1, 1945, at Decatur Illinois.

AUGUST HUBERT BUTTS

An early settler in Fort Lauderdale whose agricultural efforts helped build that area into one of the most productive truck farming regions in the United States, August Hubert Butts owned a 2,000-acre bean farm west of Boca Raton, one of the largest farms in Palm Beach and Broward counties, and also had citrus groves. He shipped vegetables all over the country and employed more than 400 persons.

Mr. Butts was born in Sorrento, Florida, Lake County, August 12, 1884, son of William Peter and Eleanore Butts. His father was born in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1884 came to Sorrento, Florida, where he owned a brick mill and was one of the early citrus growers of Lake County. He died at Sorrento in 1896. Eleanore Butts was born at Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania, and died at Coronado Beach, New Smyrna, Florida, in 1918.

August Butts attended school until his father died, when he was twelve years old. He worked on the farm and wherever work was available until he was eighteen. At that time, in 1902, he came to Fort Lauderdale, then a very small community, and farmed in the mucklands up the river near the Buena Vista area, going to and from the farms by boat. He rented the land at first and bought sections of it as he became able to do so. Due to the varying conditions caused by floods and droughts, the farmers would at times change the location of their farms. The hardships endured by the early farmers were in a large measure responsible for the drainage and flood control enjoyed by the farmers of today.

Mr. Butts considered farming a challenge. He was one of the most respected and well-liked farmers in that section, where he farmed for over fifty years. He was a rugged individualist but friendly and generous when the occasion called for generosity. Just prior to his death he donated a valuable plot of land to the Presbyterian Church of Boca Raton as a building site for their new church. At the time of his death he had and was developing 150 acres of land in Boca Raton into a park which he was going to open to the public. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach.

The day he died (April 2, 1955), Mr. Butts was having his usual busy day at the farm and showing a friend around the farm and groves. A heart attack was the cause of his death. A man of the outdoors all his life, he had previously enjoyed perfect health, and in off seasons from farming would hunt and fish and spent much time in his boat. A fine marksman, he loved hunting but at the same time had a deep respect for the conservation of wild life. He observed, and expected others to observe, the rules and regulations of hunting and fishing. In his youth he was a baseball pitcher. Before he was married he used to pitch in sand-lot baseball games in Mount Dora, and after coming to Fort Lauderdale pitched on the local teams.

At Mount Dora, Florida, on May 23, 1905, August Hubert Butts married Natalie Eleanor Swanson, daughter of Caroline Marie (Dahlstrom) and Swan Swanson, both natives of Sweden. Natalie Swanson was born in New Sweden, Maine, September 21, 1882, and came to Florida with her family when she was two years old.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. August Butts:

1. Florence Jeanette, born at Fort Lauderdale August 24, 1907. She married Marshall Manley DeWitt, a former mayor of Delray Beach, and they have one son, William.

2. Clarence Edison, born at Mount Dora August 23, 1909, died June 25, 1956. He married Jessie Johnson of Delray Beach and they had two daughters, Joyce and Judith Ann.

3. Harold Leroy, born at Dania April 15, 1912, married, first, Pauline Oliver, and after her death, Ruby Merritt. He has four children: Janet and Tom, whose mother was Pauline, and Barbara and Suzanne, children of Ruby. After his father's death Harold took over the management and is president of Butts Farms.

4. Myrtle Louise, born at Mount Dora June 25, 1918, married Thomas F. Fleming, Jr. of Boca Raton. They have three children, Tom, Marilyn, and Janet.

LOUIS FREDERICK RAUTH

They said it couldn't be done, but Louis Rauth of Delray Beach did it. He is the Indiana farmer who pioneered the growing of vine-ripened tomatoes in Florida for northern markets. It had been tried before a number of times and had failed. Rauth's success is due to the development of improved varieties of tomatoes, better methods of cultivation, and particularly to the better methods of handling, packing and shipping which he developed. Starting experimentally with one acre in 1952, he has 500 acres in cultivation in 1961 and is shipping to all the larger northern cities.

Louis Frederick Rauth was born November 14, 1900, in Boonville, Indiana, where his parents also were born; his father, John George Rauth, on De-

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cember 16, 1859, and his mother, Barbara (Roth) Rauth, on November 24, 1868. His father died March 25, 1952. He did general farming in Booneville, where he also had a dairy.

After one year in high school, Louis started farming with his father and brother, Walter. In 1919-20 he took a five-month course in Agriculture at the Ohio State University and returned to the farm. In 1930 he took a veterinary course at Chattanooga, Tennessee; and from 1930 to 1947, seventeen consecutive years, he attended short courses at Purdue University.

About 1945 he bought his father's farm, which he continued to operate until 1955, when he sold it. Meanwhile, in 1948, he came to Florida to look around, travelling down the west coast and up the east coast. Seeing a field of red-ripe tomatoes, he tasted a few and found that they were much better tasting than the tomatoes sold in Indiana in the winter, which were Florida tomatoes picked green and ripened in storage.

Having been told that the ripe tomatoes would not hold up in shipment, he went to tomato packing plants and watched their operations. Ripe and green tomatoes were picked together, put in large field crates to be hauled to the packing plants and run through the washing and grading machinery. In the process the ripe tomatoes got bruised. With careful handling, he thought, he should be able to ship ripe tomatoes.

The next year he started farming in Florida in the winter, returning to Indiana in the summer. The first site he chose for his Florida farming was at Indiantown in Martin County, and his first crop was sweet corn. The next year he raised mature green tomatoes, peppers, lima beans, and turnips. The year after that he started with potatoes. It was not until 1952 that he tried a test planting of vine-ripened tomatoes on one acre in Indiantown and one eigth of an acre at West Palm Beach. He picked them when they began to show pink, handled them carefully and shipped them by express to his friend, Dick Crosset of the Crosset Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. They were packed in corrugated cardboard boxes and sold from the same boxes as shipped in, thus eliminating extra handling at the repacking plants. These tomatoes were so good in flavor and created such a demand that in 1953 Rauth planted fifty acres at Green Acres, about six miles west of Lake Worth. In 1954 he planted 160 acres west of Delray Beach, where he is still farming.

In picking the tomatoes they are handled as gently as possible. The crop is harvested in metal buckets with sloping sides to reduce the weight pressure on the layers. They are washed, graded and waxed, which imparts a shine, shrinkage control, and gives the surface a lubrication that prevents chafing in shipment. There are no drops, such as in the grading rooms of the green tomatoes. Packed in one-layer eight-pound cartons as further insurance against bruising, they are shipped under the trade name of "Flavor Pict." The whole process from picking to shipping can be done within a few hours.

In addition to all the latest mechanical developments used on Mr. Rauth's tomato farms, hundreds of hands are kept busy breaking off stems and suckers and re-tying the new growth of the main stem to the trellis. At the height of the season he uses up to 850 employees. A large proportion of them are Puerto Ricans. They are preferred because they not only are willing workers but are easy to teach, and most of them have not been exposed to the cynicism of so many native workers, who look upon their jobs with contempt rather than pride. When prices are low. Rauth maintains his workers by providing jobs for them, thereby keeping his operation in readiness for any upward swing.

Highly successful in his first large-scale venture in raising vine-ripened tomatoes, Mr. Rauth increased his acreage each year until this year of 1961 he has 500 acres in cultivation. At the peak of the season he fills three to nine trucks daily from his packing house west of Delray Beach. Although some shipments are made by rail, most of the vine-ripened tomatoes are shipped by truck, a truckload being a carlot equivalent. To prevent delays on the road for resting, each truck has two drivers.

Experience shows that the American public is willing to pay for a quality product. "There is little doubt that the shipping of vine-ripened tomatoes has become a permanent part of the industry," said Dr. David Kelbert, associate horticulturist of the Gulf Coast Experiment Station at Bradenton. Four years ago a retail merchant in Cincinnati said, "We expect to handle nothing but vine-ripened tomatoes from now on, as long as we can get them." For the grower there is less cost in raising the greens, since they are not staked and withstand rough handling better than the pinks. However, the room ripening and repacking necessary for the greens are costly and time-consuming operations which the repacker must include in his selling price. Also, many of the green tomatoes never ripen and are culled out.

In 1956 Mr. Rauth and other "pink" tomato growers, representing about 5% of the Florida tomato industry, were threatened with severe losses by a Federal marketing agreement adopted by the growers for the whole industry, whereby only U. S. Grade 1 and 2 fruit could be shipped out of the state. Some of the vine-ripened fruit develops cracks in the process of ripening and because of this are rated as Grade 3 by the government inspectors, although a trial shipment of this grade which the Department of Agriculture sent north arrived in perfect condition.

As a result of Mr. Rauth's efforts, a Federal Congressional Sub-Committee hearing in regard to the Florida Tomato Committee's regulation was held at Clewiston on April 3, 1956. At this meeting proponents of the pink or vine-ripened tomatoes, headed by Mr. Rauth, contended that development of this phase of the industry had resulted in new marketing techniques, and that Committee rules and regulations should take this fact into consideration and not apply the regulation to the vine-ripened tomatoes. After this meeting, through Rauth's efforts, the opposition group got control of the marketing agreement, making it inactive.

Mr. Rauth has appeared before Rotary and Kiwanis Club meetings, both here and in his home town of Boonville, Indiana, to tell about his revolutionizing tomato farm operations. Appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Benson to the Florida Tomato Marketing Committee, he served three successive terms and as chairman. He is a member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, a member of the Farm Labor Advisory Committee of the Florida Industrial Com-

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mission, and president of Flavor Pict Cooperative, which he organized in 1959. He has served as chairman of the vegetable branch of the State Horticultural Society.

The development of the vine-ripened tomato industry in Florida is not Louis Rauth's first noteworthy accomplishment. Back in 1940 on his farm in Indiana he invented a deep freezer in the basement of his home. This was before home deep freezers were manufactured commercially. He constructed a box four by nine feet, thirty-two inches deep, lined with sheet metal, outside which was eight inches of cork, then three layers of asphalt paper cemented together, and on the outside beaded ceiling five-eights of an inch thick. Instead of one or two large doors on the top, there were eight small hinged lids, insuring the minimum loss of cold air on opening. These had only two inches of cork; otherwise the same insulation as the walls and bottom. They were felt stripped and equipped with clamps for tight closing. The refrigerant was circulated through 300 feet of tinned copper tubing, coiled around the walls on the inside. A thermostat maintained a temperature of 20 degrees below zero. The cost of the freezer was about $300. Electricity used average 10 to 12 kilowatt-hours a day, amounting to five or six dollars a month at that time and place.

Mr. Rauth's freezer was a new development in farm equipment and was what many farmers were looking for—a farm-size outfit that would process and store the home produced foods for family consumption. It was a step in advance of the latest developments at that time. Most of the agricultural engineers were in the "is-it-practical" stage of reasoning on the subject; so, after consulting all the people who ought to know something about it, with little help, Rauth went ahead on his own theories and produced a very practical home freezer. Probably the greatest compliment he received for his invention was a request from General Electric Company for information on his freezer, before they started manufacturing theirs.

Needless to say, Mrs. Rauth was delighted with her husband's invention, which eliminated the old time-consuming and heat-producing method of processing foods in canning. At the time the Rauths were interviewed for a write-up in a farmer's magazine, Mrs. Rauth had 102 quarts of strawberries in the home-made freezer, 50 quarts of spinach, 28 pints of peas, some beets and some vegetable soup stock. Mr. Rauth had purchased half a pig and there were 50 pounds of pork in the freezer. Beef and fryers were to be added later; also beans, corn, tomato pulp, sauerkraut, pineapple, blackberries, peaches, cherries, and (what the little Rauths liked best) 10-gallon cartons of ice cream were kept there.

Mrs. Rauth is the fromer Nora Bierbaum, born in Wisconsin October 23, 1899, daughter of Herman H. and Emma (Meyer) Bierbaum, both born in Wisconsin in 1875; her father on October 24th and her mother on September 2nd. Her mother died in 1954; her father in 1960. Nora Bierbaum and Louis Rauth were married in Boonville, Indiana, August 28, 1927. They have four children, all born in Boonville: Glen Eugene on November 19, 1928; Robert George on May 25, 1930; Ruth Esther on March 27, 1932; and Marie Ida on April 22, 1936.

Mrs. Rauth played a large part in the new ventures which her husband pioneered. She took an interest in his work and, being his secretary and treasurer, had a complete knowledge of the progress being made and always had an encouraging word. She was chairman of the local Home Economics Club for a number of years and seryed four years as chairman of the County Home Economics Club. She gave some lectures at Purdue University, and also in her home community, on freezing fruits and vegetables.. She was an outstanding cook (and still is), winning many ribbons on food preparations, such as her Angel-food cake, and won the top honors for her home-baked bread for many consecutive years. Always interested in the things that pertained to her family, she never let her interests stray far beyond that point of duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Rauth are members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Lake Worth and are on the Church Council. Mr. Rauth is chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Glen Rauth married Betty Higgins of Silver Lake, Indiana, and they have three children: Carol Ann, Jane and Gene. Robert Rauth married Verlee Zoll of Tell City, Indiana, and they have four children: Mark, Debbie Kay, David and Daniel. Ruth Rauth married Donal Rusk. They have two children: Neal and Randy. Marie Rauth married Leonard White. Their three children are Dale, Darrell and Sherry Lee.

Louis Rauth is president and general manager of Flavor Pict Cooperative and both his sons and sons-in-law are members. Glen is vice president and production manager. Bob is secretary-treasurer, chief accountant and packing house manager. Don Rusk is traffic manager, and Leonard White is personnel director.

ALBERT JOHN MACHEK

A flower grower for twenty-three years, Albert John Machek of Delray Beach made the first commercial sized planting of cut flowers in Palm Beach County while working for A. G. Pruyser, with whom he was connected for sixteen years. Since 1953 he has his own flower farm on Sims Road where he grows gladioli and chrysanthemums and is constantly experimenting with flowers.

Albert John Machek was born in Muscatah, Illinois, October 7, 1918, son of Michael Joseph and Rose Mary (Kravanya) Machek. His father was a native of Zagor, Yugoslovia, where he was born September 29, 1888. In 1923 he came from Carlinville, Illinois, to New Smyrna, Florida, where he farmed and owned a general store. Albert's mother was born in Stone City, Kansas, February 5, 1895, and died in New Smyrna April 25, 1930.

Al Machek graduated from New Smyrna High School and attended a horticultural school in Arlington, Virginia, for one year. While there he met Mr. Pruyser, who persuaded him to return to Florida and grow flowers for him. Starting in Bradenton in 1937, Mr. Machek raised gladioli there for Mr. Pruyser until October, 1939, when they moved to Delray. For the first three years after coming to Delray they were the only commercial growers of flowers in Palm Beach County. During the war years the Pruyser farms grew 2,000 acres of vegetables

Albert J Machek

Mary J Machek

Betty Jo Machek

Marie Annette Machek

annually, returning to flower-growing after the war. Machek continued with Pruyser until 1953, when he went into the flower growing business for himself. He now has 255 acres in cultivation.

From November to late spring most of the gladioli and chrysanthemums sold as cut flowers throughout the country come from Florida. Because of Florida's climate some of Machek's fields are planted more than once during the season. It takes ninety days from planting to cutting the bloom stalk, which is done as soon as they start to show color, so that the flower reaches its peak by the time it is in the customer's hands.

It is interesting to learn how the size, form and stem length of a chrysanthemum can be controlled. As to size and form, the three types of mums most widely seen—standards, disbuds, and pompons—are all the same plant; the difference being in the pruning. To produce the big standard, only one flower is allowed to mature; all other buds are pinched off. The disbud—a stalk with three stems, each producing a single bloom of medium size—is obtained by pinching out the top of the young plant six inches above the ground. Several branches will start from this and three stalks with one bud each are allowed to mature. For the gay, bunchy pompon, the stalk is again pinched six inches from the ground and four branches with all their buds are allowed to mature.

The stem length depends upon the amount of light the plant receives. Most Florida mums are grown under plastic cloth which gives 36% shade. As the stems will continue to grow as long as they receive sufficient light, electric lights are burned at night under the cloth, which keeps the insects normally drawn by light at night away from the plants. When the stems have reached the desired length the lights are turned off and black cloth is stretched over the sheds, and the plants bloom. This manipulation of light simulates the long days of summer and the short days of fall, when chrysanthemums normally bloom. In this way the grower is able to grow luxury stems regardless of season or length of daylight. To produce straight stems, wire fencing is stretched over the entire bed and the young plants are set out within the squares formed by the wires, one plant to each square. As the plants grow the fencing is raised by steps and serves to keep the plants in an upright position.

Florida flower growers have a strong association. Mr. Machek has served as secretary-treasurer, vice president and president of the Florida Flower Association. While president he was successful in getting the Florida Development Commission to recognize flower raising as a worthy Florida industry and they are trying to publicize it. Flowers have become one of the top ten commodities produced in the state.

Actively interested in all that concerns the general agricultural welfare of the county, Mr. Machek was president of the Palm Beach County Farm Bureau for three years (1948-51), and during that time was also State Farm Bureau director of the Sixth Congressional District. He served on the Board of Commissioners of Lake Worth Drainage District, from West Palm Beach to Deerfield Beach, and was president of the District for five years, 1954 to 1959.

He is a member of Delray Elks Lodge, the Delray Beach Boating and Sportman's Club, and Lutheran Trinity Church. In New Smyrna he was president of the Sunday School of the Baptist Church in 1935-36.

On April 28, 1939, in DeLand, Florida, Albert John Machek married Mary Jupinko, who was born in Moundsville, West Virginia, November 2, 1921, daughter of Steve and Sophia (Shebeck) Jupinko. Her father, who was born in Austria August 8, 1894, and died in 1956, came to Florida in 1925 and settled at New Smyrna, where he farmed and raised chickens. Her mother was born in Poland December 12, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Machek have two daughters: Marie Annette, born September 4, 1943, and Betty Jo, born October 26, 1945; both in West Palm Beach. A twin of Annette, Albert, died when three weeks old, September 24, 1943.

Mrs. Machek is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lutheran Church, who takes care of the flowers for the church. She takes an active part in the business and does book work in the office. Annette and Betty Jo also show interest in their father's business.

ABEL AUGUSTUS ROUSSEAU

An early settler of Boynton Beach, where he was a pioneer dairyman and truck farmer, Abel A. Rousseau was a native of the West Coast of Florida and a third generation Floridian. He was a grandson of William Henry Rousseau, the first State Senator from Suwannee County (1865), who organized the first Masonic Lodge in that county about 1827. Abel's great grandfather, Jean Louis Rousseau, came with a group of immigrants from France to Macon, Georgia, and from there came to Suwannee County, Florida, where he married. On a return trip to France his ship was lost at sea.

Born at Clearwater, Florida, April 13, 1878, Abel A. Rousseau was a son of John Louis Rousseau, who was born at Live Oak, and Dora Ann McCardle, a native of Milton, Florida. John Louis Rousseau was a civil engineer and one-time county engineer of Hillsborough County, as was his father, also. In fact, there were three generations of county engineers in the Roussau family—one in Pinellas County.

Abel Rousseau grew up in Clearwater, attending school there. Before coming to Boynton he was master of a sailing vessel, hauling lumber between Tampa and Key West. He was thoroughly acquainted with the Keys and the Ten Thousand Islands. Not limiting his adventurous explorations to the sea, he knew all the trails across the state, and used to ride a horse all the way from Clearwater to Palm Beach County, coming here during the farming season. After settling in Boynton he took part in the construction of South County Road (AIA) in Palm Beach.

Active in Freemasonry, he was the first Master Mason raised in the Boynton Beach Lodge, #236, and was twice Master of that lodge. He also was a member of Lake Worth Consistory. Although not a member, he attended the First Methodist Church of Boynton Beach.

On May 24, 1908, at Boynton Beach, Abel Rousseau married Katherine Ford, who was born in Girard, Alabama, December 7, 1879, and died July 28, 1934. She was a daughter of Eli Ford, born at Fair Bluff, South Carolina, January 1, 1807, and Nancy Jane (Copeland), born in northern Alabama April 1, 1841, who died June 10, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Abel Rousseau

were the parents of six children who were raised and educated in Boynton Beach. They are:

1. Callie Mae Rousseau, born April 4, 1910, who married William Hugh Brown, who was born at Kings Ferry, Florida. Mr. Brown has been Chief of Police at Boca Raton for twenty-four years—the oldest in point of service in Palm Beach County. Mrs. Brown is a high school teacher in Delray Beach. They have three children: 1). Elizabeth Katherine, born in Boynton Beach September 30, 1934, who married William David Furr from Ocala. 2). William David Brown, born September 26, 1935, who married Elizabeth Jacqueline Blalock. They have a daughter, Susan Denise, born June 9, 1960, at Fort Lauderdale. 3). Dorothy Ellen, born February 18, 1947, at West Palm Beach.

2. Jesse Ford Rousseau, born January 4, 1912, married Virginia Keith Powell. They live in Gainesville and have four children: 1). Daniel Ford Rousseau, born April 4, 1937. 2). Marilyn Keith Rosseau, born September 29, 1938, who married Valjean Matthew Haley. They have two children: Kimberly Keith Haley, born August 7, 1958, and Valerie Hope Haley, born October 24, 1959. 3). Nancy Katharine Rousseau, born October 1, 1942. 4). Virginia Anne, born July 3, 1949.

3. Mabel Claire Rousseau, born November 16, 1913, married John Martin Tuite of Boynton Beach. They have two children: 1). Frances Katherine Tuite, born November 29, 1943. 2). John Martin Tuite, Jr., born November 23, 1946.

4. Ester Barbara Rousseau, born April 2, 1915, first married Richard McSweany. A child of that marriage, Barbara Carolyn McSweany, was born August 22. 1939. She married William A. Saft of Palm Beach County, and they have a daughter, Carolyn Sue, born January 31, 1960.

Ester's first husband died and she later married Merton Raymond McCorkle III. They have two children: 1). Mary Katherine McCorkle, born October 8, 1948. 2). Merton Raymond McCorkle IV, born June 8, 1953.

5. Laura Katherine Rousseau, born August 9, 1917, married Joseph Tyler Hogan of Pompano Beach and Clewiston. They live in Pompano Beach and have three children: 1). Philip Tyler Hogan, born June 22, 1938. 2). Annie Laurie Hogan, born September 26, 1940, who married John Brantly. They have a son, John Tyler Brantly. 3). Jo Karen Hogan.

6. John Robert Rousseau, born February 1, 1920, married Margaret Howarth of Dartmouth, Mass. They have four children: 3). Sheila Margaret, born in Michigan August 16, 1946. 2). John Robert Rousseau, Jr., born in Miami September 24, 1949. 3). James Lawrence Rousseau, born in Miami December 9, 1950. 4). Christine Ann, born in West Palm Beach September 25, 1958. Dr. John Robert Rousseau is a veterinarian in Boynton Beach.

Abel Augustus Rousseau died in Boynton Beach at the age of eighty-two, on September 20, 1960, and was buried with Masonic rites in Boynton Beach Memorial Park Cemetery.

MARCUS AESCHYLUS WEAVER

The founder of one of the oldest and largest dairies in South Florida, which is still operated by the same family, Marcus A. Weaver has been called the father of the dairy business in Palm Beach County. He was active in organizing the Florida Milk Commission and was one of the first presidents of the Florida Dairy Association. Mr. Weaver was also a pioneer truck farmer of the Boynton area; served thirty years on the Board of Supervisors of the Lake Worth Drainage District, which he helped to lay out; and was Mayor of Boynton Beach in the thirties.

He was born in Jacksonville, Alabama, August 5, 1886, son of Marcus Taylor Weaver and Alice Green, both natives of Alabama, where his father was a farmer. He was educated in the local schools of Jacksonville, Alabama, and in the State Normal School.

He first came to Florida in 1907, and was field foreman in tomato farms in Homestead. That summer and the following summer he returned home to Alabama, working in Homestead and Arcadia, Florida, in the fall and winter. In the winter of 1908-09 he went to Boynton as field foreman for Benson Brothers tomato farms. That summer of 1909 he remained in Boynton and worked in the pineapple fields, returning to the tomato farms in the fall. Later he went into construction work and helped build the Parker Avenue road. One of his first jobs was on a surveying party which laid out the Lake Worth Drainage District. During World War I he went to Brunswick, Georgia, and worked in the shipyards there, and after the war returned to Boynton and farming. Two of his brothers, Vaiden G. and Miller L., who followed him to Florida, also engaged in farming, leasing their land and working together.

In 1920 Mr. Weaver was hired by Ward Miller of Briny Breezes to manage and operate a milk route and dairy. Two years later he went into the dairy business for himself, buying about ninety acres of land located on Boynton Road and Military Trail. He continued to engage in truck farming on his own land (he was buying land all the time) until the mid thirties, and also during the twenties had a farm supply store, which was operated by his sister, Willie Frances Weaver, who followed him down here. Another sister, Marion Lucille, came to make her home in Florida as a school teacher. She married Wilbur F. Divine III of West Palm Beach.

The farm supply store was closed in the early forties, and from that time on Mr. Weaver concentrated on his dairy business. For many years Weaver Dairy was the largest in Palm Beach County, and for thirty years produced milk exclusively for Southern Dairies (Sealtest).

Mr. Weaver was also active in politics. During the depression years he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Mayor H. D. Stevens, who died in office, and after that was elected to serve another three years as Mayor of Boynton Beach. He also served as a trustee of the School Board. During his thirty years on the Board of Supervisors of the Lake Worth Drainage District, he was chairman of the board several times. He was a charter member of Boynton Beach Rotary Club; a member of Boynton Lodge #236, F. and A. M.; past member of the Scottish Rite of Lake Worth Consistory and of Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; and belonged to the order of Woodmen of the World and Modern Woodmen of America. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray and served on its official board; was a trustee of the now defunct Boynton Beach church, and later, when it was reorganized, was made Clerk of the Sessions. At the time of his death he was Clerk of Sessions Emeritus.

Mr. Weaver was first married in Delray on September 15, 1920, to Marion Grace Knuth, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Charles Frederick Knuth, also born in Cleveland, and Alice Hartwell, who was born in Michigan, near Saranac. C. F. Knuth was Mayor of Boynton in the 1920's. He also was a dairyman and a realtor. The Knuth family is still in the dairy business, with Knuth Dairy located east of Military Trail.

Marcus and Marion Weaver were the parents of five children:

1. Charles Stanley.
2. Marcus Lawrence.
3. Curtis Arnold.
4. Melvin Eugene.
5. Marion Alice (now Mrs. Clark of Fort Myers).

Mrs. Marion Knuth Weaver died May 18, 1949, and in May of 1954 Mr. Weaver married Iva Lee Pickett. His own death occurred on February 21, 1960. More than 350 friends and relatives attended the funeral services. The floral display was believed to be the greatest ever seen in a local funeral, and the procession was one of the largest the city has ever witnessed. Burial was in Boynton Beach cemetery.

CHARLES STANLEY WEAVER

The president and treasurer of Weaver Dairies, Inc., Charles Stanley Weaver purchased the dairy business from his father in 1954, in partnership with his three brothers and his sister. Since its founding in 1922 by Marcus Weaver, the business has remained in the family. Like his father (whose biography precedes) Stanley Weaver has taken an active part in the government of Boynton Beach, having served six years on the City Council, one year as Mayor, and was appointed to succeed his father on the Board of Supervisors of Lake Worth Drainage District. He is also a partner in the real estate business.

Charles Stanley Weaver was born in Boynton Beach January 19, 1922, son of Marcus A. and Marion G. (Knuth) Weaver. He was educated in the public schools of Boynton and at the University of Florida, from which institution he graduated in 1943 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Entering the Army Air Force Transport Command, he served three years, two years in North Africa, where he spent one year in Casablanca, Morocco, and one year in Dakar, French West Africa, maintaining air bases for transport and tactical ships. His rank was sergeant. Returning from the Army in January 1946, he entered his father's dairy business and became president and treasurer of the company in 1954.

Mr. Weaver is one of the owners and developers of Boynton Industrial Park, and is president of that corporation. He is a director of the Boynton Beach State Bank and of the Independent Dairy Farmers Association; a member of the board of the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce; member of Florida Cattlemen's Association, and of the Palm Beach chapter of the Farm Bureau.

First elected to the Boynton Beach City Council in the fall of 1950, he was re-elected in 1952 and again in 1954, and served the City as Mayor in 1955-56. He was appointed to succeed his father on the Lake Worth Drainage District Board of Supervisors at his death, and at the next regular Landowners' meeting he was elected to fulfill the unexpired term. He has also been appointed to the Civil Defense Council of Palm Beach County.

A member of the Florida State Firemen's Association and the Volunteer Fire Department of Boynton Beach, he served one year as secretary of the latter organization. He is a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Boynton Beach Post of the American Legion, held all offices in the Legion and belongs to the Forty-and Eight. He was a charter member of the Boynton Beach Kiwanis Club; is a past master of Boynton Lodge #236, F. and A. M., a member of the Scottish Rite of Lake Worth, and a member of the First Methodist Church of Boynton Beach.

He was married in Delray Beach on December 28, 1949, to Erna Emilia Yanke, who was born in Detroit, Michigan, August 28, 1924, daughter of William August Yanke and Olga Getschner, both natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Weaver have two children, born in West Palm Beach:

1. Christine Olga, born December 2, 1952.
2. William Marcus, born February 6, 1954.

ORVILLE CHARLES KNUTH

One of the oldest distributors and producers of dairy products in Palm Beach County was Orville Charles Knuth, who came to Boynton Beach with his parents in 1914. He was born in Nottingham, Ohio, November 21, 1902, son of Charles Frederick and Alice (Hartwell) Knuth. His mother was born in Saranac, Michigan, August 8, 1867, and died in Boynton Beach September 12, 1953. His father was the founder of the Knuth Dairy, started in 1923, and served as Mayor of Boynton Beach in 1924. He was also in the real estate business under the name of Knuth and Miller and had an office on Ocean Avenue.

Although not in the very distant past, Orville Knuth's early days in Boynton Beach were pioneer days. He used to carry a 22 rifle while going to school and bring home a rabbit or turkey, and saw deer and all kinds of wild life on his way. When he was fifteen he drove the school bus. He enlisted in the Navy when he was seventeen, in 1919, and was aboard the U.S.S. Henderson when it took President Harding to Alaska. He was in four years that time, and after Pearl Harbor in 1941, when he was 39 years old, he enlisted again and served as boatswain's mate first class for two years and eight months, stationed at Fort Lauderdale and in Rhode Island. His commanding officer at that time was Charles L. Pierce, now president of the First National Bank at Fort Lauderdale.

After his second hitch in the Navy, Mr. Knuth was with Purina of Miami, dairy feed and supply, until he got his dairy back, which he had leased during his enlistment. From then on his whole career was his dairy business, which his sons are carrying on. They have a mixed herd of about 400 milk cows.

Mr. Knuth served on the Boynton Beach School Board for two or three years in the middle forties, and was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the American Legion Post, and the First Methodist Church.

At Delray Beach on October 17, 1925, he married Helen Marguerite White, daughter of Morton Stephen and Clara Belle (Greer) White, who was born in Smithboro, Illinois, October 9, 1905. They have four sons:

1. Orville Myron, born in Boynton Beach April 8, 1929.

2. Warren Leroy, born in Boynton Beach December 15, 1931.

3. Lawrence Douglas, born in West Palm Beach December 17, 1940.

4. Steven Roger, born in West Palm Beach September 4, 1943.

Orville married Eva Gray Brooks from Columbus, Georgia, born November 28, 1933, and they have two sons: Gregory, born July 12, 1954, and Jeffrey Brooks, born November 25, 1957; both born in West Palm Beach.

Warren married Gladys Eudora Baker from Utah, born July 21, 1937. Larry and Steven are students of Georgia Military College.

Orville Charles Knuth died at his residence on West Boynton Road on March 23, 1960, and was buried in Boynton Beach cemetery with a Masonic service. He was a past master of the Boynton Beach Lodge.

ELMER EUGENE COOPER

A farmer and former cattleman of Boynton Beach, Elmer E. Cooper is also founder and operator of Cooper Farm Supply, handling Wilson Toomer fertilizers and insecticides and Ferry Morse seeds.

Son of William Calvin and Mittie Gertrude (Cook) Cooper, he was born March 29, 1910, in Chatooga County, Georgia, where his parents, also, were born and where his father still lives. His mother died in 1957.

Elmer worked on the family farm and attended local schools until 1927, when he began a two-year course at Middle Georgia College School of Agriculture. In 1930 he came to Boca Raton, Florida, and farmed for himself as well as working for another farmer. The next fall he moved to Boynton Beach and started his present place with 80 acres, to which he added another 80 acres in the summer of 1932.

In 1944 he bought 449 acres of grazing land and started a herd of range cows, continuing in the cattle-raising business until 1955. At that time he bought a house in Boynton Beach and in October, 1955, opened his farm-supply business on Highway 441. His two oldest boys help him with the farming of his 160 acres, on which he raises mostly peppers, eggplant and beans.

Mr. Cooper is a charter member and was first president of East Palm Beach County Farm Bureau, which he served as a director for many years up to 1960. He is a past committeeman of the Federal Farm Home Administration; a member of Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association; and for 16 years served as special deputy to Sheriff John Kirk of Palm Beach County; also a member of First Methodist Church, Boynton Beach. Both he and his wife are active in the Forest Park PTA of Boynton Beach. He and his boys are hunters.

Mr. Cooper was married at Miami, Oklahoma, June 22, 1938, to Birdie V. DuBcis, who was born in Delaware County, Oklahoma, August 16, 1919, daughter of Louis D. and Anna Belle (Lamb) DuBois. Her father, a native of Indiana, died in 1950. Her mother was born October 29, 1875, near Springfield, Missouri, and died June 30, 1956, in Delaware County, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are the parents of four sons:

1. Bryan Eugene, born July 18, 1940, at West Palm Beach.

2. Gordon Frank, born July 28, 1942, at Boynton Beach.

3. Danny Lee, born November 8, 1951, at West Palm Beach.

4. William Gary, born July 28, 1955, at West Palm Beach.

WILSON S. RUCKS

Now owner of a large dairy herd and ranch in Okeechobee County, Wilson S. Rucks has always been a dairyman and comes from a family of dairymen.

His father, James Crawford Rucks, was born at Sand Mountain, Alabama, December 19, 1888, and came to Miami in 1922. He worked in dairies and later had his own. For about fifteen years he worked for Dade County and was a bridge tender for a while. He and his wife, who was Ruby Gay, wishing to be near their son, have been living in Okeechobee since the summer of 1958.

Born in North Miami February 4, 1925, Wilson Rucks received his education in Miami's public schools, graduating from Miami Edison High School in 1943. Starting as a dairy hand, he worked for his uncles, Hobart and Gordon Rucks, in Miami. In 1947 he went into business for himself in Miami with Mrs. Margaret Rawlins as a partner, under the name of Rawlins and Rucks Dairy. In 1952, with the purchase of an interest in Thomas Dairy, Inc., of Miami, he began expanding his dairy. He sold his interest in Thomas Dairy in 1958 and, consolidating his other dairy interests under one system, moved to the Okeechobee area.

Twelve miles north of the town of Okeechobee on U.S. 441 he has 1,665 acres, half improved pasture and half in the process of improvement, and has 1,200 head of cattle of mixed breed—a thousand milk cows and 200 heifers. He employs fifteen people and furnishes housing for them on the ranch. In his dairy plant he uses the most modern milking techniques.

Mr. Rucks is a past director of the Independent Dairy Association, a member of the Florida Farm Bureau and of Okeechobee County Cattlemen's Association. He is a Democrat and a past member of the Northwest Baptist Church in Miami. Fishing is his principal recreation and he also does some hunting.

On October 14, 1944, at Miami, Wilson S. Rucks married Lois Louise Slate, who was born at Dunedin Isles, Florida, September 29, 1926. They have four children:

1. LeRoy Wilson Rucks, born September 23, 1945, at Miami. He is an officer of the Okeechobee chapter of F.F.A.

2. Linda Louise, born June 17, 1945, at Miami.

3. Deborah Ann, born October 31, 1956, at Ft. Lauderdale.

4. Diane Lynn, born September 17, 1959, at Ft. Pierce.

MANNING IRA KEEN

A man of many business activities and other interests, Manning I. Keen of Pahokee has been with Standard Oil Company for twenty-five years, or since he finished school in Georgia. A more expansive activity is his real estate and developing business. He is also manager of an ice plant and a civic leader of the Pahokee-Canal Point area. Mrs. Keen shares most of her husband's business and civic activities.

He was born in Abbeville, Georgia, November 10, 1915, son of Simon Uriah and Delila (Watson) Keen. His father was a farmer and miller and also operated a blacksmith shop. Born in Abbeville February 17,

1873, Simon Keen died there August 12, 1945. Manning's mother was born at Hawkinsville, Georgia, in 1888 and died at Abbeville August 12, 1954.

Mr. Keen graduated from Abbeville High School in 1935 and went to work for Standard Oil Company as a tank wagon salesman. Since 1942 he has been a Standard Oil agent at Canal Point, Florida. He and his wife have been operating Keen Real Estate in Pahokee since 1955. He owns property, including service stations and garages, income property and home rentals in Martin, Palm Beach and Okeechobee counties, and is one of the developers of J. and S. Park Estates on Lake Okeechobee in Martin County. For the last two years (since 1958) he and Mrs. Keen have been stockholders and managers of Crown Ice Company of Canal Point.

Mr. Keen is very much interested in bringing industry to Pahokee and devotes much time to promoting this area. He was the first president of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and is now a director and vice-president of Canal Point Chamber of Commerce. He is a director and organizer of U.S. Highway 441 Association and was its second president; a past member of the Palm Beach County Resources and Development Board; and a member of the Florida Farm Bureau. Particularly active in the work of the Lions Club, he is a past president of the Pahokee Lions Club, a past Deputy District Governor of Florida Lions, and was Pahokee's "Lion of the Year" in 1958. He is an Elk of Pahokee Lodge #1633; a Mason of Everglades Lodge #211 and Lake Worth Consistory; a director of Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America; and a steward of the First Methodist Church of Pahokee. His hobby is growing flowers, including orchids, in his home nursery.

At Clewiston, Florida, on June 24, 1939, Manning I. Keen married Florence Slonaker, who was born at Quitman, Georgia, April 20, 1919, daughter of Simon P. and Naomi (Belcher) Slonaker. Her father was born at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1877, and died at West Palm Beach July 16, 1960. He came to Florida in 1920 and was a building contractor at Plant City and later at Clewiston. Mrs. Keen's mother was born at Quitman, Georgia, November 2, 1892, and is living in Clewiston, Florida.

Mrs. Keen is a member of Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee and a past vice-president of Palm Beach County Democratic Woman's Club. For the first year of its organization she was secretary of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of Chapter #184 of the Order of the Eastern Star and for twelve years has been Mother Advisor for the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Pahokee. She is an officer in the Pahokee Woman's Club and a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. Keen are the parents of a son, Richard Charles Keen, born December 10, 1945, at West Palm Beach.

FRANK FRIEND

One of the first to farm in the mucklands area of the Glades, Frank Friend, octogenarian of Pahokee, started operations there in 1917, when the swamplands of pre-drainage days could be bought for fifteen dollars an acre. He and his partner, O. B. McClure from Colorado, had better than 3,000 acres at one time. He now has 165 acres in the town of Pahokee, 400 acres outside on the Palm Beach road, and 90 acres in the Pelican Lake Bottoms. He and his son planted the first sweet corn in the Glades about eighteen years ago.

Son of John and Adaline Friend, he was born in Mound Valley, Labette County, Kansas, December 18, 1875. His father was a Civil War veteran of the Union Army and had been a farmer in Minnesota before moving to Kansas to farm there. He died when Frank was four years old.

The formal education of Frank Friend ended at the age of twelve, when he went to work as a farmhand in eastern Kansas. His mother having remarried and moved to Colorado, he worked on a farm there from the time he was fourteen until he was twenty, and then got a contract to dig a drainage canal in Colorado. About a year later, having saved some money, he went to Chicago and worked in a hospital for a year, studying nursing. Later he took a two-year course in nursing in Colorado and served as a male nurse for several years.

About 1900 he rented a farm in Lamar, Colorado, which he worked for about four years. After another interval of nursing in Salt Lake City, he returned to Lamar and rented another farm. This time he did very well—well enough to buy an automobile in 1911. When, in 1913, he began planning to come to Florida, people thought he was crazy.

In the fall of 1914 he sold everything and came to Fellsmere in Indian River County, Florida, where he farmed for three years, not too successfully. He bought land there and built a house, and the third year had a successful crop of potatoes. Some alligator hunters told him of a place on Lake Okeechobee that was safe from freezing. So in 1917 he came to Pahokee, bringing some equipment and some potatoes that were too small to sell. He planted his potatoes, grew beans and eggplant, and began making good money farming. With faith in the future of this area, he built a small house and brought his family down, and he has been there ever since.

Mr. Friend was very active in getting Pelican Lake Farms started and has ninety acres of corn there. For many years he was president and is now a director of Unity Farms, Inc., of Pahokee, of which his son is now president. This organization is concerned mainly with the packing of beans. He is a member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association and vice-president of Everglades Growers Cooperative at Pahokee. For years he served on the Pahokee Drainage District. He has served on the local school board in the past and was a charter member and a director of the Bank of Pahokee, of which his son is now a director.

His church is the First Methodist of Pahokee. Fishing has been one of his leisure-time occupations, and he has been writing poetry for years. He used to write for the Everglades News every week, and occasionally his poems appear in the West Palm Beach paper.

Frank Friend was married first to Edna Bent of Boulder, Colorado, who died in 1943. He has two daughters, Wilda (Mrs. Altman Morgan), and Ruth (Mrs. Elbert Bishop), both born in Lamar, Colorado, where his son, Lewis, also was born in April, 1913.

On March 13, 1946, at Pahokee, Frank Friend married Willola Nason of Belzoni, Mississippi. She is an active member of the Pahokee Woman's Club, of which she is a past president, and is now president of the Pahokee Garden Club and a member of the West Palm Beach Woman's Club. She also belongs to the Seminole Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The beautification of Pahokee with palms

Willola Nason Friend & Frank Friend

and shrubbery is a project that Mrs. Friend has worked with for many years.

The following is a sample of Mr. Friend's verses, which he has had published in a small book entitled 'Man Here and Hereafter." This one is called "Eterity."

"I like the hills and valley green,
The trees that God has made;
To get away from all that's mean,
Enjoy the cooling shade.

"I like to watch the fishes swim,
The birds up in the sky;
To watch the squirrels on a limb,
That scamper off so shy.

"I like to drive out with my wife,
Where nature can be seen;
To see the miracles of life,
In fields and pastures green.

"It makes me wonder what it's like,
That place for you and me;
That perfect place, with Christ to live,
Through all eternity."

WALTER G. HULL

The president of Hull Packing Company, which he founded in 1933, Walter G. Hull of Pahokee has been farming in that area since 1921 and now ships 750 to 1,000 carloads of produce annually to northern markets in the United States and Canada, and occasionally exports to the Armed Forces abroad. He also has a commercial cattle ranch in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Hull's family were early settlers of Florida. Both parents were born in Lake County, Florida. His father, A. Milton Hull, a farmer, died at Lakeland, and his mother, Mattie (Clavile) Hull, died at Plant City.

Born in Plant City July 12, 1894, Walter Hull attended public school there until he was sixteen, when he went into the produce business, working for different growers in that area. In 1921 he came to Pahokee and began operating as a fruit and vegetable grower under his own name. As indicated above, his business has prospered. He is president of Richlands, Inc., a farming corporation in the Glades area with headquarters at Pahokee, and is now a director of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative at Belle Glade.

On his ranch he favors the Angus breed and markets his cattle through the Glades Livestock Auction Market, of which he was one of the founders and is a stockholder. He is a member of the Palm Beach County Livestock Association, the American Hereford Breeders Association and the American Brahman Breeders Association.

Mr. Hull is a charter member of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, a past director of the Everglades Memorial Hospital Association, a past member of the Pahokee Rotary Club, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Pahokee. Hunting and fishing are his favorite recreations.

He was married at Plant City March 12, 1914, to Lois Clark, daughter of Charles C. and Adeline (Keen) Clark of Plant City, where she was born April 1, 1897. They are the parents of five daughters, all born in Plant City:

1. Genevieve (Mrs. W. R. Wilson), born June 21, 1917.
2. Kathryn (Mrs. W. W. Barnes), born February 11, 1919.
3. Lois Clark (Mrs. E. F. Wilkinson), born September 18, 1921.
4. Hilda LaForest (Mrs. C. D. Wilkinson), born April 7, 1925.
5. Walta Nelle (Mrs. R. H. Nason), born September 13, 1930.

Mrs. Hull is a member of the Pahokee Garden Club.

HUGH H. BRANCH

A produce broker in Pahokee, Hugh H. Branch heads his own firm which he organized in 1957 and ships approximately 2,000 carloads of vegetables annually to markets throughout the United States and Canada.

Born in Dublin, Georgia, June 29, 1924, he is a son of B. Frank and Sally Kate (Anderson) Branch, both born in Dublin, Georgia. His mother is living in Pompano Beach. His father, who was a law enforcement officer in Laurens County, Georgia, moved the family from Dublin to Canal Point, Florida, in 1937, and farmed for a while but soon became ill and died there.

Hugh Branch graduated from Pahokee High School in 1944 and immediately afterwards entered the United States Army. He served in the 205th Field Artillery Group in the European theater until the war's end and was discharged in June, 1946, with the rank of sergeant.

Soon after leaving the Army he went to work with the United States Department of Agriculture, and it was while working as an inspector in New York State that he met his wife. They were married in Dublin, Georgia, July 1, 1949. In April of 1951 Mr. Branch returned to Canal Point and worked with Mackey Produce Company for two years, then with Max E. Beverly, Inc., for two years. After that he became sales manager with Harold Robin, Inc., at Belle Glade and was with this company until he organized his own produce brokerage firm, Hugh H. Branch, Inc., at Pahokee in 1957.

Mr. Branch is a member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association of Orlando, Everglades Fruit and Vegetable Association, and Pahokee Chamber of Commerce; also of Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638, Belle Glade Golf and Country Club, and the First Methodist Church of Pahokee, in which he serves on the Official Board of Stewards. Mrs. Branch is active in the choir and in the Women's Christian Missionary Society. She is a member of Richards Chapter #558 of the Elks Auxiliary in Marion, New York. Both Mr. Branch and his wife play golf.

As Barbara Jane Sanford, Mrs. Branch was born in East Williamson, New York, June 7, 1927. Her father, Fred M. Sanford, was born in Marion, New York, July 19, 1893, and her mother, Grace M. (Wallbank) Sanford, was born in Youngstown, Ohio, April 19, 1899. Both parents are living in Newark, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Branch are the parents of two children:

1. Tamara Kae ("Tammy"), born May 14, 1948, at Geneva, New York.

2. Hugh Hinton ("Chip"), born April 7, 1951, at Pahokee, Florida.

GLOVER EMERSON BRYANT, JR.

Now in his second term of office as County Judge of Okeechobee County, G. E. Bryant, Jr., has been active in politics and has held political appointments almost from the start of his legal practice. He is a past State Committeeman for the Florida Democratic party and was campaign chairman of Okeechobee County for Paul G. Rogers, United States Congressman from the Sixth Congressional District. Judge Bryant is also active in local civic affairs and in all that concerns the general welfare.

He was born in LaGrange, Georgia, February 8, 1922, son of G. E. Bryant, Sr., and Kathleen Harris Bryant. His mother was born in Herd County, Georgia, May 5, 1896, and died at LaGrange March 17, 1957. His father, born in Troup County, Georiga, June 17, 1895, is living in LaGrange, where he is tax consultant.

G. E. Bryant, Jr., graduated from LaGrange High School in 1939 and from the University of Georgia in 1943, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Entering the United States Navy in June, 1943, he was commissioned an Ensign in October of that year, receiving his naval training at Columbia University, New York City, and served in the southwest Pacific with the Seventh Amphibious Force as Officer in Charge of an LCT; separated in October, 1946, with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade.

Following his return from the Navy, Mr. Bryant entered Stetson University Law School at DeLand and was graduated with the LL.B. degree in March, 1949. For a short time he worked in the Attorney General's office; then practiced law privately in Panama City, Florida, for a few months. In November, 1949, he came to Okeechobee and was associated for a short time with Mary Schulman in the County Prosecutor's office, after which he opened a private practice in Okeechobee. He is admitted to practice in all Florida State Courts and in any United States District Court.

In 1950 Governor Warren appointed Mr. Bryant Judge of the Small Claims Court. After he had served six years in this office he was elected County Judge in 1956 and re-elected in 1960. His duties as County Judge include those of Juvenile Judge and Coroner. In 1958 he was vice-president of the Florida County Judges Association.

Judge Bryant is the present chairman of Okeechobee County Flood Control and Water Conservation Committee for the Central and South Florida Flood Control District, and in 1960 received the Regional State Conservation Award for Region Five.

He is a member of the Florida Bar, the Okeechobee County Cattlemen's Association, the Okeechobee County Chamber of Commerce (past president), Okeechobee Rotary Club (past president), and a member of the Executive Board of Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America—his pet project, he being a former Eagle Scout. He belongs to Fort Pierce Elks Lodge #1520, Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity at the University of Georgia, and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity at Stetson University. A member of the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, he taught the adult men's Sunday School class last year. His wife also is active in this church and is a Youth Counselor in the Girls Auxiliary.

Judge Bryant has a ranch in Okeechobee on which he raises commercial cattle. His ranch and his boat afford him relaxation and recreation.

Mrs. Bryant is the former Mary Ann Hutchins, daughter of Joshua Cornelius and Edith Pittman Hutchins of Athens, Georgia, where she was born March 19, 1925. She and Judge Bryant (then Lt. Bryant) were married in Athens September 22, 1945. They have a son and a daughter.

1. Glover Emerson Bryant, III, born July 1, 1946, at Athens, Georgia, is an outstanding swimmer in the Okeechobee Swim Club.

2. Ann Marie Bryant was born June 14, 1948, at DeLand, Florida.

W. K. ("HANK") ALDRIDGE

The president and general manager of McCurdy-Mitchell Supply Company, Inc., of Pahokee, W. K. Aldridge, came to that town nine years ago and has become one of its leading citizens.

Son of Sidney Aldridge, who died when he was a year old, and of Nita (Spotten) Aldridge, he was born in Britt, Iowa, May 19, 1920, and received his early education in the public schools of Minnesota and Wisconsin. From 1941 to 1944 he served in the United States Navy in anti-submarine patrol, mainly in South America and the Pacific, and was Chief Petty Officer on his discharge.

On June 29, 1946, at Pahokee, Florida, he married Norma Venetia McCurdy, who was born in West Palm Beach May 1, 1926, daughter of Willard W. McCurdy, Sr., and Annette (Norman) McCurdy. Following his marriage, Hank Aldridge attended the University of Florida, apparently with a view to becoming a teacher, and was graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education; then took postgraduate work there in Speech Pathology.

After the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Aldridge came to Pahokee, in January, 1952, to assist in the operation of McCurdy-Mitchell Supply Company, which had been organized in 1948 by Mr. McCurdy. The company manufactures crop-dusting agents and distributes agricultural chemicals and seeds, serving the Glades area and employing a maximum of eleven people. About a year after he had joined the company, Mr. Aldridge became its president and general manager.

He is a member of the Florida Agricultural Research Institute, National Agricultural Chemical Association, the Florida Farm Bureau, the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, and is president of the Pahokee Rotary Club. He is also a member of Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638, American Legion Post #90, and the First Baptist Church of Pahokee. His pet project is the Pahokee Youth Center, which he helped to organize and served as its second president for two years. Owner of a Tri-Pacer and holder of a private pilot's license, he is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. His other hobbies are hunting, fishing and golf.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge have four children, all born in Pahokee. They are:

1. Norman Keith Aldridge, born June 3, 1947.
2. Robert Gene Aldridge, Born June 15, 1953.
3. Karen Leigh Aldridge, born December 11, 1954.
4. Mark McCurdy Aldridge, born December 21, 1955.

Norman Keith is now in the eighth grade at the Bolles School in Jacksonville.

ROBERT C. HATTON

Robert C. Hatton and his brother, Joseph L., Sr., were pioneers in planting sweet corn in the Pahokee area, where they came in the thirties, being originally from Kentucky; and have also been pioneers in custom-made farm machinery, made to suit the needs of the many farming operations in that area.

Son of Harvey L. and Sarah (Hignite) Hatton, Robert Hatton was born September 19, 1907, at Oneida, Kentucky. His mother, who is living in Pahokee, was born at Brutus, Kentucky, June 22, 1885. His father was born at Beech Creek, Kentucky, April 1, 1877, and died at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in July, 1956. On Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, he brought his family from Berea, Kentucky, to Dania, Florida, where he was a tomato grower, and later, during the boom, was a realtor in the Hollywood-Dania area.

Robert Hatton received his education in the public schools of Dania and Lake Wales, Florida, and at Oneida Baptist Institute in Kentucky, from which he was graduated in 1929. Following two years at Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College at Richmond, Kentucky, he taught school for two years at Whoopflera, Kentucky.

In 1932 he came to Pahokee and began farming, an occupation in which he has continued, off and on, since then. He now has 600 acres that he farms, planting two and sometimes three crops a year. About 1951 he and his brother, Joe, organized the firm of Joe Hatton, Inc. He is also an organizer, past vice-president and past secretary-treasurer of Unity Farms, Inc., Pahokee, a member of the Florida Farm Bureau and the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association at Orlando.

He is an advisor for Future Farmers of America and while his son, Roger, was in the Boy Scouts, was an advisor to the Boy Scout troop. He holds membership in Oneida, Kentucky, Masonic Lodge #736, Iretta Sherman Chapter #145 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the First Methodist Church of Pahokee, in which he is a past member of the Official Board. He and his wife enjoy golf, travel and fishing.

Mrs. Hatton is the former Marjorie Aelien Black, born December 12, 1912, at Morgan Park, Illinois, daughter of Walter A. and Grace (Jackson) Black. Her father was born at Fowler, Indiana, May 17, 1881, and is living in River Forest, Illinois. Her mother was born May 21, 1887, at Chicago. Marjorie Black and Robert Hatton were married at Chicago on Christmas Day, 1943. They have two children: Roger, born December 4, 1944, and Carol, born December 27, 1946, both honor students. By an earlier marriage Mr. Hatton has three children: Roberta (Mrs. Frank Salvatore), Richard E. and Thor Robert Hatton. Thor was a star football player at Pahokee High School.

Mrs. Hatton is active in the Pahokee Woman's Club, the Garden Club and Sigma Etta Art Sorority. She has been painting in oils for about two and a half years.

JOSEPH LEON HATTON, JR.

Vice-president of Hatton Brothers, Inc., a farming operation in Pahokee, raising mostly sweet corn, Joseph L. Hatton, Jr., is one of five brothers, four of whom are engaged in farming in the Pahokee area. Their father was one of the first to plant sweet corn in the Glades. He is Joseph Leon Hatton, Sr., produce broker, who moved his family from Brutus, Kentucky, to Canal Point in 1936, after having come himself about a year earlier. His wife, the boys' mother, is the former Lois Crippen of Ballston Spa, New York.

Born at Lake Wales, Florida, May 12, 1925, Joe Hatton, Jr., attended high school in Pahokee and entered the United States Navy in 1942. He was in the Naval Air Force in the Pacific and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with clusters; separated in May, 1946, with the rank of AMM 2/C.

After his return from the service, Joe Hatton attended Palm Beach Junior College; then worked in the Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture in fruit and vegetable inspection in Florida, Virginia, New York and South Carolina. In the fall of 1949 he returned to Pahokee and became associated with his father in farming. Late in 1953, with his brothers, Ray, Bill and John, he formed Hatton Brothers, Inc. John is now with his father's firm. Since May of 1958 Joe has been Cities Service Bulk Plant agent for the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee.

He is a member of the Everglades Farm Bureau, Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638, and the First Methodist Church of Pahokee. He likes fishing and boating and has a fine collection of popular and semi-classical music recordings.

At Waycross, Georgia, on December 2, 1946, he married Nina Ruth Barwick, who was born at Thomasville, Georgia, November 22, 1928, daughter of James Henry and Mattie Louise (Garner) Barwick, both natives of Georgia. Her father came to Pahokee in 1920 and was a produce broker. He died there September 10, 1951. Her mother is now Mrs. Andrew H. Cummins.

Mrs. Hatton is treasurer of Pahokee PTA, a member at large of Beta Sigma Phi, Beta Omicron chapter, and is Brownie Co-leader of Troop #30, Pahokee. In addition to sharing her husband's hobbies, she goes in for water skiing and likes to sew.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Hatton, Jr., in West Palm Beach:

1. Joseph Leon Hatton, III, born November 27, 1948.
2. Sharon Diane Hatton, born November 27, 1951.

Joseph the Third is a bugler for Boy Scout Troop #628 of Pahokee. Sharon is president of her Brownie Patrol and is taking ballet lessons.

ROBERT LESTER HATTON, M.D.

One of the five Hatton brothers, sons of Joseph Leon, Sr. and Lois (Crippen) Hatton of Pahokee, Robert Lester Hatton, M.D., is the exception in his family—the only one who has not followed the agricultural career of his father, as related in the sketches of his brother, Joseph L., Jr., and his uncle, Robert C. Hatton.

Robert Lester Hatton was born in Brutus, Kentucky, August 9, 1927, and graduated from Pahokee High School in 1945. Entering the United States Maritime Service, he made two trips in late 1945 and early 1946 with the Merchant Marine. In February, 1946, he transferred to the United States Army and served until August, 1947, in the 179th Army Field Band at Colorado Springs; discharged with the rank of Technician, fourth grade.

Entering Louisiana State University after his military service, he was graduated in 1951 with the degree of Bachelor of Music. He then entered Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans, and graduated in 1956 with the M.D. degree. There followed a year of internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, and

three years of residency at the same hospital and the University of Miami.

In July, 1960, he opened his practice at Pahokee, specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is on the medical staff of the Everglades Memorial Hospital

Dr. Hatton is a member of the American Medical Association, the Palm Beach County Medical Society and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology; also the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Pahokee and its Official Board, and sings in the church choir. As might be surmised from his educational history, music is his hobby.

He was married at Little Rock, Arkansas, December 17, 1951, to Marian Ruethain, daughter of Byron and Hazel (Shillinglaw) Ruethain, who was born at San Diego, California, February 1, 1929.

WILLIAM S. PLUMER

The president and general manager of Glades Chemical Company of Pahokee, manufacturers of fertilizers and insecticides, is a college-trained agriculturist who had considerable experience in his field in northern states before coming to Florida eight years ago. Since then he has become one of the leading citizens of this community.

Born at Marietta, Ohio, November 7, 1912, he is a son of Samuel H. Plumer, a farmer and farm journalist, graduate of Marietta College, who also was born in Marietta, May 21, 1875, and died there June 15, 1945. His mother was Myra Sloan Plumer, born in Archers Fork, Ohio, April 11, 1874, who died at Pahokee, Florida, January 5, 1960.

William S. Plumer graduated from Marietta High School in 1930 and from Ohio State University in 1936 with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. His first position was at Toledo, Ohio, as Assistant County Agent for Lucas County. In January, 1939, he went to Portland, Maine, where he worked for the University of Maine as a vegetable specialist in southern Maine.

In September, 1943, he entered the United States Navy and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve. A month or so later he was called into active duty and served as communications officer on convoy duty in the Atlantic and Mediterranean; separated December 15, 1945, as Lieutenant Junior Grade.

For the next seven years, from January, 1946, to December, 1952, Mr. Plumer was technical sales representative for Niagara Chemical Division of Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation. He came to Pahokee, Florida, in January, 1953, to assume his present position as President and General Manager of Glades Chemical Company, which employs thirteen people and serves the Lake Okeechobee area.

Mr. Plummer has been a member and chairman of the Future Farmers of America Advisory Council and through the Chamber of Commerce has worked to bring industry to Florida. He is a member of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, past vice-president and director of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Pahokee Rotary Club, and chairman of the Everglades Memorial Hospital, appointed by Governor Collins.

He is a past Exalted Ruler and now a trustee of Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638 and a Mason of Humanity Lodge #406, F. & A. M., Lyons, New York. A member of the First Methodist Church of Pahokee, he is vice-chairman of the Official Board of Stewards and past president of the Men's Club. In addition to being an active ham radio operator, he enjoys golf, fishing and bowling, and his company sponsors a men's bowling team.

Mr. Plumer was married at Bellefontaine, Ohio, on October 18, 1936, to Donna Joan Hadley, daughter of Clifford V. and Dea (Nolder), who was born at Bellefontaine, Ohio, August 28, 1914. They have two children:

1. William Sloan Plumer, Jr., born July 22, 1942, at Portland, Maine, now a senior at Asheville School for Boys, a preparatory school at Asheville, North Carolina. Like his father, William is a "ham" radio operator.

2. Jane Ann Plumer, born October 6, 1946, at Rochester, New York.

Mrs. Plumer attended Ohio State University for three years and is past president of her sorority. She was active in the Eastern Star in New York and in Pahokee is active in the Woman's Club, the Garden Club, the Ladies of the Elks, the PTA, and the Women's Society of Christian Service. She has taken an active part in the Girl Scouts of Pahokee and is presently neighborhood chairman of Girl Scouts.

EDWARD L. POPE

One of the large vegetable farmers of Pahokee, Edward L. Pope has been a permanent resident of that town since 1930 and has had his own packing house there since 1935.

He was born January 10, 1902, at Tylertown, Mississippi, where both his parents died. His father, E. L. Pope, Sr., was a farmer and lumberman. His mother, Dora Boone Pope, was a direct descendant of Daniel Boone. She died in July, 1943.

E. L. Pope graduated from Tylertown High School, Mississippi, in 1920 and from Mississippi State University, School of Science, in 1926 with a B.S. degree. At the university he took part in the ROTC program.

Following graduation, he went to work for the Department of Markets, now the United States Department of Agriculture, and traveled all over the United States as a fruit and vegetable inspector.

In 1928 he became a buyer for the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company in New York, which brought him to Florida. His first headquarters in this state were at Orlando. In the spring of 1926 he came to Pahokee with the Department of Agriculture and stayed two weeks. He came again in the winter of 1927 and the following year came to stay.

During World War II he farmed as much as 1,500 acres. He now has about 500 acres, raising mostly corn, beans, peppers and celery, and ships between 200,000 and a half-million packages per year.

Mr. Pope is a director of the Everglades Farm Bureau, a member of Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, and served as Commissioner of Pahokee Housing Authority for about a year. He is a member of Mount Dora Masonic Lodge #232, F. & A. M., a life member of Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638, in which he has held all chair offices and has been a trustee for a number of years. His church is the First Presbyterian of Belle Glade; his preferred recreation, fishing.

On May 26, 1934, at Atlanta, Georgia, Edward L. Pope married Mae Chastain, daughter of James V. and Mattie (Burgess) Chastain, who was born at Atlanta September 17, 1912. Mrs. Pope helped organize the

Pahokee Garden Club. She is office manager of the Everglades Office Building, the Palm Beach County subdivision offices in Belle Glade, and is active in the Business and Professional Women's Club in Pahokee.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope are the parents of three sons:

1. Edward Lewis Pope, Jr., born May 13, 1935, at Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Florida and married Katherine Barbara Mathis of Panama City, Florida.

2. Jon R. Pope, born August 27, 1937, at Atlanta, graduated from Tulane University, New Orleans.

3. Edgar Allan Pope, born October 26, 1945, at West Palm Beach, is now a student at Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Georgia.

EUGENE A. McCABE

The president of E. A. McCabe Company, Inc. of Belle Glade, produce dealers, operating in the Zellwood area of Central Florida and the Carolinas, is also executive vice-president of Pioneer Growers Cooperative, which rated a write-up in the Reader's Digest of September, 1959, under the caption, "Florida's Fabulous 'Electronic' Farm."

Son of John Joseph and Catherine (Maguire) McCabe, Eugene A. McCabe was born in Manhattan, New York City, December 10, 1908. His father was engaged in the transportation of produce. Graduating from the High School of Commerce in New York City in 1925, Eugene went to work for J. M. McCauley, produce dealer, as a salesman. Next he was with Atlantic Commission Company, a subsidiary of Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, as salesman in New York and field buyer, from 1929 to 1939.

He first came to Belle Glade, Florida, when he was with A&P, in 1936. In 1939 he joined P. C. Keesee in a partnership operated under Mr. Keesee's name as produce brokers until 1946, when Mr. McCabe sold his interest in this partnership and organized his own company. In 1950 he became executive vice-president of the newly organized Pioneer Growers Cooperative, maintaining his interest in his own company. When the Belle Glade farming season is over he operates his own business.

Pioneer Growers Cooperative has twenty-four grower members, and some sixteen growers who are not members use its facilities for marketing, packing and shipping. About 200 people are employed during the season. On approximately 12,650 acres of rich muckland they raise enough produce to ship annually between five and six thousand carlots. To speed up the harvesting and marketing of this huge volume of perishable produce, every modern technique is used, including a two-way radio system between the marketing office and the foremen or supervisors in the fields.

In the office a teleprinter brings in the latest market news. On a blackboard is kept an up-to-the-minute record of the supply on hand and shipments to key distribution centers. These factors, plus the weather, influence the prices quoted to customers, whose orders come in by telephone from all parts of the United States and Canada. The Cooperative's regular customers include such national chains as A&P, First National, Safeway, etc. A shipment can be harvested, processed, loaded in refrigerator trucks and sent on its way within hours of receiving the order.

Mr. McCabe also uses the two-way radio to regulate the speed of harvesting particular commodities according to demand, to insure coordination between the fields, and to check any apparent inefficiency on the part of a worker, who is identified by his number on the crates he packs. There are always Department of Agriculture inspectors on hand at the plant and packing must be kept up to federal standards. The men who run the Cooperative work seven days a week between November and June. As Mr. McCabe says, the stuff grows twenty-four hours a day. He is looking forward to the day when they may have television in the fields. With that, the northern buyer could select his vegetables directly from the field.

Mr. McCabe is a member of several committees of the Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, a charter member of Elks Lodge #1716, and a member of St. Phillip's Catholic Church at Belle Glade.

He was married in New York City September 30 1934, to Margaret Ellen Devery, daughter of Michael and Delia (Coughlin) Devery, who was born in New York City December 14, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. McCabe have three daughters:

1. Catherine Elaine (Mrs. Charles H. Fleischer), born June 27, 1935, in New York City.

2. Mary Eugenia, born May 30, 1940, at West Palm Beach.

3. Margaret Ellen, born June 30, 1945, at West Palm Beach.

Mary is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City and is still studying drama. She has appeared in summer stock theater at Lake Mahopac, New York.

P. J. LaCHANCE

The Lake Shore Growers Cooperative of Belle Glade, although a comparatively new organization, is already among the largest shippers of produce in the Glades area and the volume of its business is increasing each year. Originally formed as the Harold Rabin Growers Cooperative on March 1, 1956, it became Lake Shore Growers Cooperative in June, 1957. Its first three presidents have been Harold Rabin, S. N. Knight and Ray R. Roth, who is currently president. Its directors are Ray R. Roth, S. N. Knight, Hagan Powell, W. W. Weeks, and Tony Rosbough. The Cooperative employs about 150 people in season. In the 1958-59 season they shipped 2,500,000 packages; in 1959-60, 2,765,000 packages; and in the present season of 1960-61 they are running ahead of last year.

P. J. LaChance joined Lake Shore Cooperative as office manager in October, 1957, and became general manager in October, 1960. During his first three seasons with the organization he also acted as assistant secretary.

Born in Nashua, New Hampshire, March 6, 1907, he is a son of Odilon LaChance and Aimee Dube LaChance. He received his general education at Sacred Heart Academy, Nashua, and Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts, and then attended Nashua Business College, from which he graduated in 1926. He took further studies at Boston University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During World War II he served in the Navy and was aboard the USS Pittsburgh, a heavy cruiser, for one year, eight months in the combat zone in the Pacific. In the summer of 1945 the ship lost its bow in a typhoon.

Before coming to Florida Mr. LaChance was superintendent in a factory of International Shoe Company in

Claremont, New Hampshire. Coming to Belle Glade in August, 1952, he was first connected with Rice Growers Cooperative as manager; then was comptroller for the Fritz Stein interests in Belle Glade for four years, which brings him up to the time he joined Lake Shore Cooperative.

Mr. LaChance is a member of Elks Lodge #1716, the American Legion Post in Belle Glade, and St. Phillip's Catholic Church. His wife is a member of the Altar Society of St. Phillip's, the Woman's Club, and the PTA. She was Bertha Murphy of Nashua, New Hampshire, where she and Mr. LaChance were married on June 27, 1936.

A daughter, Anna Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. LaChance in Nashua, New Hampshire on February 11, 1945. She is now a member of the Student Council at Belle Glade High School and is currently "Miss Sophomore."

W. ROSCELLE WILSON

One of the early growers of sweet corn in the Everglades, and at present one of the largest growers of that vegetable in the area, is W. Roscelle Wilson, who came to Pahokee in 1927. He is president of W. R. Wilson and Sons Cooperative, organized in June, 1957, in which his brothers, L. B. and C. Frank Wilson, are also members.

They are sons of William J. Wilson, a farmer of Miller County, Georgia, who died during the influenza epidemic of 1918, and Ida Lee (Davis) Wilson, born in Miller County May 10, 1890, who is now Mrs. Ol Norton of Albany, Georgia.

W. R. Wilson was born in Miller County, Georgia, April 24, 1910, and attended the public schools of that county, finishing high school in 1926. He came to Lakeland, Florida, where he worked for Polk County Baking Company in the production department. In August, 1927, he came to Pahokee, working for Florida Power and Light Company in installation work, but soon afterwards went to work on the farm of his future father-in-law.

In 1936 he began farming for himself on a small piece of leased land, planting beans as his first crop. After that he built up his farm properties and today farms about 3,000 acres, which he leases. In 1954 he bought the first packing house of Pioneer Growers Cooperative, which had moved to other quarters, and now ships an average of 700,000 packages of vegetables, principally sweet corn, during the season. The Wilson operation includes a pre-cooler for preparing produce for shipment in its original fresh condition.

Mr. Wilson is a member of the Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, the Everglades District Farm Bureau, the Sugarcane Growers Cooperative of Florida (a charter member and director), and the Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association. From about 1952 to 1957 he operated the Wilson Ranch at Pahokee, raising commercial cattle.

Active in community life, he is a member of Elks Lodge #1638, Masonic Lodge #211, the First Baptist Church of Pahokee, and the PTA, in which his wife also is active. She is a member of the PEO Sisterhood and the Pahokee Garden Club.

Mrs. Wilson is Genevieve Hull, daughter of Walter G. and Lois (Clark) Hull (see sketch of Mr. Hull), and was born at Plant City June 21, 1919. She and Mr. Wilson were married at Okeechobee City, Florida, March 28, 1934. They have two sons, born in Pahokee:

1. Milton Hull Wilson, born September 28, 1935, who married Nora Jean Tripak of Okeechobee City.
2. Michael Terrance Wilson, born April 24, 1943.

Like most men, Mr. Wilson favors fishing and hunting as recreations.

J. R. (RUDY) FAULK

Although he has been in business for himself only since October, 1953, J. R. (Rudy) Faulk of Belle Glade is now one of the largest produce brokers in the Glades area. He has been awarded the highest ratings and highest respect in all the produce credit books. Originally in construction work, he has been a resident of the Pahokee-Belle Glade area since 1933, and worked for other growers for some ten years before establishing his own firm.

J. R. Faulk was born at Deason near Shelbyville, Tennessee, July 10, 1910. His father, J. Ben Faulk, was born at Bell Buckle, Tennessee, July 26, 1883, and died at Shelbyville November 23, 1956. He was a building contractor and farmer. Rudy's mother, Ollie Florence (Threet) Faulk, born on February 5, 1887, near Bell Buckle, Tennessee, in the Vannata Community, is living in Wartrace, Tennessee.

Rudy attended public school at Butler's Creek and Shelbyville, graduated from Brandon Memorial School at Wartrace, Tennessee, and attended Middle Tennessee State College at Murfreesboro.

For about two years he worked as assistant foreman in road construction for the State of Tennessee. On October 12, 1933, he arrived in Pahokee, Florida. He first worked in building construction and helped build one of the flood gates on the Hoover dike. In 1935 he bought lots and built a Sinclair service station, which he operated for about one year. In combination with the service station he operated a barbecue restaurant which was known as Rudy's Bar-B-Q and was a favorite eating place. The service station was sold to Sinclair Refining Company about 1942. From 1937 to 1943 Mr. Faulk was with the Florida State Road Department, first as an inspector and then as assistant superintendent of construction, over nine counties in South Florida.

His association with the produce business began in April, 1943, when he joined Max E. Beverly, Inc., in Pahokee. From 1948 to 1951 he was with the Wedgeworth Estate as sales manager; from 1951 to 1953, with the Chastain Company, a produce brokerage; and in October 1953 he organized his own company, J. R. Faulk Produce of Belle Glade. He is a buyer, broker, distributor and shipper of producer.

Mr. Faulk is a member of the Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, the United Fruit and Vegetable Association, The Glades Farm Bureau, the Tennessee Farm Bureau, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member and trustee of the Church of Christ at Belle Glade, in which he is greatly interested. He and his wife are members of the Belle Glade PTA and she belongs to the Woman's Club and the Garden Club. She is also a member of Omicron Chapter, Belle Glade, of the Fine Arts Sorority. Golfing, boating and fishing are Mr. Faulk's favorite recreational activities.

He was married at Pahokee May 10, 1936, to Anna Lee Boynton, daughter of Henry Grady and Katherine Elizabeth (Prine) Boynton, who was born at Bartow, Florida,

March 1, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Faulk have a daughter and a son, and one grandson.

1. Cline Elizabeth Faulk, born January 17, 1940, at West Palm Beach, married Horace Hartsell, and they have a son, Mark Edward Hartsell.

2. Thomas Grady Faulk was born June 24, 1952, at Belle Glade.

JUDGE THOMAS W. CONELY, JR.

Having completed twenty-eight years as County Judge of Okeechobee County, Thomas W. Conely, Jr., retired in January, 1957. This was the end of a long career of public service which included a term in the State Legislature, four years as prosecuting attorney, two terms as mayor of Okeechobee, and an earlier term as mayor of Marianna, Florida, the city of his birth.

Both Judge Conely's parents were natives of Florida. His father, Thomas W. Conely, son of John Conely, who came to Florida from North Carolina before the Civil War, was a successful merchant in Marianna, where he served as a member of the city council and was also a county commissioner of Jackson County. Judge Conely's mother was L.D.S. Abernathy, daughter of Meredith B. Abernathy, also from North Carolina, who settled in Marianna about the middle of the nineteenth century.

Born in Marianna December 22, 1892, Thomas W. Conely, Jr., attended the public schools of his community through high school and received his college education at Tri-State College in Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1913 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Turning to law as a profession, he studied in the office of John H. Carter, Sr., of Marianna, and in January, 1916, was admitted to the Florida State Bar; later admitted to practice before all Federal courts, the Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Enlisting in the United States Army in April, 1917, Thomas W. Conely served in the Engineers Corps with the First Division of the American Expeditionary Forces and was in France for two years, during which time he rose through the ranks from a private to a second lieutenant.

On his return from the Army he resumed the practice of law in Marianna. During this time he showed a keen interest in civic matters and an ability which led to his being elected mayor of Marianna in 1920. Moving to Okeechobee in 1921, he established his legal practice there and won recognition for his ability and leadership. He was elected mayor of Okeechobee in 1923 and served two terms in that office. In 1926 he was elected to represent Okeechobee County in the State Legislature. From 1928 to 1932 he was prosecuting attorney for Okeechobee County. On the basis of his accomplishments up to that time, he was elected County Judge in 1932 and was re-elected each four years since then until his retirement in January, 1957.

Judge Conely is a member of the Okeechobee County, the Florida State, and the American Bar Associations, and has been a vice-president of the Twenty-first Judicial District of Florida. An active political figure in the past, he has served as secretary and chairman of the Florida State Democratic Executive Committee. During World War II he served on the Selective Service Board and for seven years was chairman of the Okeechobee Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is an honorary member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, an honorary Chapter Farmer of Future Farmers of America, a life member of the Okeechobee Post of the American Legion, past Master of Masonic Lodge #237, past Worthy Patron of Chapter #128 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and president of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Church of Okeechobee, in which he has been a teacher of Men's Sunday School class for the last seven or eight years.

On June 19, 1938, at Quincy, Florida, Thomas W. Conely, Jr., married Martha Godard of Quincy, a descendant of Jefferson Davis, Confederate States President. Mrs. Conely is a graduate of Florida Women's College with a Bachelor degree in Home Economics, and has been a teacher in Florida public schools. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority. Judge and Mrs. Conely are the parents of three children:

1. Thomas W., III, born September 8 ,1940.
2. Fain Godard, born June 25, 1944.
3. Martha Sue, born January 12, 1948.

CURTIS A. THOMPSON

One of the early farmers to operate on a large scale in the Belle Glade area, Curtis A. Thompson has been connected with the produce business there since 1927, but in recent years has confined his activities to shipping and brokerage. He ships between seven and eight hundred thousand packages a season.

Son of J. T. and Virginia (Singletary) Thompson, he was born at Ochlocknee, Georgia, November 16, 1898. Both his parents were born near Ochlocknee, his father on July 28, 1857. He was a farmer in Georgia and died in November, 1947. After graduating from Ochlocknee High School, young Thompson worked in the police department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in Waycross, Georgia.

In June, 1924, he came to Miami and got into the land-fill contracting business. About a year later he began the manufacture of concrete blocks in Miami under the name of C. A. Thompson Block Company. Following the collapse of the boom, he moved to Belle Glade in the fall of 1927 and began farming, raising mostly beans. Two years later he joined P. C. Keesee in the produce packing house and brokerage business and was with him until 1940, when he established his own produce business as C. A. Thompson and Company, Inc. After operating independently for fifteen years, he sold out to Harold Rabin and Company in 1955 and remained inactive for a couple of years. In the fall of 1957 he formed the Belle Produce Company at Belle Glade, a brokerage and shipping business. He still farms in a small way.

Mr. Thompson is a member of Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716, the Rotary Club and the First Methodist Church of Belle Glade, in which he is a trustee and a past steward. Mrs. Thompson also is active in church affairs and in the local chapter of the PEO sisterhood. She is a past president of Belle Glade Woman's Club.

Formerly Ola Beatrice Chason, Mrs. Thompson is a daughter of John P. and Elizabeth Jane (Williams) Chason of Cairo, Georgia, where she was born January 28, 1899. The Thompsons were married at Miami, August 8, 1925. They have two sons, both born in West Palm Beach.

1. Curtis A. Thompson, Jr., born February 24, 1936, is a graduate of the University of Florida with a B.S.

Mr. & Mrs. Curtis A. Thompson & family

degree in Agriculture. He married Margaret Jane Morris of Belle Glade and they have a son, C. A. Thompson, III.

2. John Thomas Thompson, born November 26, 1937, attended the University of Florida for three years, majoring in Marketing.

Both sons are now working with their father in Belle Produce Company. John, having recently finished his term in military service, has returned to Belle Glade.

JOSEPH LOUIS MURPHY

Joseph Louis Murphy, cattleman of Belle Glade, was formerly a farmer in that area and for a total of twenty-eight years was employed by the Brown Company, lumber dealers and pulp and paper manufacturers of Quebec and New Hampshire and owners of the Brown Farm in Belle Glade.

Born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, January 27, 1899, he was educated at St. Sylvester's Good Shepherd Convent, St. Sylvester, Quebec, through the twelfth grade. Both his parents were natives of Quebec. His father, Luke H. Murphy, born November 18, 1864, was a farmer in Quebec, Canada. He moved to Nashua, New Hampshire, in 1935, was retired, and died February 23, 1961, in Nashua, New Hampshire, aged 96. Joseph's mother, Catherine (Horan) Murphy, was born in Quebec February 29, 1870, and died in Nashua November 15, 1945.

Finishing school in 1917, Mr. Murphy went to work for the Brown Company, first as a timekeeper, then as store clerk, timber scaler, timber estimator, accountant, and finished up as branch manager of the Brown Farm in Belle Glade, Florida.

He was sent to Belle Glade by the Brown Company in March, 1930, for a two-month period, and has been there ever since. When the Brown Farm changed hands, in 1947, he worked for the new owners for six months; then was associated in farming with I. L. Price, now secretary of Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, for five years, and for seven years after that farmed for himself. Two years ago he sold his farming interests and bought some land in the northern section of the Belle Glade area, where he began raising cattle, and now has a substantial herd. His is a breeding, raising and fattening operation, using a mixture of Black Angus, Hereford and Brangus cattle.

Mr. Murphy is a member of the Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association, a charter member of the Glade Livestock Auction Market Cooperative, charter member of Pioneer Growers Cooperative, and a director of the Florida National Bank at Belle Glade. In 1952 Governor McCarty appointed him to the Everglades Fire Control District, to which he was reappointed by acting Governor Johns and Governor Collins, and is now vice-chairman. A Democrat, he is a past precinct committeeman of Palm Beach County Precinct #41, located at Brown Farm. Mrs. Murphy also was a Democratic committeewoman for the Brown Farm precinct.

Mr. Murphy is a charter member and past trustee of Elks Lodge #1716 of Belle Glade, a member of the Knights of Columbus Chapter #2075 of West Palm Beach, a member of St. Philip's Catholic Church of Belle Glade and its Holy Name Society.

He was married in Jacksonville, Florida, June 17, 1938, to Susie Viola Hall, daughter of Martha Louise Stanphill and Green Andrew Hall, who was born at Red Bay, Alabama, July 6, 1905. Mrs. Murphy is active in the Belle Glade Woman's Club, the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and St. Philip's Altar Society. Her hobby is raising flowers, while Mr. Murphy's favorite pastime is fishing.

CLAUDE SIDNEY JONES

Son of an early settler of South Florida, Claude Sidney Jones has been practicing law in Belle Glade for the past ten years and is now City Attorney for Belle Glade and South Bay. He served as Municipal Judge of Belle Glade in 1951.

His father, Sidney Albert Johnston Jones, was born in Robison County, North Carolina, September 25, 1859, and came to Florida about 1898, settling first in Live Oak. He was a farmer in Pahokee and a charter member of the First Baptist Church there. He died in St. Augustine December 26, 1938. Claude's mother was Lucy Sylvia Green, who was born at Salem, Taylor County, Florida, August 29, 1881, and died at Pahokee on June 14, 1944.

Born at Pahokee August 31, 1922, Claude S. Jones graduated from Pahokee High School in 1942. During his senior year in high school he was State President of Florida Future Farmers of America, and previous to that (about 1940) was chosen as "Commissioner of Agriculture" in the first Boys' State of Florida.

On December 6, 1942, he entered the United States Navy and served as radar operator in Argus Unit 7 and aboard the USS Humphries, taking part in four sea battles and one island battle in the Pacific, and was separated January 3, 1946, as Petty Officer first class. From February, 1946, until June, 1947, he was Veterans Service Officer for the Everglades district.

Entering the University of Miami in 1947, he was graduated in February, 1951, with the LL.B. degree and began a private practice of law in Belle Glade on March 1, 1951. On January 1, 1961, he entered a partnership with Edward F. Allen and Robert E. Matthews, Jr., under the firm name of Allen, Jones and Matthews, and is engaged in the general practice of law in all Florida courts and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and the Florida Bar; a past director of the Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce of Belle Glade; past Adjutant of the Pahokee American Legion Post; a member of Elks Lodge #716, and of the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade.

He was married at Hialeah, Florida, February 10, 1946, to Doris Evelyn Jordan, who was born at Royston, Georgia, July 2, 1923, a daughter of Reverend Samuel Burney Jordan, a Baptist minister, born March 1, 1889, and Evelyn Sammons Jordan, born September 11, 1896. She is a direct descendant of Samuel Jordan who was a member of the first House of Burgesses, the Legislature in the early Jamestown settlement of Virginia. She graduated from Pahokee High School in 1941, attended Mars Hills College, North Carolina, from 1941 to 1943, and Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, from 1943 to 1945, graduating with an A.B. degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of three children:

1. Claude Sidney Jones, Jr., born December 22, 1946, at West Palm Beach, Florida.

2. Arthur Jordan Jones, born July 30, 1949, at Wauchula, Florida.

3. Lucy Evelyn Jones, born September 7, 1952, at Pahokee, Florida.

MILTON THEODORE BURRY

President of Agricultural Insecticides Company, Inc., of Belle Glade, Milton T. Burry is a native of Florida and has been engaged in related agricultural pursuits all of his business career.

Born at Orange Lake, Marion County, June 4, 1911, he is a son of Daniel Henry and Minnie C. (King) Burry. His father was a merchant at Orange Lake. Educated in the schools of Marion County and Alachua County, he graduated from Micanopy High School in 1929, and went to work for Christian-Neal Produce Company of McIntosh, Florida. When this company broke up he stayed on with W. E. Christian Company. In 1943 he went to Homestead, Florida, with Kilgore Seed Company and soon afterwards was transferred to their Belle Glade store, where he was made manager about two years later.

After some thirteen years with Kilgore Seed Company, in October of 1958, Mr. Burry and William Milton Douglas formed a partnership and purchased the Agricultural Insecticide Company at Belle Glade, which had been established in 1934 by Mr. Reidel and Mr. Nash. They manufacture insecticides, including Mineralite, a plant spray, originated by them, which has met with great success. Plans are under way for introducing it all over the nation. The company employs nine persons.

In 1959, Mr. Burry and Mr. Douglas organized M & M Farm Supply Company, of which Mr. Douglas is president and Mr. Burry secretary-treasurer. They handle general farm equipment and at the present time are operating a machine, built under the supervision of the Extension Department of the University of Florida, for the heat treatment of cabbage seed to prevent seed-borne diseases. This is the first and only such machine in South Florida at this time.

Mr. Burry is a member of the Florida Seedsmen and Garden Supply Dealers Association, an honorary Chapter Farmer of Future Farmers of America, secretary-treasurer of the Palm Beach County Hospital Board, past president of the Belle Glade Parent-Teacher Association, past president and a charter member of the Belle Glade Civitan Club, and is very much interested in the club's project, a school for exceptional children at Pahokee. He is also a member of the First Methodist Church of Belle Glade and past chairman of its Official Board of Stewards. Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports.

On January 1, 1932, he married Ivah Louise Gale of Belleview, Florida, who died August 30, 1955. She was the mother of his two children:

1. Allan J. Burry, born February 27, 1934, at Ocala, who married Evelyn Moll of Tampa.

2. Winifred Louise Burry, born September 26, 1936, at Orange Lake, Florida, who married Earl F. Adams, II, of Palm Beach, Fla.

On January 25, 1957, Mr. Burry married, at Belle Glade, Uceba Jones Caruthers, who was born December 23, 1913, at Boynton, Florida, daughter of Sidney A. J. and Lucy S. (Green) Jones.

WILLIAM MILTON DOUGLAS

President of M & M Farm Supply Company and secretary-treasurer of Agricultural Insecticides Company, Inc., both of Belle Glade, William M. Douglas was born in Columbia County, Florida, at Lulu, on May 31, 1918, son of Charles L. Douglas, a rural mail carrier, and Lola R. Markham.

Following his graduation from Lake City High School in 1936, he went to work for Kilgore Seed Company at Belle Glade until he entered the United States Army in July, 1943. He served in the Second Infantry Division, 38th Infantry Regiment, as an 81-mm mortar observer, taking part in three major campaigns, and was discharged in February, 1945, as a staff sergeant.

Returning from the Army, he became manager of the Pahokee store of Kilgore Seed Company and was there until, in 1958, he and Mr. Milton Burry formed a partnership and bought out Agricultural Insecticides Company at Belle Glade. This firm was established in 1934 by Mr. Reidel and Mr. Nash. It manufactures insecticides and under the present management has originated a plant spray called Mineralite which has met with great success. Plans are under way for introducing this product on a nation-wide scale.

In 1959, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Burry organized the M & M Farm Supply Company with Mr. Douglas as president and Mr. Burry as secretary-treasurer. In addition to selling general farm equipment, they are operating at the present time a machine for the heat treatment of cabbage seed to prevent seed-borne diseases. This machine, built under the supervision of the Extension Department of the University of Florida, is the first and, so far, the only one of its kind in South Florida.

Mr. Douglas is a member of the Agricultural Stabilization Committee under the United States Department of Agriculture, a member of Florida Seedsmen and Garden Supply Dealers Association, an honorary Chapter Farmer of Future Farmers of America, secretary-treasurer of Northwest Palm Beach County Hospital Board, a member of Elks Lodge #1638 of Pahokee, a member of Delray Beach Power Squadron, and of the First Baptist Church of Pahokee. Fishing and boating are his choices for recreation.

He was married at Bartow, Florida, July 6, 1940, to Ruth Andrews, daughter of Raymond W. and Sarah (Kennedy) Andrews, who was born at Glenwood, Alabama, March 16, 1921. They have four children:

1. Dianne, born August 31, 1943, at West Palm Beach.
2. Linda Ruth, born December 30, 1947, at Pahokee.
3. Theresa Gale, born August 23, 1952, at Pahokee.
4. William Milton, Jr., born July 29, 1954, at Pahokee.

Mrs. Douglas is active in church circles, in the PTA and in the Girl Scouts.

SARA LEE CREECH

A member of a pioneer family of Belle Glade and the whole Lake Okeechobee area is Sara Lee Creech, herself a devoted civic and social worker as well as business woman, conducting a general insurance agency and a flower shop.

Daughter of Louis Thomas Creech, Sr., and Mary Araminta Young, she was born in Brooks County, Georgia, near Quitman, on May 2, 1916. Her father was born at Quitman, Georgia, October 26, 1861, and died at Lake Worth, Florida, July 16, 1940. He was a farmer and merchant in Georgia. Her mother, born in the settlement of Troupeville, in Lowndes County, Georgia, August 22, 1872, is living with her daughter in Belle Glade.

For her first year of schooling Miss Creech attended a one-room schoolhouse on Ritta Island in the south

end of Lake Okeechobee. Her teacher was a Miss Snyder. In the spring of 1923 Mrs. Creech became Dean of Girls and Dietitian at the Tenth District A. & M. School in Sparta, Georgia, a part of the University of Georgia system. Sara Lee attended public school in Sparta. Returning to Belle Glade, she graduated from Pahokee High School in 1935.

In the summer of 1938 she passed her state examination as a general insurance agent and has been carrying on this business since then. In 1946 she and her mother, who was then in her seventies, and wanted something to occupy her time, started growing plants and flowers. As there was no florist in Belle Glade at that time, their hobby evolved into the present florist business, "Flowers by Creech." Miss Creech is a member of the Florist Telegraph Delivery Association and the Florida State Florists Association.

An idea of her prominence in civic and social affairs may be gained by the following list of her memberships and offices held. She is a past member of the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee; served ten years on the Belle Glade Planning and Zoning Board; and is past chairman of the Municipal Swimming Pool Committee. The pool was built during her tenure of office. She is a member of the Palm Beach Chapter of the United Nations Association; a charter member and past president of the Belle Glade Interracial Council; a past director of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; past president of the Florida Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and past editor of its official magazine, the Florida Business Woman. She is a member of Belle Glade Chapter #197 of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Belle Glade Community Methodist Church and its Committee of Christian Social Concerns, and a past member of the Official Board of Stewards of this church.

In connection with her inter-racial social work, Miss Creech is the originator of the Saralee doll, the first Negro doll made from anthropologically correct sculptured heads, which were modeled by the nationally known sculptress, Sheila Burlingame, from photographs of Negro children taken by Miss Creech. Previously the only Negro dolls available were white dolls painted black or brown, or caricature dolls of the "mammy" and "pickaninny" type. The project claimed national attention, with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Bernard Baruch and Dr. Ralph Bunche drawn into the act, and won a full-page picture display and story in the Sunday St. Louis Post-Dispatch of November 11, 1951, as well as in Life magazine, Newsweek, New York Times and New York Herald Tribune.

Miss Creech's uncle, William Briggs Young, came from Brooks County, Georgia, to Moorehaven, Florida, about 1913 and bought the first section of land in that area to be used for farming purposes. Although he never held office, he was active in politics. An older brother of Miss Creech, R. Y. Creech, Sr., after serving in World War I (he went in as a bugler and came out a captain), came to the Glades in the fall of 1919 and began farming with his uncle. He was a pioneer farmer in the area west and south of Lake Okeechobee, where he tried all sorts of crops without any assistance, such as the present day experimental stations, and became a very successful farmer. He was one of the original organizers of Pioneer Growers, Inc., now Pioneer Growers Cooperative, but on retiring sold his interest. Active in many civic affairs, he was a councilman of the City of Belle Glade and helped organize the American Legion Post there, which was such a help in the 1928 hurricane. He is now living in retirement at Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

A younger brother, Louis Thomas Creech, Jr., came from Georgia a year or two later and joined his brother and uncle in farming. Soon afterwards he became one of the first produce brokers in the area. He was one of the incorporators of the City of Belle Glade on April 10, 1928, and served as a councilman. He died at Belle Glade May 9, 1938.

ZIBE KING WILLIAMS

Named for the "Cattle King of South Florida," Ziba King, who was a close friend of his grandfather, John Collier, Zibe King Williams of Okeechobee is keeping up the cattleman tradition in his family. On his two ranches in Okeechobee County he has about 12,000 head of cattle. He recently sold 1,000 head of Florida "cracker" steers for use in the filming of "Red River," a Western movie starring John Wayne. Both Mr. Williams and his wife are second-generation Floridians.

His maternal grandfather, John Collier, born June 22, 1853, came from Valdosta, Georgia, with his parents and homesteaded in the Crewsville area of what is now Hardee County, where they were early citrus growers and became cattlemen on a large scale. Grandfather Collier got his start in cattle-raising by rounding up unbranded cattle roaming over what is known as the "90-mile Prairie" in southeast Hardee County, adjoining Highlands and DeSoto counties.

Zibe's mother, Sallie Collier Williams, was born at Crewsville March 1, 1875, and is living in Sebring, now close to her 86th birthday. His father, Fitz Hugh Williams, was born in Rome, Georgia, October 15, 1870, and died at Sebring, Florida, December 4, 1944. Before he became a cattleman he was a builder. He designed and built the DeSoto County Courthouse at Arcadia and at one time was president of the Citizens Bank of Zolfo Springs.

Born at Crewsville, Florida, January 15, 1902, Zibe King Williams attended the public schools of his community and graduated from Wauchula High School in 1919. He attended three summer sessions at the University of Florida, then studied banking at the Tampa Business College, graduating in 1923. The next three years he spent in South America with United Fruit Company as a cost accountant.

On returning from South America he went into the cattle business with his father in Crewsville. In 1940 he moved to Okeechobee as manager of "101 Ranch" and after his father's death continued there as manager of the ranch and executor of the estate. About seven years ago, with his wife as a partner, he started a separate ranch called "J Box," located in the southwestern part of Okeechobee County. Both ranches have commercial cattle but J Box ranch uses mostly Brahman bulls. They are raisers of cattle—they sell the steers to feeders and fatteners of cattle. Zibe Williams and his father were among the first in Florida to plant improved pasture grasses.

Mr. Williams is a charter member and past secretary of the Okeechobee County Cattlemen's Association, a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association and of the Florida Farm Bureau. He is an organizer and has been a director most of the time of the Okeechobee County Chamber of Commerce, which he served as

Eva Mae Williams

Zike King Williams

secretary for a while in the beginning. Through the Chamber of Commerce he is interested in bringing industry to the area and in the betterment of the county and city.

He is a member and co-chairman of the Okeechobee County Democratic Committee; Okeechobee County representative to the Selective Service Board; served two years on the Florida Safety Council, to which he was appointed by Acting Governor Charlie Johns; and is a member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. A charter member of the Okeechobee Rotary Club, he was its secretary for years. He is also a charter member and past president of the Civic Club, a charter member of the Boat Club, and a member of the Methodist Church, all of Okeechobee. An active Mason, he was three times Master of Lodge #237, F. & A. M., and belongs to Lake Worth Consistory and Bahia Temple Shrine. He is also a past Patron of Okeechobee Chapter #128 of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which his wife is very active. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams enjoy hunting and fishing outings.

They were married in Sebring May 6, 1927. Mrs. Williams was Eva Mae Whidden, born in Avon Park September 19, 1908, daughter of Rev. Walter R. Whidden, a minister of the Church of God, who was born in Spring Valley, Florida, July 1, 1887, and died at Sebring September 12, 1957. Her mother, Nellie Morgan Whidden, was born at Midway, Florida, February 10, 1887, and is living at Lake Placid, Florida.

Mrs. Williams is a past Matron of Chapter #128, O.E.S., twice past Grand Instructor of District #26, and past Grand Electa of Florida Grand Chapter. She is also a charter member and past president of Okeechobee Woman's Club; past president of the Board of the Dunklin Rest Home; past president of the PTA of St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties; and now chairman of the Okeechobee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of six children:

1. Haynes E. Williams, born February 25, 1928, in Crewsville.

2. William Henry Williams, born November 9, 1930, Crewsville.

3. Eva Grace (Mrs. Joel Taylor), born June 19, 1937, Sebring.

4. Wanda Sue, born November 8, 1942, at Fort Pierce.

5 Mary Helen, born July 2, 1944, at Fort Pierce.

6. Betty Louise, born February 16, 1947, at Sebring.

The sons are both cattlemen, having been started off by their father with their own cattle and land in the area north of Okeechobee City. Both are graduates of the University of Florida, School of Agriculture. Haynes is now Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County.

NATHAN BOLTON

Nathan Bolton, cattleman of Lake Harbor, has been a resident of that locality since 1945 and was engaged in a farming operation until a few years ago, when he turned his farmland into pasture and began raising a commercial herd of cattle.

He was born in Morgan, Georgia, May 1, 1906, son of James Nathan Bolton, a Georgia farmer, and Birchie (Summerford) Bolton. Educated in the public schools of Georgia, he graduated from Terrell County High School in 1923 and took further studies in mechanics and electricity at Macon Vocational School.

He was a member of the Dawson, Georgia, Fire Department when he met and married his wife, who was Gladys Vernue Frazier, born June 29, 1909, in Terrell County, Georgia, where she graduated from high school in 1926. She is a daughter of W. T. ("Jack") and Willie (Scott) Frazier. She and Mr. Bolton were married February 1, 1931, at Dothan, Alabama.

Three or four years after they were married Mr. Bolton began farming in Terrell County, Georgia, and continued until about 1939. For the next two years he worked as an electrician at several military airbases. Very early in World War II he enlisted in the United States Navy and served until shortly before the war's end in a Construction Battalion (Seabees) in the Pacific as electrician's mate first class, having turned down a commission.

When he returned from the Navy in 1945 he moved to Lake Harbor, Florida. There he farmed, raising beans, cabbage and other leafy vegetables, until 1958, when he went in for cattle raising. He uses mostly Santa Gertrudis breeding stock and markets his cattle at the Glades Livestock Market. He is a member of the Glades Farm Bureau.

Mr. Bolton attends the Belle Glade Methodist Church, while Mrs. Bolton attends the First Baptist Church at Lake Harbor, which she has served as treasurer, clerk and Sunday School teacher. Since 1950 she has been bookkeeper for Mr. C. A. Thomas, president of South Bay Growers, Inc. Her pet civic project is the Heart Fund Drive, in which she has worked since it was organized in the Glades area.

WILLIAM JAMES ADAMS
SELMA ADAMS TUMBLESTON

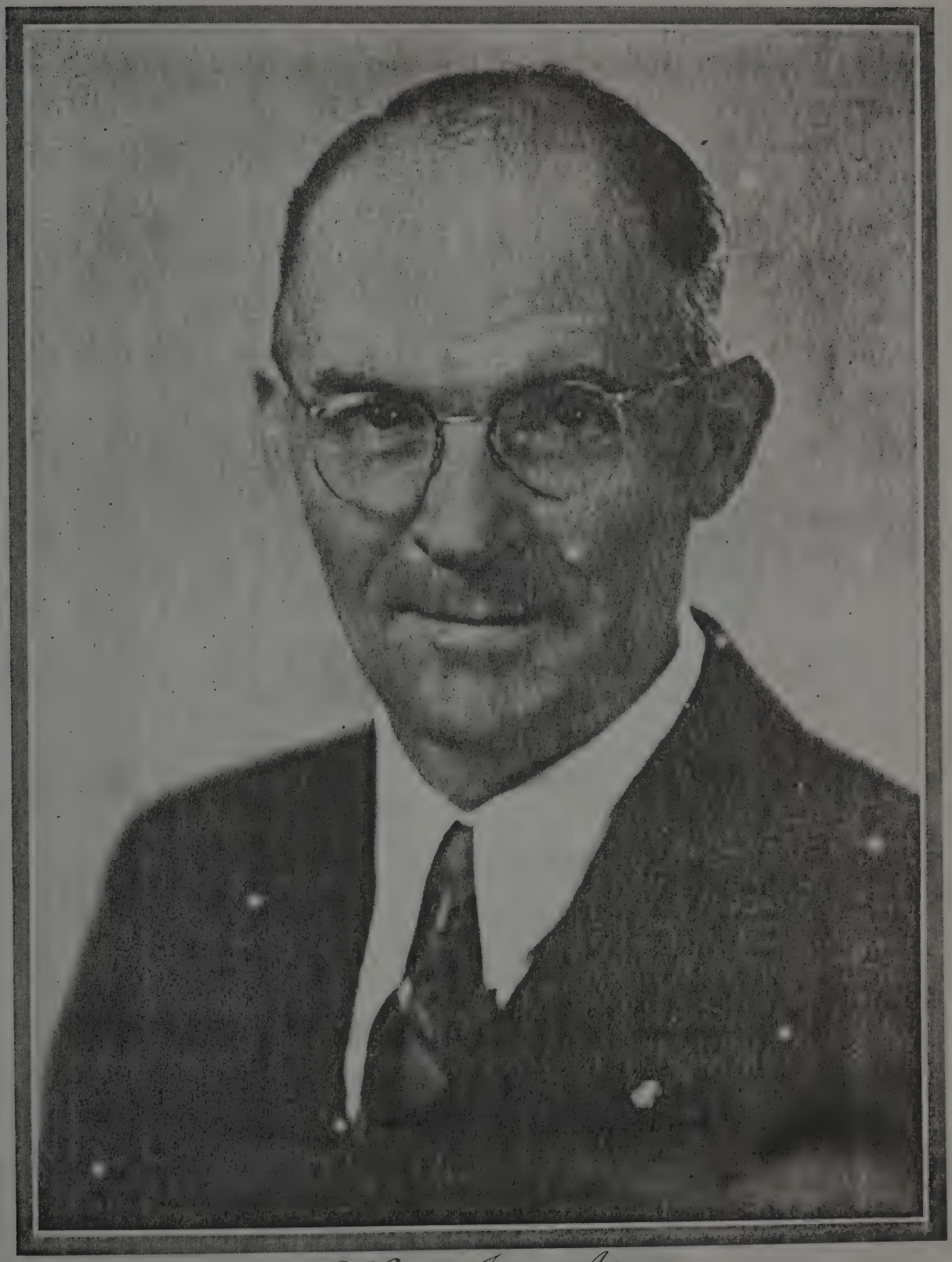
The J and S Fish Camp and Restaurant on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee for many years has been widely known for its famous catfish and hushpuppy dinners, and at the time it started operation was the only restaurant specializing in these. They served as much as 300 pounds of catfish a day—to prominent people from all over the United States in many walks of life. The proprietors and originators, Jim and Selma Adams, had previously operated various enterprises in West Palm Beach and Lake Worth since 1930.

William James Adams, son of Sidney J. and Mamie (Clark) Adams, was born in Suwannee County, Florida, November 24, 1888. His father was a merchant in Mayo, Florida, and was Mayor of Mayo at the time of his death.

Selma Newton, daughter of William J. and Leathe (Lovell) Newton, was born in St. Clair County, Alabama, July 29, 1904. Her father was a carpenter and farmer in Texas and Alabama. She was educated in the public schools of Odenville, near Birmingham, Alabama.

William James Adams and Selma Newton were married June 26, 1930. From 1930 to 1945 they owned a grocery store and meat market in West Palm Beach and at the same time operated Florida Sugar Distributors wholesale store. Before moving out to Lake Okeechobee they operated businesses at the J and S (Adams) Corner, Lake Worth Road and Military Trail.

In May, 1945, they bought about 100 acres on the shore of Lake Okeechobee, developed canals leading



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to the Lake and started operating the J and S. It had been Mr. Adams' intention to retire when he came to Lake Okeechobee, but he was not a man who could ignore the opportunities of this area. He worked hard in the business during the week, but on Sunday he liked to sit and whittle and talk with people who stopped at the place. He made many beautiful wood carvings, one of which was a gavel which he presented to the Masonic Lodge in Scotland.

He was widely known for his "cracker" philosophy and wrote many poems, both philosophical and humorous, some of which were published in newspapers and magazines. Perhaps the most famous is "This Place That I Run," describing the many different personalities that he met in his business. He went out of his way to help anyone who needed help—an old friend, or someone whom he had never met. His sudden death on June 16, 1954, was a great shock.

He was a member of the Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association; a Democratic precinct committeeman of Precinct #42, Palm Beach County; a 32nd degree Mason of Lake Worth Lodge #245 and a member of Pahokee Rotary. He and Mrs. Adams were members of Calvary Methodist Church of Mayo.

Mr. Adams was the father of three children: Carlton James Adams of Miami, Sidney Burwick Adams of Delray Beach, and June Adams Reeder of Jacksonville.

Selma Adams married Harold J. Tumbleston on June 21, 1960. She and her husband are now breaking ground for a sixteen-unit motel, to be called Selma's Motel, and a restaurant is also in the plans for the future. The location is U.S. 441 and Highway 98, midway between Okeechobee and Canal Point on the shore of the Lake. The Tumblestons' hobby is a cattle ranch near their home, where they raise Herefords and Black Angus.

Mrs. Tumbleston is a member of the Independent Home Merchants Association of Florida, a past member of Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Lake Worth Chapter #111 of the Eastern Star. She now attends the First Baptist Church at Indiantown with her husband.

JAMES WARREN REPPER

Cattleman and farmer of Canal Point, James Warren Repper came to Pahokee, Florida, when he was eighteen and fresh out of high school in Orbisonia, Pennsylvania, where he was born June 20, 1913. His parents, Arthur J. (born May 8, 1872, died April 14, 1941) and Annie Miller Repper (born January 31, 1874, died March 5, 1929), both lived and died in Orbisonia, where his father was a farmer. Graduating from high school in 1931, he arrived in Pahokee the following January 3, 1932, and went to work for Glades Truck and Tractor Company.

On June 20, 1935, at Clewiston, Florida, he married Novella Valeria Connell, who was born at Waukeenah, Jefferson County, Florida, August 15, 1912. Her parents, also, are natives of Florida. Her father, David T. Connell, was born at Waukeenah August 10, 1885, and died at Canal Point May 25, 1960. Her mother, Mabel Smith Connell, was born at Lamont in Jefferson county, Florida, May 7, 1892, and is living at Canal Point.

After his marriage in 1935 James Repper helped his father-in-law in his grocery store, D. T. Connell"s, which was opened in 1931 in Tedderville, a settlement north of Canal Point, where the store is now located. Also at this time, he began to farm for himself. He started raising cattle in 1951 and has a commercial herd, using Black Angus bulls. His ranch and farm are a mile north of Canal Point. This year, like some others in the Glades area, he has begun to raise sugar cane, and has planted seed beds for 100 acres.

Mr. Repper has two brothers who settled in the vicinity—Joseph at Canal Point and John L. at Pahokee. A sister, Mrs. Grace Corbin, lives in the old home town, Orbisonia, Pennsylvania. With some help from himself and his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Connell, operates the grocery store, which sells general merchandise as well as groceries. The family also operates a Shell Oil station. Last year Mr. Connell received a plaque from the company in appreciation for ten years of friendly business relations.

He is secretary and director of the Everglades Farm Bureau, secretary and past president of Lake Okeechobee Farmers Cooperative, past vice-president and now secretary of Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association, a member of the Glades Livestock Market, past president and an honorary member of Pahokee Chapter of Future Farmers of America. Active in the Lions, he is a charter member and past president of the Canal Point Lions Club and Deputy District Governor of the 35th District of Lions International of Florida. He is assistant Scout Master of Canal Point Boy Scout Troop #24 and both he and his wife are very much interested in the Canal Point PTA. It was through Mrs. Repper's efforts that drinking fountains were installed in the Canal Point School.

During World War II Mr. Pepper worked at Morrison Field, now Palm Beach International Airport, for the Air Transport Command in a Civil Service capacity. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Pahokee, while Mrs. Repper is active in the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Canal Point, where she teaches Sunday School. Fishing, hunting and water skiing are Mr. Repper's favorite sports.

A son, James Warren Repper, Jr., was born October 30, 1941, at West Palm Beach. He won the Florida State Star Farmer award of the Pahokee Chapter of FFA in 1959 and is now a candidate for the American Farm award to be presented this coming summer (1961) in Kansas City, Missouri. He is a past president and past treasurer of the FFA at Pahokee and is charter president of the Palm Beach County Junior Cattlemen's Association.

HENRY ALEXANDER BRADDOCK

A pioneer of Miami and of the Belle Glade district, Henry Alexander Braddock had much to do with the founding and development of the thriving packing house business of Florida's most bountiful farming area.

Born in Crescent City, Florida, December 2, 1864, he was a son of Aldridge Braddock, cattleman and orange grower, and Winifred (Haddock) Braddock, both from King's Ferry, Florida, on the St. Mary's River. His education was received in the elementary school at Crescent City. At New Smyrna, Florida, on August 22, 1894, he married Bertha Elizabeth Lee, who was born at New Smyrna April 27, 1877, daughter of William Washington Lee and Dorina Elizabeth (Mitchell) Lee, both natives of Hawkinsville, Georgia.

In October 1895 Henry Braddock moved to Miami with his wife and baby. On twenty acres of land which he soon purchased, where the Riverside Bank is now

Henry Alexander Braddock *Bertha E. Lee Braddock*

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located, he pitched a tent and lived there for eight months. During this time the family experienced their first hurricane. Throughout the night as the storm raged, Henry kept running outside to tighten the tent, which was tied to huge rocks. As a precaution against the possible collapse of the tent, he placed his wife and baby under a table.

There were only three houses in Miami when Henry Braddock arrived there. These belonged to the Brickells, the Tuttles, and Frederick B. Morse, the first Florida East Coast agent in Miami. It was from Mr. Morse that Braddock purchased his land, and he paid for it partly out of the wages he earned crushing rock and building a pathway from the sand road to the Morse home. For this work Mr. Morse paid him $1.50 a day, half of which he returned as payment on the land, retaining 75c for the living expenses of himself and family.

Quick to realize the potential of land in the Miami area, he bought up more and more land in the Allapattah district. When he moved his family from the tent, it was into a two-story house which he got from J. E. Lummus in exchange for a gold Waltham watch —even trade! Shortly before the death of Mr. Lummus, a few years ago, on an occasion when the Braddocks were visiting him, he pulled the old watch out of his pocket. It was still running.

Henry Braddock made his first thousand dollars growing tomatoes at Cutler's Ridge, and with the money bought milk cows and went into the dairy business in Miami. At one time he furnished milk to the entire city of Miami from his dairy of seven cows.

The Braddocks had eleven children, including a pair of twins; the first child born in New Smyrna, the others in Miami. Raising a family of that size without any modern convenience such as we have today did not deter Bertha Lee Braddock, the mother of this family, from riding her bicycle (with her youngest child in the basket) one day a week into the city, a distance of three miles, to take piano lessons at the Miami Conservatory of Music, located near the Bay, which was conducted by Franklin Coleman Bush.

By 1913 the city had grown too crowded for a pioneer of Henry Braddock's calibre, and he began to look for new horizons. At that time he was hunting up in the wild, virgin, "custard apple" country on Torry Island in Lake Okeechobee. He saw at once the inherent fertility of this land and the great potential of the area. After many contests with the State (which insisted that this was swamp and overflow land, belonging to the State, and therefore not subject to homesteading)—after numerous trips to Tallahassee, Gainesville (where the Federal Land Office was located), and Washington, D.C., Braddock finally procured a ruling declaring this Government land and subject to homesteading. All of this activity consumed several years. By this time other people, having learned of the value of the land and the struggle that was going on for the privilege of homesteading it, had moved in and settled the entire island, with the exception of eighty acres, which was all that was left for Mr. Braddock to homestead. Later he acquired additional acreage by purchase. This extremely fertile island, together with the other islands in the area, completely surrounded by Lake Okeechobee and protected from frost, has become known as the warmest farming land in the State of Florida, if not in the United States, and is now the center of a great farming business.

Henry Braddock built the first school in the Glades on Torry Island, procured a teacher, and populated the school with his own children. Although there had been opposition to establishing a school, other children began attending almost immediately. Soon a general store was established there, and a post office, which continued to serve the entire area until many years later, when a post office was established at Chosen, a small community on the canal bank on the mainland, about a mile from Torry Island, which was settled by a religious sect known as Dunkards. To the east of Chosen Mr. Braddock had bought 79 acres, and at that time deeded a lot from this tract with the understanding that it would be used for a post office.

Braddock envisioned a railroad and shipping point from which the produce of this bountiful land could be shipped, and to this end, when his prediction came true and the railroad was located right through his property, he launched the Belle Glade Terminal Subdivision, which has grown amazingly down through the years and has become the hub of the gigantic, hustling, thriving community known as the Packing House Area, where dozens of packing houses with all their attendant businesses, ice houses, precooling plants, brokers' and shippers' offices, etc., are located. Here on the numerous sidetracks are loaded the hundreds of carloads of fresh, cooled, iced vegetables which are picked up each day and night and started on their journey to the far corners of the country. Equally important are the truck loads moving out every hour of the day and night in great volume. This Terminal has become the center of millions of dollars worth of produce shipped out from a land whose potential has never yet been plumbed.

Here on the muck land lived for awhile a man of great vision with his feet solidly on the ground. Later he returned to his home in Miami, managed his properties there, and lived out his days. He died at the age of 83 years in Miami. He was a devout member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Braddock in order of age, are:

1. Clara Lucille, born August 15, 1895.
2. Henry Lee, born December 3, 1897, died in 1923.
3. Roscoe Lee, born October 24, 1899.
4. Edgar Allen, born July 18, 1901.
5. Stanley
   and
6. Rita Elizabeth, born July 15, 1903. Stanley died at nine months.
7. Felix Alexander, born August 28, 1904.
8. Grace Isabel, born January 12, 1906, died in 1938.
9. Henry Alexander, born October 21, 1909.
10. Virgil, born March 10, 1911.
11. Bertha Lee, born December 1, 1918.

ROSCOE BRADDOCK

Son of an early pioneer of Miami and Torry Island, Lake Okeechobee, Roscoe Braddock grew up in the latter area as a farmer and cattleman and became the leading organizer and driving force behind the establishment of the Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association and the Belle Glade Livestock Market. He is at present engaged in the operation of his "Rocking A" cattle ranch east of Belle Glade.

He was born in Miami, Florida, October 24, 1899. His parents, Henry Alexander Braddock and Bertha Elizabeth Lee, both well known families in American history, moved to Miami in October 1895.

Allene Sledge Braddock

Roscoe Lee Braddock

His father, was born and reared in Crescent City, Florida. His mother was born in New Smyrna, Florida. Her parents were William Washington Lee and Dorina Elizabeth (Mitchell) Lee, natives of Hawkinsville, Georgia.

Roscoe started life in a sparsely settled area, there being only three houses in Miami when his parents moved there, seeking new frontiers. He attended public school in Miami and spent his early years assisting his father in operating one of the first dairies in Miami.

When he was thirteen his pioneering parents, finding Miami growing so rapidly and becoming too crowded, began again to look for new frontiers. Traveling via canals fom Miami, they came into Lake Okeechobee and settled on Torry Island, where they homesteaded land and settled down for a while. Because of schoo' facilities for their eleven children, they continued to maintain their Miami residence, as well as their business and extensive properties, and moved by their cabin cruiser, appropriately named "The Stork", between Torry Island and Miami from season to season.

Upon settling on Torry Island and establishing a homestead, the strong, husky Braddock boys, six in all, under the direction of their father proceeded to dig with spade and shovel a channel, where the marina of the City of Bell Glade is now located, for their boats and barge to dock, on which they brought supplies from Miami. It was the pride of their pioneering father that on the rich, warm muck of Torry Island they could, if necessary, live indefinitely without any contact with the outside world. All types of water fowl and game and fish abounded in great numbers; and every type of vegetable and fruit necessary to a balanced diet could be grown by dropping the seed in the soil. Like a bonanza strike to a gold prospector was this Torry Island soil to a farmer.

Roscoe's father, being a far sighted man, bought up extensive properties in the area which is now Belle Glade before there were any roads, any town, and all travel was via canals. He predicted at that time that a railroad would surely be established there; and it came to pass, right through the center of his property.

At sixteen Roscoe entered the University of Florida, later attending Stetson University also. His parents continuing to live in Miami, he assumed the management of their Belle Glade and Torry Island properties.

In 1936 he married Allene Sledge of Monticello, Florida, daughter of James Amos and Harriet Amanda (Bishop) Sledge, whose families had settled in Jefferson County, Florida, in 1828. Two sons were born to the Braddocks: Henry Lee II and Roscoe Lee II. At this time (1961), Lee is in the service of the United States Army, having enlisted in the Infantry branch of the service as Second Lieutenant upon his graduation from Washington and Lee University. In June, 1960, he married Jeannie Egolf, of Chevy Chase, Maryland. They have one son, Henry Lee III. Roscoe II is attending the University of Georgia at Athens, where he is majoring in animal husbandry.

Mr. Braddock farmed on the famed Torry Island, growing winter vegetables for many years. Also, having raised cattle on the island as a teenaged boy, he could never get away from the idea that this area would make a fine cattle producing area; and to this end he pioneered the development of beef cattle and the proper grass pastures in the muck soil of Palm Beach County. His constant promotion of the idea induced others to become interested and branch out in the business as a side line in conjunction with growing vegetables, thus balancing the economy of the 'glades which, up to that time, had no summer growing crops, everything coming to a standstill as soon as the season was over in the spring, until fall, when the crops would again be planted for the winter markets. As the cattle business grew and developed, and as western Palm Beach County's potential in this area became more and more apparent, many farmers made the complete transition from vegetables to cattle.

At this time Mr. Braddock went about organizing the Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association and affiliating promptly with the State Association, serving as its president for several terms and continuing actively in the development of the Association. He made a study of livestock markets, knowing the great advantage of being able to market cattle locally, and envisioning the great future for cattlemen in Palm Beach County. To this end he promoted and was largely instrumental in getting established in Belle Glade the largest livestock market in the state.

Mr. Braddock is a charter member and past president of the Belle Glade Rotary Club, which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary recently. For fourteen years he has served as an executive of the Gulf Stream Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and down the years has contributed generously always of his talents, his time and his strength for the betterment of his community. He is a member of the First Baptist Church.

HENRY R. LAYFIELD

A retired farmer and rancher of Lake Harbor, Henry R. Layfield moved there with his bride thirty-three years ago, coming from Columbia County, Florida, near Fort White, where he was born April 8, 1900. His father, William B. Layfield, was born in Dooley County, Georgia, November 24, 1861, and came to Columbia County, Florida, when he was eighteen years old. He bought the usual homestead lot of 160 acres, which he sold later and bought 240 acres, on which he farmed and raised cattle. He died in July, 1937. Henry's mother was Lela Lee Mathis, a native of Columbia County. She died there March 22, 1941.

Henry received his general education in the country school at Midway, near Fort White, and then attended Vaughn's Busines College in Jacksonville. After farming on the family farm for about a year he went to work for Davis, Miller and Cobb Construction Company of Tampa as a road construction foreman.

On August 1, 1927, at Lake City, he married Maude Louise Scogin, daughter of J. S. and Louise E. (Johnson) Scogin. Mrs. Layfield was born in Birmingham, Alabama, October 16, 1906. They moved to Lake Harbor in January, 1928, and lived through the terrible hurricane of the following September, which took 1 836 lives in Florida and did $25,000,000 worth of damage.

Mr. Layfield began farming on his own, raising mostly beans and tomatoes. He was one of the first to design planting equipment for use in the muckland farming

operations. About 1949, he turned some of his farm land into improved pasture and began raising cattle, acquiring a herd of about 300 head of commercial cattle. He gave up farming in 1953, and in 1957, sold his land and cattle. In the year 1959, he worked with the United States Department of Agriculture in the screwworm-eradication program.

Interested in civic affairs, Mr. Layfield is a member of the Lake Harbor Civic Club and was a Democratic precinct committeeman for Precinct 40 of Palm Beach County. He is a Mason of Belle Glade Lodge #273 and a life member of Lake Worth Consistory. His wife is active in the Belle Glade Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Layfield is a member of the Tusteenuggee Methodist Church in the Fort White vicinity, to which his father belonged for more than 55 years. Both he and Mrs. Layfield like fishing and gardening.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Layfield at Lake Harbor:

1. Dorothy Larue Layfield (Mrs. W. R. Jeffries), born May 15, 1929. She has two boys, William Ross and John Robert.

2. James William Layfield, born February 24, 1932, who married Betty Smith of Cocoa, Florida.

3. Elizabeth Lee (Betty) Layfield (Mrs. James Herring), born June 30, 1933. She has two boys, James Marvin and Daniel Roy.

4. Mary Frances Layfield (Mrs. Bobby Enfinger), born August 27, 1939.

5. Nancy Ann Layfield, born December 23, 1943.

HERMAN HAMILTON WEDGWORTH

Although he spent less than eight of his thirty-seven years of life in Florida, Herman Hamilton Wedgworth deserves an honored place in the history of this state for his scientific accomplishments in the field of agriculture. The Everglades district in particular owes him a debt of gratitude. His benefits to that area include discoveries in relation to insecticides, fertilizers, irrigation, drainage, methods of planting, cultivation and harvesting, packing and marketing. An outstanding accomplishment which proved a boon to Everglades farmers was his discovery of a means of eradicating the disease known as "Yellow Spot", which attacked bean crops. Mr. Wedgworth was a studious man of fine education and splendid ability, a good business executive, and one who usually made a success of anything he turned his hand to.

Son of William Langford and Sally (Peel) Wedgworth, he was born September 3, 1901, in Lauderdale, Mississippi, where his mother is still living at this writing. Dad Wedgworth passed away March 19, 1960. Herman graduated from Mississippi State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1922 and earned his Master's degree in Agriculture at Michigan State College (now University) in 1924. He served on the Mississippi Plant Board as inspector and later as an associate plant pathologist; was an instructor in the Department of Plant Pathology at Cornell University for one year, and Research Assistant in Plant Pathology at Michigan State College from 1928 to 1930. In 1930 he was appointed Plant Pathologist for the University of Florida and was stationed at the Everglades Experiment Station near Belle Glade.

After two years of successful research work at the Experiment Station, Mr. Wedgworth resigned from that position and began farming for himself. This was in August 1932. That fall he started raising celery, and was the first to succeed in raising celery in the Everglades that would stand shipping to northern markets. Since then celery has become one of the principal crops raised there. He later raised beans, potatoes, cabbage, escarole, romaine and other leaf vegetables, beets and radishes. He was one of the first to start shipping cars of mixed vegetables, thereby supplying the needs of markets in southern states which did not call for full carloads of any one product.

At the time of his death, six years after he started farming, he owned about 2,000 acres of land, all dyked, ditched and irrigated with the most modern water-control machinery. With his packing house, which he started in 1936, and his fertilizer and insecticide plant, he was by far the largest operator in the area. His untimely death, on October 10, 1938, resulted from an accident during the installation of an ice machine in the packing house.

Mr. Wedgworth was a public spirited citizen who aided in all worthwhile civic works. He was a director of the Miami Credit Production Association, now Farmers' Credit Production Association; a member of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and of its advisory board, chairman of its Market Committee and a member of several other committees. He represented the Belle Glade community on the Committee of Vegetable Growers at a conference in Washington, D.C., shortly before his death. He was also a member of the Belle Glade Rotary Club; chairman of the board of trustees for the Community Methodist Church; a member of the American Society of Agronomy; of Phi Sigma and Sem Bot fraternal societies; a contributor to a number of scientific periodicals, and was listed in the Biographical Directory of American Men of Science. His biography also appears in Dovell's History of Florida.

At Eaton Rapids, Michigan, on June 23, 1923, Herman H. Wedgworth married Ruth Springer, whose biography accompanies this sketch. They became the parents of three children: Helen Jean, George Herman, and Barbara Ann. A member of a large family, Mr. Wedgworth was survived by five brothers and four sisters, as well as by his parents, wife and children. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, West Palm Beach.

RUTH SPRINGER WEDGWORTH

To men who are interested in Agriculture, the crescent of rich, black soil along the southern curve of Lake Okeechobee is just as fabulous as the Gold Coast development. This region grows more winter vegetables than any area in the world, and is the world's largest celery-growing area. Farming here is big business.

Principal owner and executive of a 4,500-acre farm in the Everglades is the unique distinction of Ruth Springer Wedgworth, who came to Belle Glade with her husband in 1930 and has carried on since she was widowed in 1938 (when her children were four, ten, and fourteen years old), and not only kept the farm and the family going but kept up with the dynamic growth and progress of the area. Mrs. Wedgworth has been honored by several awards and has won a place in "Who's Who of American Women" and in the forthcoming "Who's Who in Commerce and Industry."

She was born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, May 10, 1903, daughter of Minnie L. (Washburn) and Clarence

Ruth A. Wedgworth

Perry Springer. Both her parents were born in Eaton Rapids; her father on April 27, 1870, and her mother on September 21, 1871. Her father was treasurer of the township of Eaton Rapids for several years and was a merchant in Petrieville, Michigan.

Ruth Springer graduated from Eaton Rapids High School and attended Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State University, for two years, 1921-23. On June 23, 1923, she married Herman Hamilton Wedgworth of Lauderdale, Mississippi, whose biography appears under separate heading.

Ruth and Herman Wedgworth, with their two young children, came to Belle Glade, Florida, in April 1930. After two years in research work as plant pathologist at the Everglades Experiment Station, Mr. Wedgworth began farming, and had achieved a large measure of success before the tragic accident that resulted in his death on October 10, 1938. Mrs. Wedgworth, who had some experience in keeping books and in overseeing the work in the fields at times, took over the farming operations and brought the Wedgworth Farms to their present high peak of success.

All the farm land is in Palm Beach County. Of the 4,500 acres about 2,200 acres are used for growing vegetable crops; 1,700 acres is used as a ranch for a large herd of commercial cattle, and the remainder is rented. The cattle operation was started in 1942, when her son George had a 4H project in cattle. The principal crops raised now are celery, sweet corn, and leaf crops. The Wedgworth packing house pioneered with the first precooling plant in the area. Crated sweet corn, celery and other vegetables are passed slowly through a hydro cooling tank to remove field heat. They are then shipped in refrigerated cars to get them to market in top condition. Before pre-cooling and other problems were solved, sweet corn was not grown in the Everglades. Now more acreage in Palm Beach County is devoted to corn than to any other vegetable crop. Wedgworth Farms has also pioneered in the development of special equipment for growing and harvesting vegetable crops on the muck soil of the Everglades.

Mrs. Wedgworth is president of the three corporations which run her multiple business: Wedgworth Produce, Inc., Wedgworth Farms, Inc., and Wedgworth, Inc., the last named firm having to do with the fertilizer plant. Her son George is vice president of Wedgworth Produce, Inc. and Wedgworth, Inc. and secretary of Wedgworth Farms, Inc. The oldest daughter, Helen Jean, is vice president of Wedgworth Farms, Inc. and secretary of the other two firms. The younger daughter, Barbara, is treasurer of all three corporations.

Mrs. Wedgworth is a past director of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, 1943 to 1947, and in 1958 was given the distinguished service award of this association. She was chosen as one of the "Women Who Make Florida" in the early 1940's by the Miami Herald, and in 1947 was named "Woman of the Year" by the Progressive Farmers of the Southern States. She also received the Farmers Award of the Honorary Chapter of Future Farmers of America, and the Belle Glade Lions Club award. She is one of the few women who are honorary members of Lions International.

In October 1960 she was elected President of the State Horticultural Society—the first woman to be elected to this office in the 73 years of the society's history.

Mrs. Wedgworth finds time for the following business, civic, and social activities. She is a director of Florida National Bank of Belle Glade, secretary of Seminole Life Insurance Company, West Palm Beach, chairman of the Highland Glades Drainage District, and was a member of Governor Collins's Committee on Migrant Workers. From 1940 to 1947 she was a member of Palm Beach County Hospital District, and from 1944 to 1947 a member of the Florida Committee on Education. From 1947 to 1952 she served on the County School Board, finishing out the term of George Taylor, plus a full four-year term. She is a member of the Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association, a member and served as first president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, a member of the Garden Club and the P.E.O. sisterhood, an honorary member of Beta Sigma Phi International, and a steward and Sunday School teacher in the Belle Glade Community Methodist Church.

Helen Jean (Wedgworth) Boynton, born in Lansing, Michigan, in 1924, is married to Joe T. Boynton, president of Seminole Life Insurance Company of West Palm Beach. They have four children: Wayne, Bruce, Kathy, and Laura Sue.

Barbara Ann Wedgworth was born in Belle Glade, Florida, in 1934. She is a school teacher in West Palm Beach.

The story of George Herman Wedgworth, second child and only son of the Wedgworths, who was born in Starkville, Mississippi, in 1928, follows in a separate sketch.

GEORGE HERMAN WEDGWORTH

As the son of two very able and distinguished pioneers in the field of agriculture, George Herman Wedgworth of Belle Glade has logically assumed a position of leadership in agricultural activities and organizations, both state and national.

He was born in Starkville, Mississippi, October 6, 1928, son of Herman Hamilton and Ruth Springer Wedgworth (whose biographies precede), and was brought to Florida by his parents as a very young child. He graduated from Belle Glade High School in 1946 and from Michigan State College (now University) in June 1950, with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. At college he became a member of Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity, Alpha Zeta honorary agricultural fraternity, and Scabbard and Blade honorary military fraternity. A member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, he was graduated as a Distinguished Military Student and received his commission in the Field Artillery of the United States Army Reserve. He now holds the rank of Captain.

Following his graduation from college he returned to Belle Glade and stepped into the huge agricultural business which his father had founded and his mother kept going. For several years he worked as foreman on the celery farm and with the cattle operation, and for a number of years now has been general manager and secretary of Wedgworth Farms, Inc. and vice president of the other two firms, Wedgworth Produce, Inc. and Wedgworth, Inc.

George Wedgworth is president of the new $23-million, 53-member Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. On October 2, 1961, ground was broken for the $11-million sugar cane mill to be known as the Glades Sugar House, which will be the second-largest facility of its type on the U.S. mainland. The mill is scheduled for completion before October, 1962. It will

George H. Wedgworth

have a 5,000-ton daily capacity over a minimum of 150 days of harvesting. More than 1,000 workers will be employed in the plant and fields, and 20,000 acres of cane will be planted along the eastern and southern shores of Lake Okeechobee. Wielding the shovel at the ground-breaking ceremonies was Florida's U.S. Senator George Smathers. U.S. Representative Paul Rodgers was also present. Senator Smathers commented, in part:

"This is a strictly local operation—George Wedgworth and his group have dug deep in their pockets . . . They are 53 men willing to give $11 million for this mill, plus $10 million more for land on which to grow sugar and $2 million for equipment . . . It's wonderful you can find men with that kind of courage . . . and that kind of money!"

Mr. Wedgworth is also president of Miami National Farm Loan Association, and vice president of Farmers Production Credit Association. He is president of the Florida Agriculture Council, a board member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, past board member of Vegetable Growers Association of America, a member of United States Department of Agriculture Vegetable Research and Marketing Advisory Committee, a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, past vice president of Florida Horticultural Society, past president of Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association, and past president of Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

In other spheres of activity he is a member of the Lions Club and Elks Lodge #1716 of Belle Glade, chairman of the board of trustees of the Community Methodist Church of Belle Glade, a member of Michigan State University Varsity Club, of Gamma Sigma Delta national honor society of agriculture, of the Reserve Officers Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He has been a pilot since about 1955.

In Belle Glade on September 4, 1948, George Herman Wedgworth married Peggy Mateel Rawls, daughter of William Jennings and Sadie Rebecca (McDonald) Rawls. Both her parents were born in Nashville, Tennessee, her mother on June 28th, 1898, her father on October 29th, 1896. Peggy Rawls was born in Coral Gables August 5, 1927. She is the youngest of four sisters who were nationally known swimmers and divers, and she won many swimming matches for her Alma Mater, Michigan State College.

George and Peggy Wedgworth have four children, the first born in Lansing, Michigan, the others in West Palm Beach, Florida. They are:

1. Douglas Keith, born November 7, 1949.
2. Deborah Ruth, born November 19, 1950.
3. Dennis George, born October 6, 1952.
4. Diane Katherine, born December 12, 1956.

OSCAR B. McCLURE

"A good conservative farmer . . . representative of the best type of citizen." Such is the recommendation given Oscar B. McClure by a friend of long acquaintance. Originally from Oklahoma, Mr. McClure came from the east coast of Florida to Pahokee forty-three years ago, when the housing of that settlement was little more than palmetto shacks with sand floors. Now one of the most successful farmers in the Glades, he heads the firm of McClure, Hundley and Apelgren, largest growers of winter sweet corn in the area. He was a founder and charter president of Unity Farms, Inc., a cooperative organization which handles some of the bounteous produce of the Glades. He also has beef and dairy cattle and specializes in Herefords.

Son of D. B. and Lina (Tipps) McClure, Oscar B. McClure was born at Tishomingo, Oklahoma, January 10, 1886. His family having moved to Tennessee, he attended public school in that state.

Coming to Florida, he started farming at Fellsmere in Indian River County in 1914, raising potatoes, peppers and eggplant. In 1917 he moved to the Glades, arriving in Pahokee on the last day of June. It was an all-day trip by canal boat from West Palm Beach, and the last lap of the journey was over a trail on a ridge from Canal Point to Pahokee. He had nothing to eat and the mosquitoes almost ate him up.

He and Frank Friend brought some seed potatoes down from Fellsmere and planted them in September. They made out, and have been making out ever since. Until 1951 Mr. McClure's principal crop was beans. At that time he split his acreage between beans and corn. As already indicated, he now specializes in corn, and will probably raise sugar cane in the future. By 1954 he had some 500 acres on the shores of Lake Okeechobee, considered some of the most desirable acreage in the area.

In the early days, without the modern machinery and improvements that have been developed since, the Glades farmers had more than their share of troubles, but by 1927 or 1928 Canal Point had become the largest vegetable express shipment point in South Florida; and what they grew then was "not a shirt-tail to what we have now," according to Mr. McClure. In the pioneer days twenty acres was a big farm; now some run into the thousands of acres. Then it took five or six men a whole day to pick a carload of beans, and they were packed in the field without grading. Some 100 to 125 hampers made up a carload. During World War II the railroad got tough and would take no less than 600 hampers a car. That made it difficult for the farmers. Peppers and eggplant would keep but beans would wilt. Two types of hampers were used—ventilated ones for the potatoes. To keep the beans from wilting they were put into potato hampers and immersed in water. There was no local market at that time and much of the produce shipped was on consignment.

Mr. McClure's farm was one of the first in the Glades to be mechanized. He recalls the first little Universal tractor with the remark, "Two men could hold it back, but it attracted a lot of attention."

To meet the growing need, Mr. McClure and a group of friends established Unity Farms, Inc., and he served as president for a number of years. Among the other members were Frank Friend and his son, Lewis Friend, later mayor of Pahokee.

Unity Farms has its own packing plant, sales force and pre-cooler for corn. Owners and other participating growers, who farm individually, process their produce through the plant. The Unity label is recognized in northern markets as a label of quality and dependability. The principal crops raised by Unity Farms growers are beans, corn, potatoes and eggplant, but they will grow anything that will make a profit.

Mr. McClure served on the town council of Pahokee for twelve years, being one of the first councilmen to serve after the town was organized in 1922, and he was mayor for two terms, about 1942 to 1946. He was one of the first officers of the Bank of Pahokee, organized in 1922, which, Glades residents recall with pride, was the only bank in the county to survive the crash. He

is a past president of the Rotary Club; was a school trustee for sixteen years; and was honored for long service to the Pahokee Methodist Church, which he helped to organize.

A couple of months after he arrived in Pahokee Mr. McClure set out for Lamar, Colorado, where, on September 19, 1917, he married Elizabeth Hoffman, who was postmaster of that town. However, he had to return without his bride, because she could not get a release from her duties as postmaster until the following January. Then she sent her husband a telegram that she was coming. Three days later he received the telegram. Hurrying to West Palm Beach by boat, he cautioned the captain that his bride might be on a boat en route to Canal Point. Sure enough! Before they got to Twenty-Mile Bend they met a boat coming the other way, and Mrs. McClure was aboard. She, too, had told the captain of her boat that her husband might be on his way to meet her, and they were reunited—midstream.

For fourteen years the McClures lived in a two-story house on Bacom Point Road. In 1939 they moved into the one-story house they built next door, which is still their home.

They have two daughters, Virginia Ann and Ruby Jane. Virginia Ann is now Mrs. Robert D. Apelgren, whose husband is in partnership with her father in the farming business. (See his sketch.) They now have three children. Virginia graduated from the University of Alabama and was a dietitian at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., for a year; then traveled in a similar capacity between units of the Statler Hotel chain, and later was supervisor of the cafeteria at the University of Miami for three years. Ruby Jane is a dental technician at Arcadia, California.

ROBERT APELGREN

The junior member of McClure, Hundley and Apelgren, largest growers of winter sweet corn in the Lake Okeechobee area, Bob Apelgren is currently president of Pioneer Growers Cooperative, president of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, and president of Everglades Federal Savings and Loan Association at Belle Glade.

Born in New Britain, Connecticut, July 27, 1923, he is a son of George B. and Mary A. (Meskill) Apelgren, both natives of New Britain, where his father was born in October, 1892, and his mother on May 7, 1893. His father was a factory superintendent in New Britain. Both parents are still living there.

Bob Apelgren graduated from New Britain High School in 1940; and, after working for about one year at the New Britain Machine Company, in September, 1942, entered the United States Maritime Service and sailed around the world three times before he was twenty-one. When he left the service in July, 1946, he was Master of the Vessel.

It was at this time that he came to Florida. Entering the University of Miami, he was graduated in February, 1950, with a degree in Business Administration, and for the next six months worked as a stock broker for Thompson and McKinnon in Coral Gables.

Having met and married Virginia Ann McClure in Miami while he was a student at the University, he came to Pahokee in June, 1950, and went into partnership with his father-in-law, O. B. McClure, and Lloyd Hundley, in their farming operations. They were the first to use the method of planting corn which leaves a roadway or "spray middle." Mr. Apelgren says they will probably be going into the production of sugar cane in the near future.

He is past president of the Everglades Farm Bureau, past vice-president of Palm Beach Cattlemen's Association, past chairman and now a director of Pahokee Housing Authority, a former member of the Northeast Hospital Board of Everglades Memorial Hospital at Pahokee, past president of the Pahokee Rotary Club, and a member of Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638. Fishing and golf are his favorite recreations. In politics he is a Democrat.

Robert Apelgren and Virginia Ann McClure were married at Pahokee August 1, 1948. Her mother was Elizabeth Hoffman. (See sketch of O. B. McClure.) Mrs. Apelgren was born at West Palm Beach January 26, 1922. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where she belonged to the Alpha Chi Omega social sorority. She worked as a dietitian for the Walter Reed Hospital and the Statler Hotels in different cities; then was in charge of the diet at the University of Miami cafeteria. She is active in the Pahokee Garden Club and in the First Methodist Church of Pahokee, where she teaches a pre-school Sunday School class.

Mr. and Mrs. Apelgren have three children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Mary Jane, born May 19, 1953.
2. Dallas Daune, born November 14, 1956.
3. Patti Ann, born November 4, 1957.

JAMES HUBERT CHAMBLEE

The pioneering spirit, the drudgery, the business acumen and everyday efforts necessary to bring today's Glades community from its primitive beginning—all this was the life of James Hubert Chamblee. He was not only one of the early pioneers in the Glades but also a pioneer in many of the practices that have been adopted as standard procedure in that region. As a farmer he was one of the first to practice diversification of crops and interests; as a cattleman operating on a large scale he was one of the first to prove that cattle not only could be fattened in the Glades but also grazed and bred successfully.

Born in Anderson, South Carolina, January 7, 1907, he was a son of Walter David and Elizabeth (Burriss) Chamblee, both natives of Anderson, South Carolina, where his father was a farmer. After completing high school in Anderson, Hubert Chamblee came to Florida in 1926 and went to work with the maintenance crew of District #5 of Palm Beach County Road Department. In 1929 he was made Superintendent of Construction for the County Road Department and held that position for eighteen years. He helped clean up after the hurricane of 1928, which left only four habitable buildings in Belle Glade.

Mr. Chamblee started farming with a couple of hundred acres and gradually increased his acreage until he was farming and leasing several thousand acres of land. He started with mostly beans, some cabbage, and in 1941 began growing celery, which at the time of his death (1953) was his largest crop. He also grew sweet and field corn—was one of the first to grow and store field corn on a large scale, and used it to fatten his cattle. His cattle business was initiated in 1941, when he bought a carload of cows, mostly Herefords, and for years he had a large breeding herd.

J. H. Chamblee

DECEASED 1953

Eunice M. Chamblee

Mr. Chamblee was a member of the Palm Beach Cattlemen's Association and an organizer and past director of the Glades Livestock Association. He was one of the organizers, past director and president of Belle Glade Growers Cooperative, and since it was merged to form the Pioneer Growers Cooperative served as director and two terms as president of that organization during the time in which it achieved the position as operator of the largest vegetable precooler known and one of the largest vegetable cooperatives in the country.

Active also in civic affairs, Mr. Chamblee had served on the City Commission, and was an original and continuing member and director of Belle Glade Housing Authority, in which he served as vice chairman and chairman of the board. During World War II he was on the Rationing Board. He was a former Rotarian, a member of the Elks and the Masonic Lodge, and was a deacon of the First Baptist Church. He died at the age of forty-six, on June 2, 1953.

In West Palm Beach on March 8, 1929, James Hubert Chamblee married Eunice McClure, who also was born in Anderson, South Carolina, on July 28, 1906; daughter of William John and Dessie (Hall) McClure. Her father was born August 27, 1868, and died December 21, 1941; her mother, born June 30, 1868, died July 29, 1942. The Chamblees lived in Palm Beach until 1930, when they moved to Belle Glade, which was still pretty primitive. They built their home on Main Street in 1941.

Mrs. Chamblee has been a director of Pioneer Growers Cooperative since 1955, and is the only woman holding the office of director in this organization. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a Home Demonstrator, a past member of the Woman's Club and the Garden Club, and was very active in the Parent-Teacher Association. Her brother, C. D. McClure, is carrying on as general superintendent of the farm.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chamblee in Belle Glade:

1. Patricia Ann, on November 8, 1933.
2. James Hubert, Jr., on January 7, 1939.
3. John David, on March 7, 1942.
4. Janet Elaine, on November 12, 1949.

Patricia graduated from Stetson University with an A.B. degree in 1955 and has been teaching elementary school at Belle Glade since then. On January 1, 1959, she married Fred Stevens of Belle Glade and they have a son, John Michael, born April 13, 1960.

James H. Jr. married Sandra Gove on June 20, 1959. He is working on the farm and is supervisor of the celery farm.

John David graduates from high school this year (1960).

J. ARTHUR WELLS, SR.

A fifth-generation Floridian, J. Arthur Wells, Sr., has been farming in the Everglades area south of Lake Okeechobee since 1914 and heads the successful farming organization of Arthur Wells and Sons. He has also been a civic leader, having served as city councilman and mayor of Belle Glade.

Son of J. Reuben and Viney Louise (Norman) Wells, he was born in Okahumpka, Lake County, Florida, February 24, 1895. His father was a farmer. The family having moved to the East Coast, Arthur attended country school at Holly Hill, near Daytona Beach. His first work was on dredge boats in the Inland Waterway and on the canals serving the drainage districts.

In 1914 he came to South Bay to work on a friend's farm and about a year later began farming for himself. From 1916 to 1919 he was in military service. Enlisting in the National Guard, he served on the Mexican border in Company L, 24th Infantry, 31st Division, and during World War I served in the United States Army in France, Belgium and Germany until discharged in February, 1919, when he was acting sergeant. During his absence his parents took care of his farm.

Returning to Bean City in 1919, he resumed farming, raising celery, cabbage, beans and many other crops. His operations reached their peak during World War II, when he was farming 2,000 acres. Becoming interested in cattle about 1950, he turned some of his land into pasture and raised a commercial herd bred up with Brahman bulls. He sold all his cattle about four years ago and now plans on converting some of his land to the production of sugar cane.

Arthur Wells and Sons is a member of the Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association. Mr. Wells was twice president of the Pioneer Growers Association and was a director since it was organized until last year (1960). He is a past member of Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716, a life member of Belle Glade Masonic Lodge #273, past Worshipful Master of Pahokee Everglades Lodge #211 and a member of the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade. Hunting, fishing and golf are his recreations.

From 1937 to 1939 he was Mayor of Belle Glade, having been a city councilman for a year or two before that. While serving as mayor he was instrumental in getting a recreation park for the city and in having the city hall built. During World War II he was chairman of the Ration Board in Belle Glade.

On April 19, 1923, at McClenny, Florida, J. Arthur Wells married Freda Lyons, who was born in Charlton County near Folkston, Georgia, January 25, 1894, daughter of Sylvester Middleton and Arabella (Johnson) Lyons.. Mrs. Wells has devoted her life to raising a fine family. Her hobby is sewing.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells at various places in Florida: (1) Doris Lyons Wells (Mrs. Lars L. Johnson), born April 9, 1924, at Sebring; (2) Gloria Louise Wells (Mrs. A. R. Broadfoot, Jr.), born September 15, 1926, at Sebring; (3) J. Arthur Wells, Jr., born November 5, 1929, at Bean City; (4) Wendell W. Wells, born June 18, 1932, at Clewiston; (5) David F. Wells, born February 16, 1934, at Arcadia. David is a graduate of the University of Florida with a B.S. degree in History. Both daughters and J. Arthur, Jr., attended Florida State University. Both girls were honor students and vice-president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. The Wells have fifteen grandchildren.

LAWRENCE ELMER WILL

Merchant, developer, grower, civic leader and historian, Lawrence Elmer Will of Belle Glade, with his father, Thomas E. Will, pioneered the first settlement in the upper Everglades at Okeelanta in 1913. He experimented with crops, methods and machinery for the sawgrass land. In 1919, before there were any roads in the Glades, he ran a freight boat from Lake Okeechobee to Miami, and in 1921 ran a passenger boat to Fort Lauderdale. The road from South Bay to Fort Lauderdale is named the Thomas E. Will Memorial Highway for his father, who promoted it.

The father was born in Stone's Prairie, Illinois, No-

ember 11, 1863. He was president of Kansas State Agricultural College in 1897-99 and, by lecturing and writing for the United States Forest Service, worked for the establishment of the first National Forests. He was an early buyer and developer of lands in the Everglades and strove to make that area habitable.

Lawrence E. Will was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, January 31, 1893. His mother was Marie VanVelsor Rogers of Boston, Massachusetts. Lawrence graduated from McKinley Manual Training School in Washington, D.C., and, with his father, was a member of the group from Washington which, in 1913, began the settlement of Okeelanta, then a wilderness. In recent years Mr. Will owned and developed 1,000 acres of farm and pasture land here.

In addition to the pioneering activities already mentioned, he worked on construction of the state's levee along the south shore of Lake Okeechobee, on the Tamiami Trail, and on the road from Homestead to Flamingo, now in Everglades National Park.

In 1928 he established Pioneer Motor Sales Company, the oldest business in Belle Glade, and is still its president. In 1931 he helped establish the Belle Glade Fire Department and has been, until he resigned March 15, 1961, its only chief, serving on a part-paid basis. The department consists of four pumper trucks, eight full-time firemen and twelve volunteers. Mr. Will is also secretary of the Bolles-Land Water Control District.

He has written many articles on the history and anecdotes of pioneer days in the Everglades and on Lake Okeechobee. A series of forty of these articles, headed "Custard Apple Days," appeared in the Belle Glade Herald in 1957-58. On January 12, 1961, his book, "Okeechobee Hurricane and the Hoover Dike," went to press. Printed by the Great Outdoors Publishing Company of St. Petersburg, Florida (a first printing of 12,000 copies), this is an eyewitness account of the terrible hurricane which hit the Lake Okeechobee area September 16, 1928.

Mr. Will is a charter member and past Master of Belle Glade Lodge #273, F. & A.M., and a member of the Scottish and York Rite bodies; a member of the Church of Christ; a charter member and past Commander of Everglades Post #20 of the American Legion. He served in the United States Army in World War I as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

At Dixon, Tennessee, on December 23, 1928, Lawrence E. Will married Anne F. Williams of Cheatham County, Tennessee. They have two children:

1. Barbara Ann, now Mrs. Albert C. Stevens, born at Fort Lauderdale October 23, 1929.
2. Charles Rogers Will, born at Madisonville, Tennessee, December 4, 1943.

LEON MILTON POPE
BILLIE SCOGIN POPE

This farmer with the poets' names and his postmaster wife with the boy's name are both long-time residents of the Glades.

Leon Milton Pope was born in Cordele, Georgia, June 12, 1906, son of James Pope and Florence Van Landingham Pope. He attended school in Miami and West Palm Beach and before he was out of school started working on the Brown farm near Belle Glade. He returned to West Palm Beach and finished high school. Later he was associated in farming with the Van Landingham brothers in Belle Glade. About 1944 he began farming celery for C. A. Thomas Farms in Lake Harbor and is still doing this work. Last year (1960) he farmed 3,000 acres of celery for Mr. Thomas. He also farms his own ten acres adjoining his home in Lake Harbor.

He is a member of Everglades Farm Bureau, Belle Glade Elks Lodge, Lake Harbor Civic Club and the First Methodist Church of Lake Harbor. He enjoys fishing and hunting and most other sports.

Mr. Pope was first married to Martha Beanland of Booneville, Mississippi, by whom he has a son, James Ross Pope, born September 19, 1940, in West Palm Beach. Martha Pope died in September, 1951, at West Palm Beach.

On July 8, 1954, at Lake Harbor Mr. Pope married Billie Scogin, who was born May 19, 1900, in Chattooga County, Georgia, daughter of James Sanford and Louise (Johnson) Scogin. Both her parents were born in Chattooga County, Georgia; her father on February 22, 1872, her mother on May 16, 1868; and both died at Lake Harbor, Florida, on February 6, 1949, and November 28, 1959, respectively.

Billie Scogin came with her parents from Guntersville, Alabama, to Lake Harbor in January, 1928, and they were there during the terrible hurricane of September, 1928. Her father was one of the first to farm on a large scale in that area. He raised mostly beans. He and Arthur Wells got together and were the first to use fertilizers on the crops in this area.

Mrs. Pope has been postmaster of Lake Harbor for twelve years and is a member of the National Association of Postmasters. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pope are Democrats and she is a past precinct committeewoman of Palm Beach County Precinct #40. Her hobbies are reading and raising flowers.

ROY CECIL ARNOLD

Roy Cecil Arnold, a young cattleman and citrus grower of the future, now acting postmaster of Okeechobee, is a grandson of an early settler of Bassinger, Noel Ravon Raulerson, whose brother, Peter Raulerson, coming from Georgia, first settled at Fort Meade and later came to Okeechobee, where he was among the first settlers. Louisana Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee is named for the wife of Peter Raulerson.

Son of Elroy Arnold and Lollie Louise (Walker), Roy C. Arnold was born at Okeechobee October 29, 1931. His father died, and his mother, who was born at Bassinger March 25, 1908, married Dozier Smith.

In 1950 Roy graduated from Okeechobee High School, where he was president of the 4H Club and treasurer of the Future Farmers of America chapter. Enlisting in the United States Army in March, 1951, he served with the First Infantry Division at Division Headquarters in Germany for three years, discharged in February, 1954, as a staff sergeant. He holds the European campaign and Germany Occupation medals.

When he returned from the Army Roy did some clearing of land with his brother, Clarence. Then, having bought some land between Bassinger and Okeechobee, he began improving the pasture and started a herd of commercial cattle, working toward a purebred Hereford herd. He now has thirty cows. He is also in the process of planting a citrus grove.

In November, 1955, Roy Arnold went to work in the Okeechobee Post Office as a substitute clerk and was made acting postmaster in January, 1961.

He is a member of the Okeechobee County Cattlemen's Association, the Okeechobee Soil Conservation District, the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, and the Church of the Brethren at Bassinger, where he is superintendent of Sunday School. A lover of the outdoor life, he enjoys hunting, swimming and camping.

At Folkston, Georgia, on May 30, 1952, Roy Cecil Arnold married Gloria Gertrude Walker, who was born in Miami, Florida, December 31, 1936, daughter of John B. and Lucille (Edmonds) Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Arnolds now have two children: Marvin Earl, born May 20, 1954, in Okeechobee; and Marilyn Gail, born July 26, 1956, at Fort Pierce. Mrs. Arnold is active in the Okeechobee PTA.

SOUTH BAY GROWERS, INC.

On Ritta Island in Lake Okeechobee at the mouth of the Miami Canal two names stood out in the early twenties: R. Y. (Bob) Creech and C. E. (Charlie) Thomas. Though independent of each other, they added up to the great beginning of South Bay Growers, Inc.

With machetes, hoes, hand plows and other improvised tools, these two men tore into the wilderness, each coming up with approximately twenty acres of well-developed farm land by 1927. Competition between these two pioneers was keen, with total production from each farm estimated at about fifteen carloads, comprised of peppers, eggplants, string beans and tomatoes.

Transportation from the island to the mainland was by rowboat only, and marketing problems beset the farmers on every side. Pioneer Bob added brother Louis to the enterprise to supervise markets, while Charlie "went it alone, F.O.B." The individual operators were moderately successful until the great hurricane of '28, in which both pioneers were wiped out; but they still had their flooded "black gold."

Undaunted and separately, the two men plowed, hauled and marketed until, by 1938, they had several hundred acres under cultivation with over 200 cars carrying produce to the markets from each farm. Both systems of production had remained the same. However, the Creech system expanded into a more successful venture because of the assistance of neighbors. At about this time pioneer Charlie built a packing plant adjacent to his farm and John L. Evans was added to the Creech picture, along with young Charlie (Mutt) Thomas at the Thomas farm.

By 1942 both farmers were recognized as major producers. When pioneer Charlie died, son "Mutt" took over the reins of the farming operation, which was destined to grow in importance and stature. Young Billy Rogers joined John L. Evans in a partnership to be known as Evans and Rogers, and were soon recognized in their own right as farmers. Cattle became a part of the production program.

About this time Bob Creech, wanting to retire, sold his farm holdings to the Evans and Rogers partnership. Mutt Thomas had proved his ability by this time and, realizing the great need for concerted rather than independent effort, they added the names of James C. Summerlin and D. Harry Smith, and formed the South Bay Growers, Inc., which opened in July, 1947.

Still plagued by another big storm in 1947, they nevertheless plowed ahead, selling more than 1,000 carloads of winter vegetables during the 1947-48 season. Ten years later, in the 1957-58 season, more than 4,000 carloads were being shipped out, carrying celery, sweet corn, string beans, peppers, cabbage, carrots and leafy vegetables. In the 1959-60 season more than 5,000 carloads left the loading platforms, approximately 90% of which was grown by South Bay Growers' members, who now farm about 10,000 acres, including sugar cane acreage. They employ 400 to 800 on the farms and about 100 persons in the packing plant operation.

At this writing, South Bay Growers, Inc., is owned and operated by C. A. Thomas, who serves as its president and director; Billy Rogers, vice-president, treasurer and director; Inman Weeks, secretary and director. Produce is handled from member growers' farms as well as other farms from within the area, and Fort Myers, Florida.

In 1950, South Bay Growers, Inc., built a pre-cooler which they enlarged in 1955, making it one of the largest pre-coolers in the area.

The company is grateful to the pioneer farmers, its customers and many employees for the part they have played in making this progress possible.

CHARLES ASHTON THOMAS

The President of South Bay Growers, Inc., Charles Ashton ("Mutt") Thomas, has held that position since the organization was founded in 1947.

Son of Charles Edward and Susan Indiana (Loper) Thomas, he was born in Madison County, Florida, April 27, 1915. His father was born in Madison County, Florida, February 18, 1892, and died September 20, 1942, at Lake Harbor, Florida. His mother, born March 20, 1894, in Madison County, Florida, died September 16, 1928, at Lake Harbor, a victim of the hurricane of that year.

Charles Edward Thomas came to Ritta Island in 1920, and farmed with his brother, Richard Mays Thomas. He brought his family down in 1921, but the next year moved to Fort Lauderdale because of the high water. After the 1926 hurricane he returned to Lake Harbor and continued farming with his brother until the 1928 hurricane, which took the lives of his wife and five of their children; also that of his brother and wife and their two children.

Charles A. Thomas attended school on Ritta Island for one year, then Southside School in Fort Lauderdale, and for high school was sent back to Madison, where he lived with his father's only sister, Mrs. H. E. Drawdy. After graduation from Madison High School he attended the University of Florida for three years. During summer vacations he worked on his father's farm at Lake Harbor, and after leaving college continued farming with his father until 1942, when he started farming for himself on a small scale.

When South Bay Growers was formed in 1947, Mutt Thomas, as he is known among his friends and partners, was one of the charter members and was elected president and a director, which offices he still holds.

Mr. Thomas is also a director of South Shore Drainage District, a member of Belle Glade Hospital Board, and was a city commissioner of Clewiston for four years, elected in 1944. He is a member of the Civic Club, the Methodist Church and the PTA of Lake Harbor; also an Elk, Mason, Shriner and Jester, and a member of Sigma Chi college fraternity.

At Miami, Florida, on July 27, 1941, Charles A. Thomas married Virginia Saxon, who was born in Brownville, Florida, June 2, 1918, daughter of Raleigh Lyman and

Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Thomas & family

Nola Cecelia Saxon. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of four children:

1. Nola Cecelia, born November 2, 1943, at Clewiston.
2. Robin Ann, born June 2, 1946, at West Palm Beach.
3. Martha Lynn, born January 15, 1949, at West Palm Beach.
4. Molly Virginia, born July 3, 1950, at West Palm Beach.

JOHN LAMKIN EVANS

As co-owner of South Bay Growers Corporation and of Glades Production, and a partner in Evans and Rogers in the growing, harvesting, packing and distribution of winter vegetables, the late John L. Evans of Bean City demonstrated the value of intelligent cooperation and constructive diversification as a means to capture the advantages of muck farming. With Billy Rogers he built up from a modest beginning an empire of agricultural activity which is one of the largest in the Lake Okeechobee area. The Experiment Station always found Evans and Rogers anxious to take advantage of modern scientific farming, new varieties and practices.

Born in Ashburn, Turner County, Georgia, July 15, 1912, he was a son of John Lamkin and Florrie (Smith) Evans, both deceased. His mother was born in Suffolk, Virginia; his father in Hawkinsville, Georgia. John L., Sr., was a pioneer of Ashburn, Georgia, where he was a farmer and sawmill owner and started a trading company in the first building in Ashburn, built in the early 1800's.

John L., Jr., was educated in Ashburn's elementary and high schools and attended the University of Georgia for two years, specializing in animal husbandy and agriculture. While a student at the university he was a member of the R.O.T.C. He started farming on his own farm in Ashburn, trucking his produce to Atlanta Farmers Market, and also had a herd of dairy cows in Ashburn.

In October, 1936, he came to Belle Glade, Florida, and for several years was field foreman for R. Y. Creech, Sr., on his farms at Bean City and Ritta Island. In 1943 he formed a partnership with Billy Rogers and they farmed together in this area for sixteen years, or until Mr. Evans' untimely death on September 13, 1959.

They farmed about 3,000 acres of just about everything grown in the Glades, sometimes raising two crops in a year. For transporting their produce from Ritta Island to the mainland they used a long, welded all-steel barge operated by three screw propellers, which is capable of carrying three loaded trucks at a time. A similar barge can transport more than 100 workers to and from the island. The produce was brought to the South Bay Growers pre-cooling plant.

At South Bay they had 250 acres of sugar cane, supplying Okeelanta Sugar Refinery, and at Okeelanta they had several hundred head of beef cattle, principally Brahman-Hereford crosses. Mr. Evans, who had been an organizer, director, and for several years president of the Glades Livestock Market, handled the cattle operation.

He was an organizer and member of the Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association, an active member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Committee, a director of the Palm Beach County Resources Board, director of Belle Glade Housing Authority since its organization, and was a member of the Governor's Board of the Southshore Drainage District.

In the early days of unreliable and scarce communications, Mr. Evans served as Disaster Chairman for his community. He was a diroctor of the Palm Beach County Red Cross Chapter and headed many drives for funds. The Lions, the American Legion, the PTA and many other community organizations always considered Mr. and Mrs. Evans at the top of the list for enthusiastic cooperation in time, money and sincere effort. Mr. Evans was also an Elk, a Deacon of the Methodist Community Church at Belle Glade and member of its Official Board, and was president of the Tri-F Sunday School class at the time of his death.

Memories of associates and workers, white and black, native and immigrant, as described by them, constitute a tribute to John L. Evans as a man's man. A formal resolution passed by the workers of Evans and Rogers Farms described him as "a man who was sincere and fair in all his dealings with us," stating further:

> "All who worked for him received great encouragement because his optimism resulted in inspiring his laborers to go forward. His many favors and kind deeds will remain with us always. Though our admiration and respect may be ever so humble, we feel that in losing Mr. Evans we have lost a true friend. May the great God of all mankind rest his soul."

The following quotation and statement of his philosophical beliefs John L. Evans carried in his wallet.

> " 'Life is a wonderful experience. It bridges between man's beginning and end. To some it brings riches, to some it brings power, but to the masses it brings toil for their daily bread. To all its final reward is the same—death.'
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> "As for mine, it is a simple philosophy, earned through a heritage of humble poverty from early America which did not include listings in the Mayflower passage in its forefathers. It is based on the concept 'Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.' So, my neighbor, keep your gifts, keep your silver and gold, but give to me the right to honest service to my fellow man."

At Tifton, Georgia, on July 20, 1935, John Lamkin Evans married Jane Cain Brown, who was born in Ashburn, Georgia, September 20, 1911, daughter of James Rice and Pocahontas Garrison Brown. Her father was born June 15, 1884, at Canton, Georgia. Her mother, born at Cartersville, Georgia, May 7, 1884, died June 19, 1955. Governor James Emerson Brown of Georgia was a granduncle of Mrs. Evans. Statues of him and his wife stand at Capital Square in Atlanta, Georgia.

A son, John Brown Evans, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans at Fort Pierce, Florida, on December 18, 1947. When he was eighteen months old, his parents started a pony farm, buying him a Shetland pony to ride and a couple of extra ponies. They now have about 100 ponies and have sold quite a few. John B. is making a 4-H project out of some of them. The farm is named "3 J Pony Farm," for John L., John B., and Jane Evans.

Mr. & Mrs. John L. Evans & Son

WILLIAM W. (BILLY) ROGERS

The vice-president and treasurer of South Bay Growers, Inc., Billy Rogers, comes from a prominent pioneer Florida family. His grandfather Rogers, who was a Colonel in the Confederate Army and was decorated for gallantry at Gettysburg, came from Society Hill, South Carolina, in the early 1800s and settled at Lake City, where he had a Spanish land grant. He served as County Commissioner, State Representative and State Senator from Suwannee County and as State Senator from Marion County, and was one of the thirteen members of the first constitutional convention when Florida was made a state. He was also postmaster in Ocala from 1912 to 1921, and served as minister of the First Baptist Church in Ocala.

Son of O. H. and Laura Jean (Perry) Rogers, Billy was born May 3, 1917, on the edge of what is now the Ocala National Forest. His father was born May 3, 1880, in Lake City and died June 21, 1937, in Fort Pierce. His mother also was born in Lake City and died in Panama City, Florida, in 1952. Her father was a professor at the University of Florida when it was located in Lake City.

Billy's father was a naval stores operator and farmer and later worked in the prison system of Florida. He and his father organized the original prison system of Florida after the state stopped the practice of leasing out prisoners to individuals.

Leaving Ocala in 1935, Billy came to Southeast Florida, doing work for the State Road Department, and finally ended up in the Survey Department. During this time he worked on many surveys that he has seen become a reality, such as Highway #27 from South Bay to Miami and the Overseas Highway.

In 1940 he quit the State Road Department and started work for South Bay Growers and Distributors as bookkeeper. This lasted for three years, until his love of growing things prompted him to join with the late John L. Evans and form the partnership of Evans and Rogers. The partnership prospered from the start and they watched their operation grow from a modest sixty acres to one of the largest vegetable-growing operations in the state. As they progressed they added beef cattle and sugar cane to their operation and at present (1961) these two items take up about half of the holdings of the former partnership. Since the passing of Mr. Evans in 1959, Mr. Rogers owns and operates the former partnership as Billy Rogers Farms.

In 1947 the partners saw the need for a marketing organization to pre-cool and market their produce. They joined C. A. ("Mutt") Thomas, James Summerlin and D. Harry Smith and organized South Bay Growers, Inc. This concern is owned now (1961) by Billy Rogers, Mutt Thomas and Inman W. Weeks. It ships annually about 5,000 carloads of fresh produce; namely celery, sweet corn, beans, peppers, cabbage, etc. Ninety percent of this volume is grown by Mr. Rogers and Mr. Thomas.

Billy Rogers met and married Mary June McKinstry of Pahokee September 13, 1940. June is the daughter of Samuel and Jennie (Cochran) McKinstry, and was born June 22, 1921, in Homestead, Florida. Billy and June have four children, born in West Palm Beach, Florida.

1. Laura June, born August 19, 1946.
2. William W. (Billy, Jr.), born December 13, 1950.
3. Samuel Judson, born July 19, 1954.
4. John Lamkin, born September 18, 1959.

Mr. Rogers is District Director of Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association; a Director of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida; a Director of Seminole Life Insurance Company; a member of Governor Bryant's Sugar Committee, the Farm Bureau, the State Cattlemen's Association, Belle Glade Housing Authority, the Elks, and the First Baptist Church of Ocala.

GEORGE LAWRENCE ROYAL, SR.

Owner and president of Royal's, Inc., a chain of department stores in the Lake Okeechobee area, George L. Royal, Sr., has been a merchant in that vicinity since the hurricane of 1928.

Son of John Franklin Royal and Sarah Elizabeth Roberts, he was born at Crossland, Georgia, December 6, 1903, and was educated at the Crossland public schools, Sparks Preparatory School and the University of Georgia. His father had a general store, drug store, cotton gin, turpentine still and farm in Georgia and was president of the bank at Crossland. He moved to Plant City, Florida, in the twenties and about 1933 came from there to Lake Harbor, where he farmed in a small way, being semi-retired.

George went to work for the Hanberry Lumber Company at Inverness, Florida, as bookkeeper, and about 1925 opened a general store in Kelsey City, which he lost in the hurricane of 1928. After that he operated the commissary of the United States Sugar Corporation at Bare Beach.

About 1931 he and Arthur Wells formed a partnership and opened a lumber yard in Pahokee and one in Clewiston, under the name of Wells and Royal. They also had two general stores, one at Bean City and one at Lake Harbor, under the same name. In 1936 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Royal took the Clewiston lumber yard and the Lake Harbor store. He opened several other general stores around the Glades and at one time during World War II had nine stores. In 1956 he sold the grocery part of his interests to Kwik Chek and since then has concentrated on dry goods stores. He now has five stores, located at Belle Glade, Pahokee, Okeechobee, Clewiston, and Immokalee These are complete department stores and employ about fifty people the year 'round.

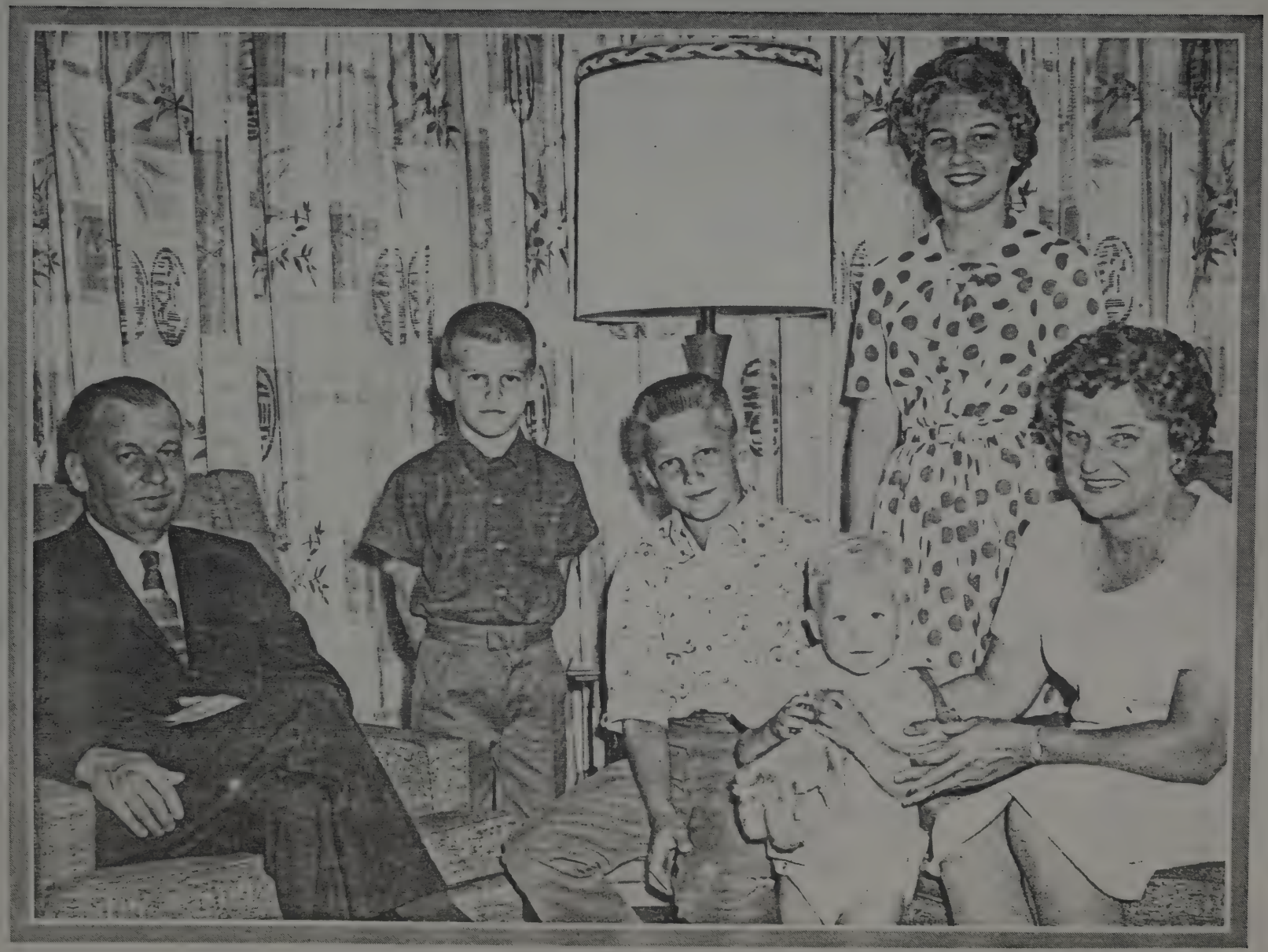
Mr. Royal is a past president of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, a past director of the First National Bank of Palm Beach, a past president of the Belle Glade Rotary Club, past chairman of the local Cancer Drive, past member of the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital Board, and a member of the official Board of Stewards of the Community Methodist Church of Belle Glade. He is a trustee of Asbury Theological Seminary at Wilmore, Kentucky. Golf and hunting are his sports. Royal Stores has sponsored a Pony League baseball team.

In 1928 Mr. Royal married Sue Lane Brown, who was born in Emanuel County, Georgia, February 22, 1906, daughter of Charles J. and Fannie Kemp Brown. Mrs. Royal is a member of the Belle Glade Woman's Club and Garden Club and the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Royal, Sr., have two sons:

1. George Lawrence Royal, Jr. ("Larry"), born October 1, 1929, at Clewiston, Florida. He graduated from Stetson University in 1951 with a B.A. degree and married Joanna Carswell of Jacksonville. They have four children: Susie, Mike, Jeff and John Charles. Larry is vice-president of Royal's, Inc., a director of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and past vice-president of the Jaycees.

2. Charles Franklin Royal, born September 26, 1939, at Clewiston, is now a senior at Stetson University.



Mr. & Mrs. Billy Rogers & family

HOKE HAROLD SHIRLEY, JR., M.D.

Engaged in a general practice of medicine and surgery in Belle Glade since 1959, Dr. Hoke Shirley, Jr., is on the staff of Belle Glade Memorial Hospital and should be a valuable asset to any hospital staff.

Son of the Rev. Hoke Harold Shirley, a Baptist minister, now retired and living in Pompano Beach, Dr. Shirley was born at West Point, Georgia, May 30, 1931. His mother was Edna Swindell.

His education was begun in a Georgia school and continued in Ocala, Florida, to which city his father moved about 1940 to take a pastorate there. The family having moved to South Florida, Hoke, Jr., graduated from high school in Fort Lauderdale in 1949 as valedictorian of his class. He entered Stetson University and was graduated "summa cum laude" in 1953, second in his class, with an an A.B. degree in History. Having decided to follow the medical profession, he took another year at Stetson to satisfy pre-medical requirements, and then entered Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans. He received his medical degree there in 1958, graduating first in his class, and was president of the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical fraternity.

During the year following his graduation from medical school, Dr. Shirley interned at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where he was rated the outstanding intern of that year. He then came to Belle Glade and opened his practice in partnership with Dr. Roy W. Brown. Since then Dr. James Alva Gray has joined the partnership.

While in medical school Dr. Shirley was particularly interested in physiology and several of the papers written by him and his colleagues were published in medical journals.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Palm Beach County Medical Association, a charter member of the Order of the Gold-Tipped Stethoscope, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade.

At Miami, Florida, on June 4, 1955, Dr. Shirley married Sarah Greenwood of San Antonio, Texas, where she was born August 15, 1933, daughter of Edward Lorraine and Louise (Bacon) Greenwood. Both her parents are Texans. Her father was born at Brownwood, Texas, August 14, 1903; her mother in Bell County on October 26, 1904. They live in Miami. Mrs. Shirley is a graduate of Stetson University, class of 1955, with an A.B. degree in Elementary Education. She taught school in Louisiana and Florida for several years.

The doctor plays the piano and both he and his wife enjoy their collection of classical music records. He likes to go fishing, too.

Dr. and Mrs. Shirley are the parents of three children:

1. Hoke Harold Shirley, III, born June 8, 1956, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

2. Kathryn Louise Shirley, born December 12, 1957, in Miami, Florida.

3. Michael Scott Shirley, born March 30, 1960, in Belle Glade, Florida.

WALTER EDWIN SCHLECHTER

A successful farmer of Belle Glade, where he owns large acreage, Walter Edwin Schlechter and his son, John, also operate a fully-equipped machine shop where they do remodeling and fabricating of farm machinery for their own use. Mr. Schlechter's family was the third or fourth to locate permanently in the Belle Glade area. He lost his parents, three sisters, a brother and a niece in the 1928 hurricane.

Born at Anamoose, North Dakota, December 8, 1907, he is a son of Emanuel E. Schlechter and Mary Neuenschwander. His father was born in Pulaski, Russia, December 18, 1875; his mother on August 23, 1879, in Indiana. When his father was two years old his parents came to this country and settled in North Dakota. There Emanuel E. Schlechter grew up to become a merchant. In 1919 he moved his family to Belle Glade, Florida, because of his wife's health, and became a farmer there. He was a trustee of the Belle Glade School.

Young Walter attended school in Belle Glade and worked on his father's farm during the season. In the off season he worked in the construction of canals and roads in the Glades area. Following the death of his parents in the 1928 hurricane, he had twelve acres of land which they left to him and increased this to 70 acres, buying from the other heirs.

For nineteen years, 1932 to 1951, he farmed in partnership with A. C. Krumsieg, operating as Krumsieg and Schlechter. During this time they purchased 1,600 acres of land and a quantity of farm equipment. When they separated in 1951, Mr. Schlechter bought the equipment and each took his share of the land and cattle. In 1954 Mr. Schlechter bought two more sections of muckland, totaling 2,110 acres. He and his son, John, operate 1,280 acres of the farm, raising beans, corn, cabbage and other leafy vegetables. Up to about five years ago they also had a ranch with five to six hundred head of cattle.

Mr. Schlechter is a past president and now vice-president of Pioneer Growers Cooperative and a charter member of Glades Livestock Market Association. He was honored by the Belle Glade chapter of the Future Farmers of America for his help and served for a time on their advisory board. All his sons were active in FFA.

Mr. Schlechter is a charter member and past master (1958) of Belle Glade Masonic Lodge #273, a life member of Lake Worth Consistory and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; a charter member and past Worthy Patron of Chapter #197 of the Order of the Eastern Star. His wife also is a charter member of O.E.S. and a past Worthy Matron. Both he and his wife are charter members of the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, in which he has been a deacon for many years. Mrs. Schlechter is president of its Missionary Society. She is active in the Belle Glade PTA and is a Grey Lady in the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Schlechter was Mary Belle Royals, born December 15, 1911, at Thomasville, North Carolina, daughter of Andrew Oscar and Maude (Tysinger) Royals, both born in Davidson County, North Carolina; her father on August 15, 1885, and her mother on September 16, 1889. Her father died June 21, 1934, at Salisbury, North Carolina. Her mother is living in Hampton, Virginia.

Walter E. Schlechter and Mary Belle Royals were married on September 5, 1931, at Martinville, Virginia. They have four children:

1. Walter Edwin, Jr., born July 8, 1932, at Lake Worth. He served three years in the Armed Forces as a chaplain's assistant. He has a B.A. degree in History and Political Science from Carson-Newman College. He is affiliated with the First Baptist Church, Dandridge, Tennessee, and is a Master Mason. He married Shelby Jean Williford of Dandridge, who has a B.S. degree in Music Education from Carson-Newman College. They both are in the Public School System of Tennessee.

2. John Oscar, born November 3, 1935, at West Palm Beach. He has a B.S. degree in Agriculture from the University of Florida, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity. He married Eleanor Walker of Pahokee and is farming with his father. He is the youngest deacon so far to serve in the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, and is an officer in the Masonic Lodge.

3. Mary Belle (Mrs. Enrico P. Ruffolo), born August 16, 1938, at Lake Worth. She was Harvest Queen while in high school and was a member and officer in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She attended the University of Miami. She and Enrico P. Ruffolo were married on September 15, 1958.

4. Alvin Emanuel, born September 21, 1943, at West Palm Beach. He is a student and Student Council president at Belle Glade High School. Two years ago he was captain of the school safety patrol and won a trip to Washington, D.C. He plans to attend the University of Florida. He is active in the Belle Glade chapter of the Order of DeMolay and the youth work of the First Baptist Church.

The family have a boat and they enjoy fishing, water skiing and swimming together.

ARNOLD ERNEST KIRCHMAN

Agent for the Sinclair Oil Company in the Glades area for the past thirty years, Arnold E. Kirchman has been very successful in his business there and has taken an active part in the government of Belle Glade and a practical interest in the general welfare of the area and the state. He is a former city commissioner of Belle Glade (as is also his brother, Al) and served as Mayor of Belle Glade for four years. He was appointed to the Okeechobee Flood Control District by Governor Caldwell and for several years was campaign manager for our ex-Governor and United States Senator Spessard Holland. Mr. Kirchman is also one of the founders, a director and past president of the Everglades Federal Savings and Loan Association.

A son of Fred William Kirchman and Minnie Meyers, he was born in Sumner, Iowa, May 20, 1908. Both his parents were born in Sumner, Iowa, also; his father on January 24, 1882, and his mother on September 17, 1884. His father died in 19— at Belle Glade, where his mother is living. Fred Kirchman was a farmer in Iowa. He came to Moorehaven, Florida, in 1921 and in 1922 moved to Belle Glade, where he continued farming. His family was among the first to take up permanent settlement in the Belle Glade area.

Arnold Kirchman commenced his schooling in Iowa and continued at Chosen, Moorehaven and South Bay, Florida, attended high school at South Bay. Meanwhile, he farmed with his father and worked for the Southern Sugar Corporation at Clewiston. After finishing school he farmed for two years with Walter Schlechter of Belle Glade.

In April, 1931, he joined the Sinclair Oil Company as their Belle Glade agent. In national sales for the company he has twice won first place in oil and twice second place in grease.

In addition to those offices already listed, Mr. Kirchman is a past president of Palm Beach County Resources and Development Board (two terms); a member of Palm Beach County Cattlemen's Association; past chairman of the Fifth District Oil Industry Information Committee. He is a charter member and past president of Belle Glade Rotary Club, with a record of twenty-five years of perfect attendance; a past director of the Palm Beach County chapter of the American Red Cross; and a member of the Florida Peace Officers Association.

Prominent in fraternal circles, he is a charter member and past Exalted Ruler of Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716, past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the South Central District of Florida, for which he received an honorary life membership; past Worshipful Master of Everglades Masonic Lodge #211 and a charter member of Belle Glade Lodge #273, a member of Lake Worth Consistory and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami, and has been honored as an Ambassador of Good Will for the State of Florida (an honor given to some Shriners of Mahi Temple). He is a charter member of West Palm Beach Shrine Club. Both he and his wife are members of Chapter #197 of the Order of the Eastern Star. His church is St. Peter's Lutheran of Belle Glade, which his father founded. He used to be active in the Boy Scouts when younger. Hunting, golf and fishing are his favorite forms of recreation.

On May 4, 1936, at Pahokee, Arnold E. Kirchman married Oretha ("Pete") Thompson, who was born at Vidalia, Georgia, December 9, 1913. The Kirchmans have three children, all born in West Palm Beach:

1. Peter Arnold, on October 4, 1939.
2. Terence (Terry) Edwin, on May 31, 1941.
3. Barbara Kaye, on January 24, 1943.

EDNA MAE PEARCE LOCKETT and Family

Few women in the long history of Florida have possessed more versatile talents or followed more diverse interests than Mrs. William James Lockett (nee Edna Mae Pearce) of Fort Bassinger, Florida; New York, and London, England. Mrs. Lockett's activities and achievements in Florida encompass an unusual range of interests: public school teacher, cattle ranch manager-owner, three-term member of Florida Legislature, Democratic party committeewoman, clubwoman, president of Alumna Association of her alma mater, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, and housewife.

Edna Mae Pearce was born on an isolated ranch at Bassinger, then in Osceola County, Florida, on October 19, 1908. Although her immediate ancestors were among the first pioneers to settle in the valley of the Kissimmee River of Florida, before the War Between the States, her ancestry may be traced far back into the history of England. One of her forefathers can be counted on the passenger list of the historic Mayflower crossing, and others fought with the patriots of the American Revolution and the succeeding wars of American history.

She is the daughter of William Sidney Pearce and Marvia Virginia Hollingsworth Pearce, and, on her paternal side, granddaughter of John Mizell Pearce and

Martha A. Lanier; and great-granddaughter of Levi Pearce and Mary J. Hooker Pearce. Levi Pearce was born on April 17, 1806, and Mary J. Hooker on January 17, 1818, their marriage taking place on June 23, 1832. To this union there were born nine children, of whom John Mizell Pearce was the eldest, with date of birth November 17, 1834, in Columbia County, Florida. Levi Pearce was a minister of the Methodist Church and in 1846 moved to the Peace River Valley and settled near the present site of Bartow in Polk County, Florida. In later years he helped establish many Methodist churches in the Tampa Bay area.

During this period in Florida's history the whole southern peninsula was beset with Seminole Indian troubles, which culminated afterwards in the third Seminole Indian War of 1856-57. John Mizell Pearce served in several companies of United States Volunteers for the duration of the war, and later married, on February 11, 1858, Martha A. Lanier, a member of the family of Sidney Lanier, the Southern poet and musician. William Sidney Pearce, the fourth of nine children of this marriage, was born January 3, 1866, at Fort Meade, Florida.

In the War Between the States, John Mizell Pearce volunteered for service in the Confederate Army and served in the Company of Captain F. A. Hendricks until the end of the war. After the war he became interested in stock raising and engaged in the cattle trade in the Cuban market. In 1875 he moved from the Fort Meade section to Fort Bassinger on the Kissimmee River and settled on what has come to be known, through the years, as the old Pearce homestead. For years he was the central head of an extensive cattle business and negotiated the large cattle sales that were made during these years with Cuban cattle buyers. For much of this time he was the only law enforcement officer south of Kissimmee and east of Fort Myers.

The sons of John Mizell Pearce were schooled in cattle ranching and followed that line of enterprise, joining in the cattle drives to the Gulf at Fort Myers and Punta Rassa. On May 13, 1894, William Sidney Pearce married Marvia Virginia Hollingsworth of Arcadia, daughter of Jacob Simon and Virginia Hagan Hollingsworth of Arcadia, Florida. The couple settled on a ranch near Cornwell, a few miles form Bassinger across the Kissimmee River. To this marriage were born four children: Leland Clifford, November 5, 1896; Ruth, November 11, 1901; Pearl, November 28, 1905; and Edna Mae, October 9, 1908.

John Mizell Pearce died September 28, 1897, and Martha Lanier Pearce on September 28, 1911. On settling the family estate in 1911, William Sidney Pearce purchased the old home and ranch on the banks of the Kissimmee River at Bassinger and moved his family to the spacious ranchhouse there.

In addition to his cattle ranching, Sidney Pearce took an active part in the affairs of the county, being elected to the office of County Commissioner, and through his efforts the schoolhouse, only a half mile from the ranch house, was built. He saw that his children would receive the benefits of formal education that had not been his as a child. While the State of Florida was being settled, the Pearce family lived at the same place under three counties—Manatee, DeSoto and Highlands. William Sidney built the first bridge across the Kissimmee River and later sold the bridge to the state in 1916.

Marvia Virginia Hollingsworth Pearce died at Arcadia, Florida, on May 27, 1932. Sidney Pearce survived his wife for twelve years, until his death at Sebring, Florida, on February 24, 1944.

In 1961, the descendants of William Sidney Pearce include the two daughters, Pearl and Edna; four grandchildren (children of Clifford Pearce, deceased); and seven great-grandchildren. Clifford Pearce, only son of William Sidney, who was Highlands County Commissioner for more than a decade, was killed in an automobile accident July 11, 1934. He was married to Clara Esther Williams. Their four children are: Leland, cattleman of Belle Glade, Florida, who married two sisters, first Myrtle, and then Mildred, Wood; Ruth, who is Mrs. Albert Fulton, formerly of Columbus, Mississippi, now of Sebring, Florida; Edna Patricia, Mrs. Neil Durrance of Sebring; and Evelyn, who married Charles D. Johnson of Miami, now of Sebring. The grandchildren of Clifford, great-grandchildren of William Sidney Pearce, are: Sidney and Clifford, sons of Leland Pearce; James Albert and Barbara Ann Fulton, children of Ruth; Neil Durrance III, son of Edna; and Danny, Carol Lynn and Patricia Johnson, children of Evelyn. Pearl Pearce, sister of Edna Mae, married Edward Stephens and they live in Tampa, Florida.

On the maternal side, Mrs. Lockett is a descendant of Valentine Hollingsworth, the original immigrant ancestor of the Hollingsworth family in America. Valentine Hollingsworth was a member of the Society of Friends. In 1682 he sailed from Belfast, Ireland, for the Delaware River, a few months after the arrival of William Penn. He settled on a thousand-acre plantation near the present city of Wilmington, Delaware, which was then a part of Pennsylvania. His eldest son, Henry, followed to America in 1683 and later established a successful flour mill at Elkton, Maryland. The progenitor of the Hollingsworth family of the southeastern states, including Florida, was Stephen, the son of Henry and grandson of Valentine. Stephen, born in 1690, moved to North Carolina and operated a flour mill on Elk River, near Elkton; Henry's son, Zebulon, was a soldier under George Washington during the American Revolution, and Zebulon's son, Stephen, was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Lockett. Jacob Simeon Hollingsworth, Mrs. Lockett's grandfather, was a native of North Carolina. He came to Florida in his youth to make his home with his father, Stephen, who was one of the pioneers of old Polk County, which then covered most of the south-central section of the state.

On August 18, 1866, Jacob Simeon Hollingsworth married Virginia Hagan of DeSoto County, and together they established a home near Fort Ogden. Later they moved to Brownsville where the family lived for nearly fifty years. To this union were born ten children, of whom the eldest, Marvia Virginia Hollingsworth, was born at Fort Ogden on August 18, 1867. Mrs. Lockett's mother passed away on May 27, 1932, preceding by almost six years her grandfather, who lived until February 12, 1938.

Of Jacob Simeon Hollingsworth, the writer of his obituary said that he was a citizen of unusual character, possessing a ruggedness of purpose and an indomitable will power and courage, which made him an outstanding factor in the life of the community for many years. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and in his contact with others he was kind, thoughtful and sympathetic. It is said that no call for help ever went unheeded by him. He was the senior trustee of the Brownville Methodist Church, having served for fifty years, since its organization, at the time of his death. His

Edna Lockett

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life was a worthy example to those whose lives were touched by his influence.

With a background of stalwart Anglo-Saxon ancestry, Edna Pearce was well endowed for the career that began on the banks of the Kissimmee River back in 1908. She attended the Fort Bassinger school and later graduated from Sebring High School. For a year she was a member of the student body at Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University) at Tallahassee, and then transferred to Florida Southern College at Lakeland, from which she was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. At the Lakeland college she was a charter member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, a member of the "War Canoe" team, and later served a term as president of the Alumni Association.

After her graduation from Florida Southern she taught four years as principal of the Fort Bassinger school. When her brother Clifford was killed in an automobile accident, Edna and Pearl Pearce accepted the active management of the large cattle business that had been pioneered by their father and later managed by their brother until his untimely death. But Edna Pearce's activities spread beyond the ranch at Bassinger. She took part in many civic and social organizations, with membership in the Methodist Church, the Business and Professional Women's Club, Sebring Woman's Club, Sebring Garden Club, and held numerous offices in State and County cattlemen's associations, as well as the D.A.R. and Daughters of American Colonists. She is now Regent of the Patriots Chapter of the D.A.R.

Her political interests have been expressed through membership, and the holding of various offices, in the Democratic party in Florida. She served as the Highlands County State Democratic Committeewoman for over twelve years, attended several national conventions of the Democratic party, and was present at the inaugurations of President Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman and of several of the Governors of Florida. In 1948 she received the Democratic nomination for State Representative from Highlands County without opposition and was the only woman Representative in the 1949 session and those succeeding, of 1951 and 1953.

Representative Pearce served on the important House Committees for Citrus, Elections, Livestock, Public Roads and Highways, Drainage and Water Conservation, Appropriations, and State Institutions. She sponsored many bills for the legal establishment of the rights of women, entitling women to serve on juries, equal pay for equal work, and protection of women's property. She sponsored other bills requiring that Florida-produced beef be stamped as such, and a bill for the establishment of a hospital for alcoholics at Avon Park. In 1953 a press reporter wrote that, seeing her at her desk in the Legislature, it was hard to believe that she did not come from Washington or New York, but from Fort Bassinger which, until recently, was merely an isolated outpost on the Kissimmee River.

On August 22, 1953, Edna Pearce became the bride of William James Lockett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Lockett of London, England. Mr. Lockett was a member of the firm of Cobb and Jenkins, international British woolen importers of London, New York and Los Angeles. The marriage was the culmination of a shipboard romance that began on the trans-Atlantic liner, Queen Mary, in August, 1950.

But the Kissimmee River Valley is still the home of Edna Pearce Lockett. The area remains her home—the land her parents and grandparents helped wrest from the wilderness of Indians and outlaws. The Valley is inseparably identified with her own life and its interests and welfare will always be near to her heart.

ALBERT LAWRENCE HALL

One of the largest caladium growers in Florida, raising over two million bulbs a year, Albert Lawrence Hall of Lake Placid started in this business after his return from World War II, having previously been a vegetable farmer in Highlands County. His bulbs are sold through brokers and shipped direct to the brokers' customers all over the United States and to foreign countries, as far away as Hong Kong. In season he employs between twenty-five and thirty helpers, many of these being Seminole Indians from the nearby reservation.

Mr. Hall was born in Methuen, Massachusetts, April 7, 1896, son of John Wilson Hall and Sarah Elizabeth Woodbury, both from Salem, New Hampshire. Both his parents died at Andover, Massachusetts. His father ran a livery stable in Methuen and later was a painting contractor.

Following his education in the public schools of Methuen, Massachusetts, Albert Hall served an apprenticeship as a carpenter and, having mastered the trade, worked at it until about twenty years ago, off and on. In 1928 he bought a garage in Detroit for storage and automobile repairs, but gave it up soon after the crash of 1929.

He had been in Florida several times previously, and in November, 1931, came to Lake Placid with the intention of staying. During the first year there he was a commercial fisherman. About a year later he cleared a few acres on the east side of Lake Istokpoga and started farming, growing vegetables. Then he and Ivey E. Futch bought about 180 acres of virgin land, cleared 65 acres of it and farmed, raising mostly snap beans, peppers and eggplant. Mr. Hall bought Mr. Futch's share of the land about 1940. He leased the farm while he served in the Army Transportation Corps for two and a half years during World War II.

It was through his friendship with Shirley Daughtry of Wauchula that Mr. Hall got interested in caladiums. There were three or four other bulb farmers in the area before he started. For the last two years he has had about forty-five acres of bulbs. His wife, daughter and son-in-law assist him in operating the business. He has developed and named several varieties of caladiums, one being the Avery May, named for his grandaughter. He also developed several digging tools that are universally used by farmers.

Mr. Hall is a charter member of the Caladium Growers Association of Florida and a member of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. He served on the board of the Highlands County Conservation District when it was first organized. He is a member of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce; a member of Sebring Moose Lodge, now inactive; and a past Commander of Post #25 of the American Legion at Lake Placid. The Legion is his pet civic interest. During World War I he was stable sergeant in A Company of the 101st Engineers in the famous 26th Division. As already stated, during World War II he served in the Army Transportation Corps. He was Chief Engineer on an Army supply ship and on the seagoing tugs, LT 131 and FS 232.

A licensed pilot, Mr. Hall has been flying for the past

twenty-five years, and enjoys flying around the state in his four-passenger Cessna 172.

He was married in Albany, New York, to Helen Lillian O'Brien, who was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, daughter of Patrick and Mary O'Brien. She is a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post #25.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have one daughter, Constance Elizabeth, now Mrs. Edward L. Grimley, born in Detroit, Michigan, January 22, 1930. The Grimleys have three children: Edward Lawrence, Michael James, and Avery May.

ISAAC E. SCOTT

Isaac E. Scott, cattleman of Moore Haven, served Glades County as Tax Assessor for thirty-two years. He has had cattle, off and on, for over twenty-five years, and on his Nine Mile Ranch he now has between four and five hundred head of crossbred Brahman and Angus.

A second-generation native of Florida, Mr. Scott was born near Chipley in Washington County August 7, 1894. His father, John S. Scott, was a farmer and cattleman in Washington County. Born May 7, 1867, in what is now Bay County, he died at Alford, Jackson County, January 30, 1939. Isaac's mother, Addie Anne Wachob, was born at White Oak, Washington County, June 27, 1867, and died at Alford on January 27, 1949. The grandparents came to Florida from the Carolinas; the Scotts from North Carolina and the Wachobs from South Carolina.

Isaac Scott attended public school in Chipley and Normal School at Madison, followed by several summer sessions at the University of Florida. After graduation from Normal School he taught school for about ten years. During World War I he served in the United States Army from June, 1918, to August, 1919, in the Second Division in France and Germany, and saw action with the 15th Field Artillery in the Argonne Forest.

In November of 1924 Mr. Scott was elected Tax Assessor of Glades County. Taking office in January, 1925, he served continuously through eight four-year terms, ending in 1956. His wife was Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Glades County from 1936 to 1955, when she was appointed Clerk by Governor Collins and served until 1960. Her sister had been Clerk until her death in 1955, having served over twenty-five years, and was Deputy Clerk before that for five or six years.

Mr. Scott is a charter member and past president of Glades County Cattlemen's Association, a member of Glades County Farm Bureau, and a past member of the Tax Assessors Association of Florida.

A 32nd degree Mason, he is past Master of Moore Haven Lodge #61, and was Worthy Patron of Chapter #161, Order of the Eastern Star, for fifteen years or more. Mrs. Scott has been Worthy Matron two or three times. They are members of the Methodist Church of Moore Haven, in which Mr. Scott served on the Board of Stewards for many years and is now an honorary steward. Running his ranch is as good as a hobby with him, and he also enjoys hunting and fishing.

The Scotts were married at Moore Haven December 19, 1925. Mrs. Scott was Florence Elizabeth Short, daughter of John and Lida (King) Short, and was born at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, April 1, 1893. She was teaching school in Moore Haven when she met Mr. Scott. They have one daughter, Irene Elizabeth, born at Moore Haven October 8, 1928. She married Roy D. Lundy, now Sheriff of Glades County, and they have two sons: Roy D., Jr., and Jack Elton Lundy, both born on June 8th, Roy in 1950 and Jack in 1956.

CECIL V. PARKINSON

A successful pioneer merchant and financier of Clewiston, Cecil V. Parkinson is the founder of Parkinson's Department Store in that city and of Parkinson's, Inc., in Moore Haven. He is also one of the original stockholders of the First Bank of Clewiston, which he served as President for some thirty years prior to his election as Chairman of the Board about five years ago.

A native Floridian, Mr. Parkinson was born at Alva in Lee County, June 21, 1892. His father, Edward Parkinson, was born in Barnsley, Yorkshire, England, and died at Alva, Florida. As a young man he came to Florida and bought some land in Alva on the Caloosahatchee River. He had a general store at Alva and was one of the early citrus growers and cattlemen in that region. He was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County for some years. Cecil's mother was Mary C. Verdier from Knoxville, Tennessee. She died at Fort Myers, Florida.

After his early education in the public schools of Lee County, Cecil Parkinson attended Castle Heights Preparatory School in Lebanon, Tennessee. Returning home, he worked in his father's general store and became Postmaster of Alva. In December, 1917, he entered the United States Army and served in the Quartermaster Corps in France until his discharge in October, 1919, with the rank of sergeant first class.

It was after his return from the Army in World War I that Mr. Parkinson started in business for himself, opening first a small general store in Moore Haven, which was later expanded; and in 1923 opened the first store in Clewiston, the forerunner of today's modern department store.

Shortly after the opening of his store in Clewiston Mr. Parkinson was one of a group of business men who, recognizing the need for banking facilities in the area, established the First Bank of Clewiston; and he served on its board of directors. He was elected President of the bank about 1925 and held that position for three decades, now serving as Chairman of the Board.

In the fall of 1957, in partnership with W. A. Davis, Mr. Parkinson bought out Vaughn and Wright in Clewiston and changed the name to Clewiston Auto Parts, Inc., of which he is president. He also has had a small commercial herd of cattle for the past eight to ten years.

While he lived in Moore Haven Mr. Parkinson served on the Town Council and during that same period filled out an unexpired term as County Commissioner of Glades County. He was an early member of Hendry County Chamber of Commerce. He is a past director of Clewiston Realty and Development Corporation and of the District Board of the State Board of Social Welfare; a former member of Clewiston Kiwanis Club; a member of Clewiston Elks Lodge #1853; a member and past Commander of Clewiston American Legion Post #93. His church is St. Margaret's Episcopal of Clewiston, in which he serves as a vestryman. At the Clewiston Country Club he finds relaxation in a game of golf.

W. Allen Markham

Alice (Dolly) Markham

Mr. Markham is a 32nd degree Blue Lodge Mason of Lake Worth Lodge No. 237, the Scottish Rite, Lake Worth, and Mahi Temple Shrine, Miami; a member and past Patron of the Eastern Star; a past Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows; a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity at Roanoke College, Virginia; of the Old Guard Society; and the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, where he teaches the Men's Sunday School. He is also a member of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Okeechobee Boat Club, the Capitol City Country Club, Tallahassee, and Bedford County (Virginia) Country Club.

Mr. Markham was married twice. In May 1933, at Charlotte, North Carolina, he married Mary Ashley, daughter of C. W. and Phosia (Tinsley) Ashley, who was born at Timberlake, North Carolina, in April 1910, now deceased. The children of this marriage are:

1. Thomas A. Markham, born January 28, 1935, at Princeton, Florida;

2. Charles Raymond Markham, born November 10, 1937, at Lowry, Virginia;

3. Martha Ann, born January 27, 1940, at Okeechobee;

4. Mary Jane, born March 9, 1950, at Miami.

On March 18, 1952, at Fort Lauderdale, Mr. Markham married Alice Armstrong, born in Providence, Rhode Island, October 5, 1920, daughter of William and Alice (Metcalf) Armstrong, natives of Pawtucket and Providence, Rhode Island, respectively, both living. By a previous marriage the present Mrs. Markham has two children: Edward Eton Bowns IV, born April 25, 1943, and Margaret Christine, born April 7, 1947, both born at Fort Pierce, Florida.

W. Allen Markham first entered politics in 1958, when he was the successful candidate for a seat in the Florida House of Representatives, and was re-elected in 1960. In the Legislature he advocates no increase in taxes, better roads, better schools, more industry, more research in agriculture, promotion of tourism in Okeechobee County, and conservation of natural resources.

In January 1961 Mr. Markham was appointed to the State Agricultural Advisory Council by the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture. He will represent the food processing interests of the state in the counseling group.

MADA FRASER BABCOCK

Mada Fraser Babcock, lawyer of Lake Wales and the first woman to be elected Municipal Judge of that city, comes from an old pioneer family which migrated to Florida from South Carolina and Georgia. Her grandfather Fraser was a son of Thomas Jefferson Fraser and Emma Burris, who came from South Carolina to Sanderson, Baker County, Florida, about 1855. Her father's mother was Frances Silcox from Clay County, Florida, and her grandmother on her mother's side of the family was Melissa Drew, daughter of K. B. Drew, pioneer cattleman of Clay County before the Civil War, who married Jesse Burney, also a pioneer Clay County resident.

Mada Burney Fraser was born in Bostwick, Putnam County, Florida, on October 16, 1909, daughter of Harney Madison Fraser, born in West Tocoi, Clay County, Florida, and Lillie Augusta Burney, born in Sharon, Clay County. Her father worked in the Maintenance Department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for twenty-three years. Moving to Lake Wales in 1914, he went into the real estate rental business, in which he continued for thirty-four years.

Mrs. Babcock was educated in the public schools of Lake Wales and then attended pre-law and law school at John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, where on May 24, 1932, she received her Bachelor of Laws degree. She entered the active practice of law in June, 1936, in her own office. On June 1, 1938, she took office as Municipal Judge for the City of Lake Wales and was re-elected for four consecutive terms, serving a total of ten years. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Tenth Judicial Circuit Bar Association.

Active in civic affairs, Mrs. Babcock is a charter member and first president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Lake Wales and a past director of District No. 7 of that organization. She is a member of the Woman's Club and of the Tourist Club; past Worthy Matron of Chapter #107 of the Order of the Eastern Star; a member of Phi Delta Delta, women lawyers' sorority; and past president of Alpha Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Sigma. She is a member of the Baptist Church.

Mada Burney Fraser was married on June 16, 1935, in Lake Wales to Coral Sanford Babcock, who was born in Strathcona, Ontario, Canada, son of Melville Sanford Babcock and Rose Lillie Darlington Babcock. Mr. Babcock was a pioneer in the field of aviation and was flight instructor for Army cadets during World War II at Dorr Field in Arcadia, Florida. From 1945 to 1949 he was at Peter O. Knight Airport in Tampa as flight instructor.

DR. JUNIUS ELMORE DOVELL

One of the co-authors of this work, Junius Elmore Dovell, needs no introduction among historians of Florida, being himself the author of one of the best known recent histories of the state—*Florida: Historic, Dramatic, Contemporary,* published in 1952 by the Lewis Historical Publishing Company of New York.

Dr. Dovell is a native son of Florida, born in Orlando August 15, 1911. His father, Milton Obediah Dovell, was born March 15, 1870, in Luray, Virginia. He migrated to Florida in 1886 and settled in Orlando, where he was a wholesale oil dealer. Dr. Dovell"s mother, Alma Amelia Chapman, born May 27, 1872, in Newberry, South Carolina, was brought to Orlando, Florida, in 1882 at the age of ten. From his earliest childhood, Dr. Dovell's parents sought to interest him in the romance of the long history of Florida.

He was educated through the ninth grade in Orlando schools, and in 1929 was graduated with high honors from Bailey Military Institute of Greenwood, South Carolina; and was champion high school debater of that state. He attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, from 1929 to 1931; the University of Florida in 1931; and was graduated from John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, in 1933 with a B.A. degree, returning there for his M.A. degree in 1934. He received his Ph.D. degree in 1947 from the University of North Carolina.

From 1934 to 1938 and 1939 to 1941 he was instructor in the Cherokee Junior High School, Orlando, and during the years 1938-39 and 1941-42 was a graduate student at the University of North Carolina. In January,

1942, he accepted an interim appointment as Professor of History and Government at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, North Carolina.

His combined teaching and study career was interrupted by World War II. Commissioned a Lieutenant (junior grade) in the United States Naval Reserve July 22, 1942, he was promoted to a senior grade lieutenant in 1943, to Lieutenant Commander in 1945, and Commander in 1953; meanwhile serving in the South Pacific area in 1943-44. Separated from active duty on February 15, 1946, he has been a member of the Naval Air Reserve Training Unit at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville from 1948 to 1954 and again from 1958 to the present time.

After a few months as instructor in Social Sciences at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Dovell returned to Florida and from June, 1946, to 1951, was Assistant Professor of Social Sciences at the University of Florida. From 1951 to 1955 he was Associate Professor, and since 1955 has been a full Professor, of Political and Social Sciences at the University of Florida.

Dr. Dovell has written a large number of articles, book reviews and press reports on the history and government of Florida and has lectured before various groups throughout the state. Since 1949 he has served as Chairman of the Citizens Constitution Committee of Florida, a non-partisan organization of persons interested in the modernization of the government of this state. He is a member of the Florida Historical Society and the Florida Anthropological Society.

In other than professional circles, Dr. Dovell is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Presbyterian Church.

He was married in Belle Glade, Florida, on June 4, 1936, to Lois Adrienne Daane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Daane of Belle Glade, who was born February 20, 1913, at Madison, Wisconsin. Her father was director of the University of Florida Experiment Station at Belle Glade.

Dr. and Mrs. Dovell are the parents of four children, the first born in Orlando, the other three in Gainesville, Florida. They are:

1. Alma Dovell Mayo, born September 17, 1938.
2. Adrian Junius Dovell, born January 13, 1943.
3. Mildred Beth Dovell, born April 23, 1948.
4. Catherine Jean Dovell, born May 20, 1954.

MAX WILHELM JOHANNSEN, M.D.

After about twenty years of practice in several hospitals and clinics in New York City, Dr. Max Wilhelm Johannsen opened an office in Palm Beach, where he conducts a practice in internal medicine with special interest in cardiovascular diseases.

Dr. Johannsen was born in Hamburg, Germany, January 19, 1909, son of Frederick Wilhelm Claus Johannsen, born February 10, 1860, in Denmark, and Ilka von Zeska, who was born in Austria, May 10, 1870. He graduated from Oberrealschule, Altona, Germany, in 1929, and studied at the Medical Schools of the Universities of Hamburg, Rostock, Heidelberg, and again at the University of Hamburg, finishing in 1933.

Coming to New York in 1933, he entered the New York University-Bellevue Hospital Medical School and graduated in 1935. He interned at the Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, for two years, followed by six months as Resident on the Chest Service, and for the next eleven years, 1939 to 1950, was Clinical Assistant at the Cardiovascular Clinic of the Lenox Hill Hospital. Meanwhile, from 1938 to 1942, he was Assistant Pathologist at Bellevue Hospital and from that time on was on the visiting physician staff of that hospital at various levels, being appointed Visiting Physician in 1953. Since 1950, he was Chief of the Fourth Medical Clinic at Bellevue Hospital.

From 1943 to 1960 he served in different clinics of the University Hospital Dispensary, and since 1946, in the University Hospital, being appointed Associate Attending Physician in 1951.

In addition to his other numerous overlapping duties, Dr. Johannsen carried on a teaching program at the University Medical School since 1946, holding various teaching positions in the Postgraduate Division, and since July 1, 1954, has been Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine of the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center. Through his articles published in several medical journals, he has made valuable contributions to medical literature.

Dr. Johannsen is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a member of the following professional groups: American Medical Association, Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, New York State Medical Society, New York County Medical Society, New York Pathological Society, New York Academy of Medicine, and the Florida Medical Association. In local society he is a member of the Bath and Tennis Club and The Everglades Club of Palm Beach.

He was married in New York City December 19, 1945, to The Honorable Moya Catherine de la Poer Beresford Bellew, who was born in England September 21, 1913. Dr. and Mrs. Johannsen are the parents of two children: Nancy Cobleigh Johannsen and Christian John de la Poer Johannsen. By her previous marriage Mrs. Johannsen has another son, John Jeremy de la Poer Bellew.

FREDERICK W. KESSLER

Before he established his architectural business in Palm Beach, in 1955, Frederick W. Kessler was associated with outstanding architects in New York.

He was born in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1914, son of Bessie W. (Williamson) and Fred B. Kessler, formerly with the New York Central Railroad, now retired. Both parents are living in Jersey Shore.

After his preliminary education in the schools of his home town, Frederick W. Kessler attended Pennsylvania State University and graduated in the class of 1936, with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture. During World War II he served as a Lieutenant in the Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Coming to Florida in 1955, he opened an office in Palm Beach and carried on a private practice of architecture until June, 1959, when he formed a partnership with Jefferson N. Powell under the name of Kessler and Powell. He has done a considerable amount of work in connection with the building program of the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction.

Mr. Kessler is is a member of the Florida Association of Architects and the American Institute of Architects and served the Palm Beach chapter of the A.I.A. as president in 1958. He is a member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of South Side, West Palm Beach, of which he was vice-president in 1959-60. He is an Elder in the Memorial

Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach and was formerly Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He also holds membership in the Chi Phi fraternity. His hobby is photography.

At Sheffield, Vermont, on August 12, 1939, Mr. Kessler married Isabel Simpson of Albany, New York, daughter of Dr. Alfred Simpson, former Professor of Education at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who died in 1955. Her mother, Hazel (Fiske) Simpson, lives in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Mrs. Kessler is a graduate of Albany High School, New York, and Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Kessler have three children:

1. Carol Ann, born July 1, 1940, in Albany, New York, who graduated from Palm Beach High School and with the class of 1960, at Palm Beach Junior College.

2. Dexter W., born April 14, 1943, at West Palm Beach, is a student at Bolles Military School, Jacksonville, Florida.

3. Mary Dale, born October 13, 1950, is a student at West Palm Beach Elementary School.

MARY LOU BREWER

Mary Lou Brewer has worked for the City of West Palm Beach since she left school, and for the past twelve years has been Comptroller.

She is a daughter of Martin H. Brewer, Sr., who was a merchant and also ran an insurance agency. He died December 16, 1945. Her mother, Louise (Majewski) Brewer, has been a resident of West Palm Beach since her infancy and is a graduate of its public schools.

Mary Lou Brewer was born in West Palm Beach on October 9, 1916. She graduated from St. Ann's High School and attended Palm Beach Junior College. On February 1, 1935, she went to work for the City of West Palm Beach as secretary in the Public Works Department. She was transferred to the Treasurer's office in August, 1938, and in June, 1939, was promoted to Assistant Treasurer. This position she held until April, 1948, when she became Comptroller.

Both Miss Brewer and her mother are members of the Palm Beach County Historical Society and of St. Ann's Church.

GRADY H. BRANTLEY, M.D.

Among the most prominent citizens of Lake Worth was Dr. Grady H. Brantley, who practiced medicine in Lake Worth for more than forty years and served as city physician in that community from 1930 to 1937. Not only did Dr. Brantley achieve recognition for his professional accomplishments but he also assumed a position of leadership in the social and civic affairs of this city, which he served as mayor for three two-year terms.

Born in Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia, December 10, 1889, he was a son of Dr. Quincy L. Brentley and Sarah Jane Hutchins, the latter also a native of Lawrenceville, Georgia. His father, born in Social Circle, Walton County, Georgia, was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Atlanta and practiced medicine in Gwinnett County and Roswell, Georgia.

Dr. Brantley received his early general education in the public schools of Roswell and later completed this part of his studies at Boys High School in Atlanta, in 1908. A star athlete, he devoted the next four years of his life to professional baseball, but in 1912 abandoned the game to enter the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated with an M.D. degree in the class of 1916. He served his internship at the Georgia Hospital in Atlanta, for one year, and, after some time in the Army Medical Corps in World War I, established himself in Lake Worth, where he conducted a general practice with outstanding distinction and success.

As one of the leading physicians of Lake Worth, he was elected city physician in 1930, and continued in that office until June 1, 1937, when he resigned. He was elected Mayor of Lake Worth in 1939, and, twice re-elected, served through 1945.

Dr. Brantley was associated with the staff of Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach. He was a member of the Palm Beach County Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, and a life member of the Florida State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Prominent socially, Dr. Brantley was past president of Lake Worth Rotary Club; a member of Gulf Stream Lodge #245, F. and A.M., and Lake Worth Consistory; a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight Templar, and a member of Mahi Temple in Miami. He also held membership in Elks Lodge #1530 and the First Baptist Church. His favorite sports were baseball and fishing.

On June 17, 1919, he married Harriet Hotchkiss of Lake Worth, daughter of Moses and Emma (Notbolm) Hotchkiss. She died in 1955, and on February 11, 1959, Dr. Brantley married Ellen Ashcroft, daughter of James L. and Margaret (Plowman) Ashcroft.

Dr. Brantley died on February 9, 1961.

WALTER H. KELLER

Operating a general insurance business in West Palm Beach, Walter H. Keller has been a resident of Florida since 1946, and was with B. D. Cole, Inc., in the insurance field until he established his own firm, the Keller Insurance Agency, in April of 1955.

He was born in Chicago, March 18, 1919, son of John and Catherine (Schower), both deceased. His father was a dyer by trade. Walter graduated from Tilden Technical High School in the class of 1936, and went to work as a lumberman in the forests of Wisconsin. After about eighteen months there he returned to Chicago and became assistant to the office manager for the Sitroux Company, a paper products company.

In September, 1940, he enlisted as a buck private in the Army Air Force and served throughout World War II in the India-China-Burma theater of operations, working up to the rank of technical sergeant, and was honorably discharged on December 30, 1945. Following his release from military service he came to West Palm Beach and entered the insurance business.

Mr. Keller is a member of the Lions Club of West Palm Beach and the First United Lutheran Church, in which he is financial secretary and a councilman. Mrs. Keller belongs to the Quota Club of the Palm Beaches and is first vice-president for 1960. She is the former Lucille A. Knapp, daughter of John and Anna (Lunberg) Knapp, both deceased, and is a graduate of Palm Beach High School in the class of 1938.

The Kellers were married in West Palm Beach December 5, 1942. They have two sons. Walter H., Jr., born December 5, 1946, is a student at Forest Hills Junior High School. Robert K., born July 10, 1950, attends the Palmetto School.

LENA M. T. CLARKE

The author of a part of the religious history in Volume II of this History, Miss Lena Clarke is a pioneer resident of West Palm Beach, Florida, dating from the days of Henry Flagler.

One of six children of the Rev. Almon Taylor Clarke and Marietta Thankful (Whitney) Clarke, she was born (to quote from her own story) . . . "in Vermont near the Coolidge family farm, but I came South as soon as I learned to walk, and have never been back."

There is a brief sketch of Miss Clark's father in the chapter on Congregational History of Florida. "This will show," she says, "that Church Union was one of the dearest loves of his life. His children and grandchildren have always upheld his faith while they sought to have the church move to the day of triumph over sectarianism." In a later note Miss Clarke calls attention to the fact that "our families in the Northeast in early days introduced music for church services at a time when some ministers did not permit 'A joyful noise before the Lord.' My father studied 'Hymnody' with Lowell Mason, and both father and mother studied organ and piano with Mason and Clarence Eddy in preparation for religious work, especially with young persons."

Continuing with her story: "I was five years old when I learned my letters on piano, typewriter and shorthand notes, all at once. I was a freak who preferred the excitement of my father's study to any other playground in the world. When I was ten years old, I knew the mailing list of the Southern Congregationalist by heart.

"I graduated from high school subjects in Case Institute, near Birmingham, Alabama, when I was thirteen years old. My most delightful work was in my fourteenth year, when I traveled and lectured for Loyal Temperance Legion and American Red Cross in Alabama churches. Often I preached the evening sermon by request of some pastor who had heard me speak to young people in the afternoon. (One of them said he wanted to hear my jokes and music again.)

"I was sixteen years old, visiting my sister Susan in Miami when I wrote the poem, 'H. M. Flagler, The Magician.' After reading it, he asked the editor of his papers to have me write at least one poem a week for the System; also, I wrote promotional prose, with photographs to illustrate, for the Flagler Model Land Company.

"While my father was Dean of Extension work at Atlanta Theological Seminary, I studied theological subjects with classmates of my father's who were promoting the Seminary. I did typing to pay for my tuition; also wrote for newspapers.

"I save all clippings on Church Union and Church History. Three persons who were most appreciative when I sent them duplicate material from my father's files were Woodrow Wilson, when he was writing his History of America; and Gaius Glenn Atkins with Frederick Fagley, who were writing Congregational History . . . Woodrow Wilson advertised his book with my letter, saying that his History was 'as interesting to a school girl as it was to older people.' "

After her father's death Lena Clarke was given his membership in the Congregational Historical Society. She is Historian for the Union Congregational Church in West Palm Beach, a member of the Palm Beach County Historical Society, and helped Judge C. C. Chillingworth write his "History of the Chillingworth Family," after he retired from active law practice.

Miss Lena and her sister, Miss Maude Clarke, have both served Union Congregational Church, West Palm Beach, as teachers of Sunday School and officers of the church for more than fifty years. Lena has served as secretary of the Diaconate, as sponsor and organist of the church's Pilgrim Fellowship Group, and as church secretary and a member of the church Publicity Committee, in addition to her duties as Historian. Her sister, Maude, has been organist, chairman of the Diaconate, teacher in the church school and organist for the junior department of the school.

Miss Clarke says further:

"I have never ceased to work with the Church and Red Cross, for they are inseparable, as I see it. My work with Junior Red Cross is at present my most interesting work, as these young persons are learning interfaith and union truths."

Giving a brief review of the lives of her brothers and sisters, Miss Clarke says:

"Almon Taylor Clarke, Jr., talented musician and author, remained in the North.

"Susan Elmina studied at New England Conservatory; married James William Warner, who was with Flagler developments. Susan was first church organist and a pioneer music teacher in Miami, where they made their home.

"Maude Elizabeth, librarian, brought World War I Memorial Library at West Palm Beach from its beginning to be 'one of the finest in the South.' On September 25, 1960, Maude and I (Lena) received a scroll of recognition from Union Church (the oldest in the city) in appreciation of 'fifty years devoted service' to the church. We have served in every branch of the church work, especially in music, without charge for our time and talents.

"John Paul was second Postmaster in West Palm Beach, appointed by Theodore Roosevelt. Paul was a naturalist who had a permit to catch specimens of wild life 'in season or out of season,' if they were desired for national museums in Canada and the United States. He sent Smithsonian Institution many fine exhibits to increase their collection of Florida fauna.

"Harvey Fisk was Superintendent of Junior High Schools for forty-one years in Sacramento, California, 'to help boys every day instead of just on Sunday.' "

In conclusion, Miss Clarke says:

"I am deeply grateful to Publisher, Mr. Robert R. Towne, and Dr. Ellwood C. Nance, Author, for being so kind to my work; for considering my religious history worthy of a place in their important volume on religions in Florida."

RUBY EDNA PIERCE

Known as the Dean of Newspaper Women of Florida, Ruby Edna Pierce had her finger on the pulse of Palm Beach for nearly half a century. As editor of the "Shiny Sheet" of the Palm Beach Daily News, she recorded history involving the world's greatest financiers, actors and actresses, royalty, society, playboys and fortune hunters. Her reputation was that of an honest and fair newspaper woman who could be outspoken when an occasion arose that required speaking up, but she was the confidante of many important people of Palm Beach and never in her forty-seven years as a newspaper woman printed a rumor story.

She was an authority on this area's history and her scrapbooks are gems of information at the national as well as the local level, involving as they do persons of world renown. Her files on Palm Beach society were impeccably kept, even after her retirement. She was an avid reader on all that pertained to the resort and her library on Florida has been rated by expert historians as one of the best in the state.

Ruby Edna Pierce was born in Winter Park, Florida, April 19, 1888, daughter of Edgar Kilgore and Annie (Seeley) Pierce. Her mother was born in Westfield Corners, New York, July 8, 1858, and died September 15, 1935, in West Palm Beach, where the family moved in 1899. The Pierces lived in the only house then existing in the 300 block of Clematis Street. Ruby's father was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, May 8, 1858, and died July 26, 1938. His father, a bugler in the Civil War, was killed, and his mother died not long afterwards. Coming to Florida as an orphan at the age of thirteen or fourteen, he started out as a carpenter ,and ended up in the same occupation. In the meantime, however, he became a prosperous citrus grower, owner of five big groves, and also owned a meat market in Winter Park. After the "Big Freeze" of 1895, which wiped out his citrus business, he came to Palm Beach to work for the Flagler interests. It was he who designed and built the beautiful staircase in the addition to the Royal Poinciana Hotel that Henry Flagler built in 1896.

Ruby Pierce began her newspaper career at the age of fifteen as keeper of a downtown newsstand in West Palm Beach. At the same time she was a Sunday School teacher. R. O. Davies, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, was a Sunday School superintendent in the same church, and it was through this association that Ruby got her start in newspaper work. In 1906 Mr. Davies purchased the Lake Worth News, which became the Palm Beach Daily News, and in November, 1907, Ruby Pierce took her first job with the paper as cashier. In March, 1908, she was made business manager of Palm Beach Life, the society magazine affiliated with the Daily News, and in 1910 became its editor and general manager. In 1911 she became executive editor and in 1913, editor and general manager of the Palm Beach Daily News, which position she held until her retirement in 1954. Miss Pierce was also a stockholder in the newspaper corporation and was its secretary-treasurer for many years.

In the early days of the Palm Beach Daily News the printing shop was on Clematis Street in West Palm Beach and the editorial office was located in the Royal Poinciana Hotel in Palm Beach. Ruby rode back and forth on a bicycle. In 1913 the plant was moved to the corner of Brazilian Avenue and Country Road in Palm Beach. Since it was the only business structure in that section, the city fathers decreed that it should be shaped like a chapel in order to give it a not too commercial appearance.

In those days the Daily News was published from January 10 to March 25, with the plant operating as a job shop the rest of the year. Miss Pierce handled make-up and art as well as circulation and advertising. Two weeks each summer she spent in New York City soliciting national advertising for the following season.

Ruby never regarded herself as a writer until an incident in 1909 on a trip to Miami to purchase newsprint. A reporter for the Miami Metropolis, whom she had previously employed, being unable to carry out his assignment, Ruby wrote the story for him and turned it in under his name. Bo Bo Dean, the editor of the Metropolis, was not so easily fooled. He knew the reporter's style, and it didn't take him long to find out who substituted for him. The upshot of it was that he offered Miss Pierce a reporter's job at double the salary she was getting. She declined, but returned to Palm Beach determined that if she could write that well she would write for her own paper.

George Morgan Ward, who was president of Rollins College and seasonal pastor of the Royal Poinciana Chapel, is quoted as having said, "If Miss Pierce supports a project, it will be a success." She was a person of tremendous drive with the ability to get things done. As a boss she demanded full attention to any job at hand, but her employees also knew her as a friend and good companion when in less restrained surroundings.

In her younger years Miss Pierce frequently interviewed renowned personalities who visited Palm Beach, among whom were Henry M. Flagler, the Carnegie, Phipps, Vanderblit, Whitney and Astor families, and many more. She interviewed Eugene O'Neill, the playwright, on several occasions. Of Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury, society leader of Palm Beach in 1920, Miss Pierce said, "She was a gracious woman with an unbelievable memory."

Several years ago, when Billie Burke, the widow of Florenz Ziegfeld, appeared in a stage production in Palm Beach, she contacted Ruby Pierce and they spent an afternoon reminiscing on the days when the famous Follies performed in Palm Beach; when Madame Schumann-Heink was frequently presented in concerts, and other great and famous names filled the arrival lists in the "Shiny Sheet"; when Reginald Vanderbilt, an annual guest at the Royal Poinciana, had a houseboat anchored in Lake Worth, where he entertained his dinner guests.

In 1910, the year the Town of Palm Beach was incorporated, Henry Flagler presented a pipe organ to Royal Poinciana Chapel, the like of which had never been seen in Florida, and imported a professional organist to play for the dedication just before Christmas. Miss Pierce declared that there never would be social events to match, for beauty, wealth and class, the Washington Birthday Balls that were held at the Royal Poinciana. The Garden Grille of the Poinciana she recalled as one of the most beautiful settings in the world. Here, in 1918, the Old Guard Society was organized by J. Clarence Davies.

Largest wooden structure of its kind in the world, the Royal Poinciana Hotel was a great fire hazard. It had its own fire department and watchmen were stationed in the corridors to watch for fires. Hardly a day went by without a fire somewhere in the building—one reason why it was torn down in 1934.

All of the foregoing information and much more is noted in Ruby Pierce's scrapbooks. There are some interesting real estate items, such as that the Arcade Theater Building in West Palm Beach was built in 1913 at a cost of $30,000; the Bijou Theater (now the Palms), seating 400, was built by Carl Kettler for $5,000; the McCrory store building on Clematis Street, then advertised as the largest floor space in Florida, cost $15,000; St. Ann's Church and School on North Olive Avenue were built at a cost of $40,000; Otto Kahn, financier and patron of the arts, a director of the Metropolitan Opera, paid $50,000 for his home on Sunset Boulevard in Palm Beach in 1917.

In professional groups Miss Pierce was a life member of the American Press Association, a member of the

Southern Newspaper Association and the Florida Press Association, which she served as treasurer for several years. She was a life member of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Palm Beach Pioneer Association; a member and director for fifteen years of the Salvation Army and the Y.W.C.A. of West Palm Beach; a life member of the Palm Beach Art League and a member of the Society of the Four Arts; a charter member of The Palm Beach Quill, the Palm Beach Woman's Club, the Garden Club (Alamanda Circle), the Music Study Club, and the P.E.O. Sisterhood (Chapter J).

As a child Ruby Pierce attended the Congregational Church Sunday School and joined other pioneer children in founding the Talitha Club, which she served as president for thirty-eight years. She was a charter member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and was one of the organizers of the mission that preceded the parish; helped organize the Sunday School, and was a founder member of St. Ages Guild of the church.

In 1940 Miss Pierce was presented with the Rollins College Medal of Honor. She is listed in *Florida Women of Distinction*. Since her retirement she had been working on a book about Palm Beach in its heyday. She had a great loyalty to the "little island" and was very much interested in the future of the entire district. A little known hobby of hers was collecting cook books, of which she had accumulated a large library.

Ruby Pierce passed away at a West Palm Beach hospital on Christmas Day in 1960. She was survived by a sister, Mrs. A. A. Cunningham; a brother, C. O. Pierce of West Palm Beach; a niece, Mrs. Raymond Daumier of Vicksburg, Mississippi; a nephew, John Richard Pierce of West Palm Beach; and two grand-nephews, John and Robert Pierce.

ADA COATS WILLIAMS

The author of six county histories in this publication, Ada Coats Williams is a young woman of many talents. A native of Florida, as is also her mother, she was born in Okeechobee September 8, 1920, daughter of William Lee and Katie (Turner) Coats. Her mother, who taught in the public schools of Florida for over thirty years (now retired), was born in Lake City, December 10, 1897. Her father was born in Demopolis, Alabama, January 25, 1880. As a youth he fought in the Spanish-American War. He has been a politician, farmer and citrus grower, as well as a real estate broker in the state of Florida for fifty-five years. Now eighty-one years old, he is still active in real estate.

Ada Coats Williams graduated from St. Lucie County High School in 1937 with the DAR Award, and from Florida Southern College, Lakeland, in 1940 with an A.B. degree. She did graduate work at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina, and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and taught in the public schools of Palm Beach, Broward and St. Lucie counties. She was also Youth Director at the Youth Center in Fort Lauderdale.

Looking for wider fields for her abilities, she studied radio and TV production at NBC in New York City, did some work for NBC at Radio City, and audited a course under Lew Sarrett at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Returning home, she wrote and narrated an historical series for radio in St. Lucie County; wrote an historical series for the Fort Pierce press; and wrote the historical outdoor dramas, "Along These Waters" and "The Spring Flows Fresh," which will open for the sixth consecutive season at Fort Pierce in 1962. She is also the author and director of the variety shows, "Corn's a-Poppin" and "Winter-time in Florida"; was the owner and director of the Ada Coats School of Drama; is an instructor in Indian River Junior College, Fort Pierce; and is the Newsletter editor for St. Lucie County Farm Bureau.

She is a member of the National Education Association and the Florida Educational Association; St. Lucie County Historical Society and its Board of Directors; St. Lucie County Historical Pageant Society, in which she is a director and author; Alpha Chi Omega social fraternity at Florida Southern College, of which she was Corresponding Secretary and Vice-President; Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity, and Carolina Playmakers.

Inheriting her father's interest in politics, she is a member of St. Lucie County Democratic Executive Committee and the Florida State Democratic Executive Committee, and was recently elected Chairman of the Democratic Party in the 11th Congressional District. She is also a member of the National Legislative Committee of St. Lucie County Farm Bureau and is Parliamentarian of The Cowbells, a cattlemen's auxiliary.

A member of the Presbyterian Church, she teaches the adult class for women. She is eligible for the D.A.R., of which her sister is a member, and plans to join this year. Ada Coats' name appears in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" as far back as 1940.

She was first married on February 9, 1945, at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce, to Dr. Frederic Creighton Kelley, a dentist from Newton, Massachusetts. At the same place, on March 22, 1952, she married Harold S. Williams of Fort Pierce, a citrus grower and owner of Williams Air Service, who was born in Fort Pierce June 26, 1923. His father, Edmund Sydney Williams, was born in Demopolis, Alabama, August 19, 1871. His mother, Ella Gordy Williams, comes from Girdletree, Maryland, where she was born December 15, 1898.

Ada Coats Williams is the mother of three children, all born in Fort Pierce:

1. Robyn Elizabeth Coats Williams, born April 5, 1947.

2. Harold Sydney Williams, Jr., born February 17, 1955.

3. Jeffry Turner Williams, born October 16, 1958.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN MITCHELL

William Franklin Mitchell, real estate and insurance dealer of Boca Raton, is a son of one of the founding fathers of that city who was a pioneer in the real estate business in Southeast Florida.

The late J. C. Mitchell (born in Coal City, Alabama, July 28, 1889, died in Boca Raton April 2, 1955) came to Boca Raton in 1921. He was a founder of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, co-founder of the First Bank of Boca Raton, co-founder and first president of the Delray Beach Board of Realtors, and one of the original members of the Palm Beach County Resources Development Board. He served as Palm Beach County School Trustee for many years and as Mayor of Boca Raton from 1939 to 1951. He was a deacon of the Baptist

Church; served in the Coast Artillery and in France in World War I from 1914 to 1918, and was a member of the American Legion. His wife, mother of William Franklin, was Floy Cooke, a native of Cooke Springs, Alabama.

Born in Boca Raton December 4, 1931, William Franklin Mitchell graduated from Delray Beach High School in 1948, from Palm Beach Junior College in 1950, and from the University of Florida in 1952 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Enlisting in the United States Navy in 1952, he served three years as administrative officer in an aviation squadron in the Atlantic fleet and is now a Lieutenant Senior Grade in the Naval Reserve. On his return from active duty in 1955, he became associated with the family real estate business which his father established in 1923.

In 1958 Mr. Mitchell was selected as the Outstanding Young Man of Boca Raton by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, a director of the First Bank of Boca Raton, chairman of the Christian Businessmen's Committee, a member of the Rotary Club, the Boca Raton Community Chest, Chi Phi fraternity of the University of Florida, and chairman of the 1961 Charter Revision Committee of Boca Raton. Golf and swimming are his favorite recreations.

He was married in Boça Raton July 15, 1953, to Joyce Elizabeth Warren, a native of Boca Raton and graduate of Seacrest High School, Delray Beach, in the class of 1950, who also attended the University of Florida. She is a daughter of Henry A. and Mary Elizabeth (Watson) Warren. Her father is a prominent citizen of Boca Raton, past president of the Boca Raton Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Christian Businessmen's Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are the parents of two children:

1. Nancy Elizabeth, born August 17, 1954, at Key West.

2. William F. Mitchell, Jr., born April 6, 1958, at Boca Raton.

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